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Final Phase of Connectivity Project Could Begin by Late Fall

The final phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project (CCP), Phase II, includes improvements on North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road. Once PennDOT approves all permits, the project will go out to bid and construction would begin soon after. Currently, we are anticipating construction to begin in late fall.

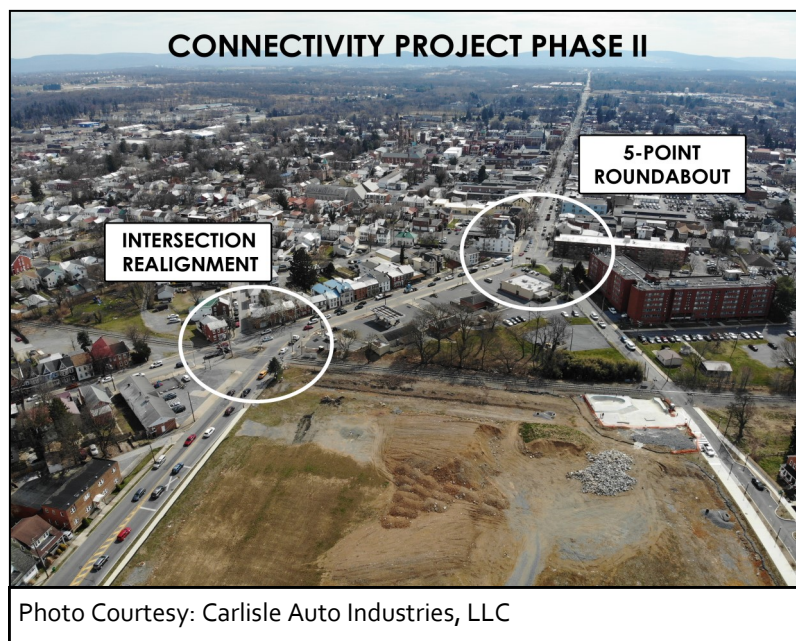
Phase II will realign the North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road intersection to bring the approach to a 90-degree angle. A traffic light will be installed as well. Further south will be a 5-point roundabout at the intersection of North Hanover Street, West and East Penn Streets, and Fairground Avenue. As part of this project, adjustments to West Penn Street are required to eliminate exits onto North Hanover Street.

For the majority of this project, roads will remain open without the need for detours.

There will be a one to two-week period during railroad work when a road closure is necessary. We will be providing a detour for travelers when that occurs. There will not be construction or closures when there are events scheduled at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. Phase II construction is expected to last two years.

Previous work on the CCP included improvements to Fairground Avenue and B Street and the installation of two roundabouts (see *pgs 2-3 for more*). Once fully completed, the CCP will connect the northwest neighborhoods and redevelopment areas to downtown Carlisle and provide safer travel for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

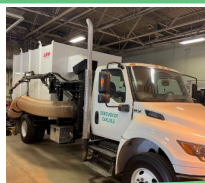
We will continue to provide updates on the CCP through press releases, our website, social media, and future editions of the Gazette.



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Redeveloping & Connecting: How Did We Get Here?

New development and activity continue in the northwest portion of the town. In the past year alone, a hotel opened for business, construction began on townhomes and apartments, and a new skate park was built. Throughout all of this, the Borough and the developer have been installing new water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure and making road improvements as part of the Carlisle Connectivity Project (CCP).

While a lot has happened, there is still more to come!

History

Longtime residents may know the story, but if you are new to Carlisle, the northwest part of the Borough was previously home to several manufacturing plants. In 2008, the International Automotive Components (IAC) factory site located along Carlisle Springs Road closed. Other facilities quickly followed, with the Tyco site closing in 2009 and Tire & Wheel in 2010. These closures resulted in the loss of over 800 jobs, as well as over \$1M in lost real estate tax revenues. The Tire & Wheel site is now home to townhomes and apartments. The Tyco site has also been purchased, but plans are not known at this time. The IAC site is the largest of the sites and presented the biggest challenge.

Public/Private Collaboration

The redevelopment of the former IAC site has truly been a team effort. Carlisle Auto Industries, LLC purchased the site in 2010. Indicators at the time showed that reusing the site, as well as the former Tyco and Tire & Wheel sites, for industrial purposes was not feasible or attractive. Instead, the focus centered on creating a walkable, mixed-use redevelopment that includes residential and commercial uses.



Before any redevelopment could begin, the brownfield sites needed remediation. In 2013, the Borough received a \$200,000 Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to create a strategy for the cleanup and redevelopment of the sites. Out of this, the Carlisle Urban Redevelopment Plan (CURP) was born. The CURP integrates land use, transportation, and economic development planning to create a comprehensive

redevelopment strategy for the northern part of the Borough.

The plan and subsequent redevelopment efforts at the IAC site would not have happened without the collaboration of many public and private entities. The Borough and Carlisle Auto Industries joined forces with the Carlisle Area School District, Cumberland County, the Federal Highway Administration, and PennDOT, just to name a few, to revitalize the site and help fund necessary infrastructure upgrades.

Infrastructure Upgrades

Redeveloping these former sites also requires upgrading the neighborhood's crucial infrastructure. The CCP addresses these issues.

The redevelopment sites needed upgrades to the existing infrastructure and the installation of new water and sewer lines and stormwater features. While working on the CCP, crews found a water line on C Street dating back to 1890!

To date, there have been 1.6 miles of new water main and 0.5 miles of new sanitary sewer main installed. Crews also replaced 51 water service lines and 22 valves.

The project also includes 1.9 miles of new storm sewer, as well as various other stormwater features, including flow-through planters, pavers, and rain gardens. These added features will capture approximately 215,000 gallons of water (for a 1-inch storm). They will help address flooding issues at Lincoln and Pitt, as well as at North Hanover and Carlisle Springs Road.



Rain Garden Along B Street

More work is still left to be done on the Connectivity Project. The next phase includes the installation of 0.4 miles of new water main, 21 service replacements, 15 replacement valves, 0.5 miles of new sanitary sewer main, and the replacement of 50 feet of existing sanitary sewer. The installation of 0.3 miles of storm sewer and five additional rain gardens is also planned.

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Road Improvements

Let's move to the above-ground portion of the Carlisle Connectivity Project.

This multi-phase project improves mobility around and throughout the redevelopment sites. The first phase included the extension of A, B, C, and D Streets from Fairground Avenue to Carlisle Springs Road and the repaving and restriping of Carlisle Springs Road from North Hanover Street to E Street. The second phase involved improvements to Fairground Avenue and B Street, two roundabouts, and various accessibility and streetscape enhancements. Future work includes improvements to North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road (*see page 1 for more*).

In addition to the roundabouts, several other traffic calming and pedestrian safety features are part of the CCP. Curb extensions and bump-outs were installed and a portion of Factory Street was narrowed. Enhanced crosswalks and pedestrian islands are also located at the roundabouts. New sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and the paved multi-use trail along Fairground Avenue improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.



Photo Courtesy: Carlisle Auto Industries, LLC

Northside Village

As infrastructure improvements continue, the construction on the site has picked up. The former IAC site is now named Northside Village and consists of eight different lots.

Lot 1 is already home to the Carlisle Skate Spot, which opened in February of this year. The plan is for a phased commercial development of the rest of the lot. Phase One will include a restaurant from the owners of Marcellos. The proposed restaurant, Pompeii, will offer streaks, seafood, Italian specialty dishes, and brick-oven pizza. Construction on the restaurant should begin before the end of the year. Phases 2 and 3 will follow. Details are not yet available on what will be part of these phases.

The Homewood Suites Hotel, located on lot 3, opened in 2022. Lots 4, 6, and 8 will be townhouses. Work is complete on the units located at Lot 4. The townhomes on Lot 6 are currently under construction and construction on Lot 8 should begin in the second quarter of 2024.

Apartments make up Lots 5 and 7. The apartments on Lot 5 are near completion and work on the apartments on Lot 7 could begin shortly.

Roundabout Refresher

Carlisle Borough is now home to two roundabouts, with a third on the way! Most people are navigating the roundabouts properly while enjoying their traffic-calming benefits.

Here are some quick tips if you are new to roundabouts or just need a reminder!

- 1. Yield to pedestrians and other drivers before entering.**
- 2. No traffic? Enter the roundabout.**
- 3. Keep right and travel in a counterclockwise direction.**
- 4. Don't stop once you are in the roundabout.**
- 5. Use your turn signal when exiting!**

Roadway Maintenance Tool

We have a new tool to help evaluate road conditions and develop a more efficient roadway maintenance planning process!

Road AI, a cloud-based software program, converts digital video recordings of Borough roads into a mapping tool that identifies road surface quality. Once videos are uploaded, Road AI assigns a roadway quality rating for each segment and specifies the level of road distress. Information on potholes, structural defects, surface defects, and minor fixes can then be analyzed to identify and prioritize candidate roads for preventive or corrective maintenance.

We currently plan road maintenance on a year-by-year basis. Information provided by Road AI will help us develop an extended but flexible plan of up to three to five years. The plan will be shared with other utilities to improve the coordination and planning of utility upgrades and road maintenance and reduce excavation of recently resurfaced roads. The extended plan will also allow the Borough to implement a scaled road cut fee structure based on the date of resurfacing.

2023 Street Improvement Project

The Borough of Carlisle's Public Works Field Operations Department maintains 58 miles of Borough roads and 18 miles of public alleys. Throughout the year, the department focuses on preservation treatments of existing roads, including crack sealing, base repairs, and pothole repairs. Beginning in late August or early September (weather permitting), the crews focus on the dry milling and paving of certain sections of road, as well as the microsurfacing and ultra-thin bonded wearing course (UTBWC) maintenance on select roads. **The roads listed below are scheduled for maintenance but are subject to change.**



What is dry milling? Dry milling involves the mechanical removal of the top 1 1/2 to 2 inches of existing road surface to remove unsound material and to facilitate surface drainage. After the milling occurs, crews will repave those sections of roads. The millings are also reused in various construction projects for the Borough.

What is microsurfacing? Microsurfacing is an application of a liquid asphalt/stone aggregate mixture coating over the road to extend its useful life. This process helps extend the life of pavement quickly and inexpensively. Microsurfacing also cures quickly, allowing the roads to be open to traffic much faster than with traditional paving.

What is UTBWC? UTBWC is a PennDOT-approved treatment, sometimes used on interstate highways. It is a modified form of paving in which a polymer-modified emulsified asphalt membrane is placed, then immediately overlaid with an ultra-thin bonded wearing course of hot-mix asphalt concrete in one pass of a single paving machine. The final product will look like regular paving. This process is preventative maintenance and is intended to extend the life of our roads between full milling and paving treatment.

2023 Milling & Paving Overlay

Pitt Street: High Street to Louther Street

Wilson Street: Hillside Drive to Walnut Bottom Road

H Street: Spring Road—Pitt Street

Graham Street: West Street—College Street

Conway Street: South Street—Walnut Street

Walnut Street: Hanover Street—Pitt Street

Walnut Street: West Street—College Street

Mooreland Avenue: South Street—Walnut Street.

2023 UTBWC

Willow Street: College Street—Saidis Avenue

Baltimore Street: West Street—College Street

Yorkshire Drive: Glendale Street—Royer Road

Parker Street: South Street—Walnut Street

2023 Microsurfacing

K Street: Spring Road—West Street

Giant Lane: York Road—Seven Gables driveway

“No Parking” signs will be posted prior to the start of the work. The Borough of Carlisle will make every effort to limit any inconvenience to its residents during these improvements. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Milling & paving overlay will also be performed on the streets affected by the 2022/2023 Water Main Replacement Project. This work is anticipated to begin in mid-July.

Bedford Street Traffic Calming Project

A traffic-calming project is set to bring changes to the intersection of North Bedford Street, East Penn Street, and Kerrs Avenue. The offset intersection currently presents a challenge for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Modifications include installing curb extensions at each corner to slow traffic, relocating the existing crosswalk across Penn Street to narrow the crossing distance for pedestrians and improving the sight distance for turning vehicles, and changes to signage.

Residents had the opportunity to view designs, ask questions, and provide feedback during a March community town hall meeting. This project is currently considered Phase 1 and when complete will reduce the amount of impervious coverage, provide traffic calming to reduce vehicle speeds, and include an area for vegetative plantings. Additional traffic calming measures are envisioned for the area in the future that have the potential to slow vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety.

At the printing of this publication, a construction bid is anticipated to be on Borough Council's agenda for approval at their July meeting. Construction could begin shortly thereafter.



Strategic Planning Update

"In Carlisle, our history inspires innovative ideas that create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming community where every individual can thrive and make a difference."

This is the vision statement Carlisle Borough Council created for the Borough's first-ever Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is a three to five-year plan that sets objectives for policies and decisions. The vision statement represents what we hope to be known for and achieve over the next several years.

In August 2022, the Borough contracted with Raftelis, a planning consultant, to facilitate a community-informed strategic planning process to create a strategic plan that will help guide the Borough's activities over the next several years. The facilitator first worked directly with Council, management, and staff. Small focus groups and listening sessions were also held with the chairs of the Borough's boards and commissions, as well as the Downtown Carlisle Association. All input was then analyzed and summarized, along with gathering existing data about the community (financial trends, demographic data, housing, business and workforce statistics, etc.). This information was then shared with Council during an all-day planning session in March. During this session, Borough Council crafted the first draft of the vision statement, as well as strategic outcomes.



Borough Council worked on drafting a vision statement during a day-long planning session.

Next up was the community input phase. Three public outreach sessions were held where Raftelis heard from 46 residents. We also conducted a survey which was placed online, shared with various non-profits and civic groups, and mailed to each Borough property. About 250 responses to the survey were received. We also solicited feedback from several community organizations, and students from Carlisle High School provided their thoughts and ideas.

Council then worked on revising the vision statement during a public meeting, based on community feedback. In addition to editing the vision statement, Council and staff worked in small groups to refine the strategic outcome areas based on community feedback. The strategic outcomes are the things that need to go well for us to achieve our vision.

Caring and Professional: Ensuring responsive, quality services by our knowledgeable and committed staff

Vibrant and Thriving: Building an inclusive and engaged community by fostering creative opportunities, community connections, and a diverse economic base attractive to residents, businesses, and visitors

Dynamic and Responsible: Responsibly managing the financial resources necessary to advance initiatives, provide essential services, and build a stronger community

Healthy and Sustainable: Growing a healthy community, supported by thoughtful neighborhood spaces, that is socially and environmentally sustainable, improves quality of life, protects ecosystems, and conserves natural resources

Welcoming and Livable: Building and maintaining inviting and safe neighborhoods through affordable housing and engaging recreational opportunities where residents and businesses flourish

Accessible and Connected: Investing in safe pedestrian-, bike-, and transit-friendly options that connect people to the places they need to go, with convenient, accessible infrastructure that reduces car dependency

Raftelis will now work with Borough staff to develop implementation plans, incorporating the community feedback received. The Strategic Plan is anticipated to be presented to Borough Council for enactment in September.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and share your thoughts!



Almost 50 people attended public outreach sessions with Raftelis.

Leaf Vacuum Program Beginning this Fall

In January 2022, Borough Council approved the purchase of a leaf vacuum truck. This leaf vacuum truck will make our current leaf collection, storage, and transport program more efficient. The truck can pick up and completely mulch leaves from curbsides, median strips, ditches, and other areas and then deposit that material into the truck's hopper.

We had hoped to have the vacuum in service for 2022, but supply chain issues delayed the delivery.

Beginning in October of 2023, the leaf vacuum will be used for the annual collection of leaves. Residents will need to rake their leaves into the street not more than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the scheduled collection period. Leaves must be placed approximately one foot away from the curb or edge of the road pavement (that is no higher than three feet or wider than four feet). Leaves must not be placed within five feet from any parked vehicle, storm drain, or any other

obstacle. Leaves shall also not be placed within the ramps of designated crosswalks. **Only leaves will be collected.** Leaves left for collection must not contain sticks, twigs, branches, other yard waste, trash, or other debris.

The collection schedule will be announced closer to the start date.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for more details.

This purchase is part of the approved 2022 Public Works Department's budget. The Borough received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that covers 90% of the cost of the

equipment. The remaining 10% came from stormwater fund cash reserves.

- **Only leaves will be collected**
- **Rake leaves into streets no more than 24 hours before scheduled collection time**
- **Place leaves approximately one foot from curb**
- **Do not place leaves within five feet of parked cars, storm drains, or other obstacles. Do not place leaves within the ramps of crosswalks.**



In-House Lawn Maintenance Program

For FY 2023, Borough Manager Armstrong proposed bringing the Borough's lawn maintenance program back in-house as a pilot to see if Borough forces could perform the task more efficiently and improve the level of service. Seasonal staff, along with staff from various departments, have stepped up to meet this challenge!

As part of this process, members from Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Water Resources are also analyzing our public grounds to see where we can potentially transition to natural spaces such as meadows, which would ultimately reduce mowing needs.

We routinely look at the benefits of in-house versus outsourcing for certain projects. Depending on the skills, equipment, and other elements, outsourcing is sometimes the best approach. Other times our in-house talent pool can perform the task more efficiently and cost-effectively. Projects such as stormwater improvements adjacent to Forbes Path, N. Pitt and D Streets, and Dickinson Greene; and the current traffic calming project underway on West Willow Street are just several examples of where Borough forces and our equipment have taken the lead over outsourcing. These projects, along with the daily delivery of vital services, reflect the pride that our employees have for their work and we thank them!

Climate Action Update

The Climate Action Committee (CAC) continues to develop recommendations to implement Carlisle Borough's Climate Action Plan, which was adopted in 2022. The plan addresses climate change at a local level and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within Carlisle Borough.

Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with four charging ports were recently installed at the Pomfret Street Garage. At the time of this publication, a rate structure is in the process of being developed. Stations will be available for use after rates are established.

Borough officials are also working on a Municipal Operations Plan to reduce emissions produced by Borough activities, facilities, and equipment.

Preserving the Borough's Historic District

Carlisle Borough recently received two Certified Local Government (CLG)* grants to fund an inspection-level survey of architectural and historic resources in downtown Carlisle. As a CLG community, we have pledged to plan for the historic character of the Borough.

The grant funds will allow us to survey and document the architectural resources in our Historic District. The current survey of the district is limited to text descriptions and is in need of an update. The new survey will provide information on all buildings, including approximate year built, architectural style, a current photograph, and a recommended designation as a contributing or non-contributing resource.

The project will also help us explore the historic district boundaries for comprehensive planning, identify public resources worthy of local or possible national designation, provide preservation training for our Historic and Architectural Review Board members, and enhance public outreach and education efforts.



**The Certified Local Government program is a partnership among local, state, and national governments focusing on historic preservation at the local level.*

Exploring Land Use Reform

In January of this year, a subcommittee including members of Borough Council, the Chairs of the Planning Commission, and Zoning Hearing Board, the Borough Manager, and the Sustainable Community and Economic Planning Department Director formed to review Carlisle's adopted land use policies and regulations and consider recommendations for improvement.

A table of all the permitted land uses in the Borough has been drafted. The group has identified similar land use definitions that could be deleted to simplify the zoning ordinance. This work is intended to make it easier for people to navigate the zoning ordinance and understand what types of activities are allowed in certain areas of the Borough. The subcommittee is also reviewing urban and suburban design best practices, off-street parking standards and alternatives, and strategies to induce small-scale housing markets, infill of vacant or underutilized developed land, and reuse of existing buildings.

A 6-month progress report was presented to Borough Council at their July Workshop Meeting.

Trees, Sidewalks Part of CDBG Budget

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers the Borough of Carlisle an Entitlement Community, meaning we are eligible to receive an annual allocation of funds from the department. These monies are in the form of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The program provides the Borough with resources to assist low-to-moderate-income individuals.

For Program Year 2023, \$15,000 is allocated to provide grants to low and moderate-income property owners who need to replace Borough shade trees in front of their properties. The grant provides up to \$3,000 for the removal of a tree, provided a Borough-approved replacement planting occurs. \$15,000 is also set aside for sidewalk repairs. Grants will help qualified individuals repair or replace sidewalks in need of repair.

Funds are also earmarked to fund a potential project compiling an anthology of Black burial grounds and properties of historical distinction in the Borough. At this time, the initiative is only at the conceptual level.

These items and many others in the CDBG budget address several of the initiatives and recommendations set forth by the Borough's Climate Action Commission and Truth and Reconciliation Commission. **For more information on the Borough's CDBG Program, please contact the Borough Manager at 717-240-6920 or the Borough's CDBG Designated Grant Administrator, the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities at 717-249-0789.**

New Faces at Borough Hall

We want to introduce you to two of Carlisle Borough's newest employees!

Jeff Bergsten joined us in April in the role of Assistant Borough Engineer! Jeff has strong ties to Carlisle Borough. He is a Borough resident and 1988 graduate of Carlisle High School. He also served 14 years on the Zoning Hearing Board (10 years as Chair). Jeff has a strong background in traffic engineering, transportation planning, and multi-modal planning and design. Before coming to the Borough, he worked as a Vice President for Michael Baker International in Harrisburg.



Jamie Long came aboard in May as Assistant Finance Director! She brings a variety of accounting management experience to the Borough. Her previous job was at Fountain Rock Management Corporation. Jamie enjoys teaching and developing those around her and seeking innovative ways to make processes more efficient. Jamie is from outside of Gettysburg and has been enjoying exploring Carlisle!



Utility Assistance Available

If you are struggling to pay your Borough utility bill, there is assistance available.

The Cumberland County Emergency Rental Assistance Program may provide up to three months of public utility assistance (water, sewer, stormwater, and trash) to low-to-moderate-income renters. Eligible applicants must be renters living in Carlisle with a household income at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and have lost household income as a result of COVID-19. **The Borough's Homeowner Public Utility Assistance Program** provides up to three months of public utility assistance to low-to-moderate income homeowners earning 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI) within the Borough of Carlisle who have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Information on these programs can be found at www.carlislepa.org/utilityhelp.

****Utility customers are strongly encouraged to contact the Borough's Finance Department during normal business hours at 717-249-4422 if they are interested in flexible payment terms.****

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Did you know there are programs available to pay for certain **home repairs** to correct residential code deficiencies of qualified homeowners? Items covered include: updating electrical wiring, heating systems, roof repair or replacement, insulation, doors, windows, siding, interior and exterior painting, chimneys, spouting, kitchens, bathrooms, foundation repairs, etc. Funding is available through the Borough's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and is in the form of an interest-free deferred loan. There is also assistance available to residents who must correct curb or sidewalk deficiencies.

Additionally, Cumberland County has a program designed to help fund **emergency repairs** through an interest-free deferred loan. Items include roof or furnace repairs, plumbing or wiring emergencies, foundation stabilization, roof repairs, etc.

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The maximum amount of this deferred, interest-free loan is \$20,000. If the total cost of repairs exceeds \$20,000 the owner must pay for the difference. The loan is due when the property is sold or if the title to, or use of the property, changes. Preference is given to low-income elderly and low-moderate disabled households.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY REPAIR DEFERRED LOAN PROGRAM

The maximum amount of this no-interest deferred loan available to each dwelling unit is \$10,000. The loan is due when the recipient sells the property or if the title to or use of the property changes.

BOROUGH OF CARLISLE SIDEWALK ASSISTANCE GRANT

If you are a low or moderate-income homeowner and must have any deficient curb or sidewalk replaced, you may be eligible. Grants up to \$3,000 or 100% of the project costs, whichever is less, may be made to low-income homeowners. Grants up to \$2,100 or 70% of the project costs, whichever is less, may be made to moderate-income homeowners.

Note: Eligibility for assistance is based on total household income.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$ 55,900
2	63,900
3	71,900
4	79,850
5	86,250
6	92,650
7	99,050
8	105,450

Contact the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities at 717-249-0789, Extension 171, for more information on these programs.

Energy Assistance Program



The Energy Assistance Program is part of the Borough of Carlisle's ongoing climate action and sustainability objectives. The goal is to implement a program that can provide energy efficiency improvements to reduce household energy burdens and to address barriers often faced by low and moderate income households. Eligible costs can include replacement of doors and windows and installation of insulation.

This is a grant-based program for low to moderate income eligible homeowners. Contact the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities at 717-249-0789, extension 171, for more information.

What are PFAS?

You may have seen recent media coverage about the presence of PFAS in drinking water systems locally and around the country. We want you to know that delivering safe water is our mission. Carlisle Borough is closely following EPA proposals to limit PFAS in drinking water and strives to meet all health advisories as an added protection to our community.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of chemicals used since the 1940s in common household and commercial products. They have unique chemical properties and are often used to keep food from sticking to cookware. They also make clothes, carpets, and furniture resistant to water and stains.

Examples of products containing PFAS



Food Packaging



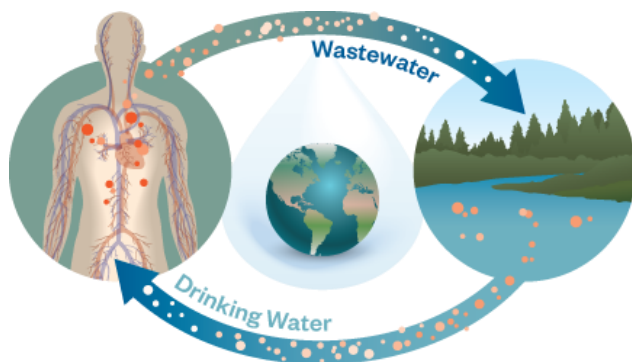
Non-stick Cookware



Outdoor Apparel



Nail Polish



PFAS can enter the environment as we throw away products that have PFAS, and through our own bodily waste. PFAS do not break down naturally and build up in the environment over time. This leads to increasing levels of PFAS in the natural resources we use from the environment, like drinking water, food, and soil.

How Can I Minimize My Exposure?

- Cut back on carryout food, which often comes in PFAS-treated wrappers.
- Skip optional stain-repellent treatment on carpets and furniture.
- Be wary of fabrics labeled stain- or water-repellent.
- Opt for stainless steel or cast-iron cookware.
- Choose personal care products without “PTFE” or “Fluoro” ingredients.

For more information on PFAS, visit www.carlislepa.org/PFAS or contact us at 717-240-6991

The 2022 Borough of Carlisle Water Quality Report is available for viewing on our website at www.carlislepa.org/water_report.

This is an annual report describing the quality of water produced and delivered by the Borough of Carlisle Treatment Plant. If you have any questions about the report, please contact Sara Crawshaw, the Borough of Carlisle Lab Supervisor, at 717-240-6991.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Chances are you have one or more items in your home that utilize lithium-ion batteries. These batteries are found in smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-bikes, toys, and many other items.

In rare cases, these batteries can fail, quickly leading to a fire. According to OSHA, there are approximately 5,000 fires each year caused by lithium-ion batteries. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode. Be sure to use these batteries properly; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.



A change in shape is cause for concern.

Used properly, lithium-ion batteries provide a good source of clean power. Be sure to only purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing library and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Only use the battery that is designed for the device, place the batteries in the

device the right way, and only use the charging cord that came with the device. Never charge the device or device battery under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch. Do not keep charging after it is fully charged. Be sure to keep batteries at room temperature whenever possible and store them away from anything that can catch fire. Ensuring the smoke detectors in your home are functioning properly is also important.

If you notice any of the following problems, stop using the battery immediately: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Lithium-ion batteries can quickly explode and fire can develop rapidly. **Call 9-1-1.**

It is also important to properly dispose of lithium-ion batteries. Do not place them in the trash. Many major retailers such as Lowe's and Home Depot will recycle them.

Look for These Warning Signs

- Odor
- Change in Color
- Too Much Heat
- Change in Shape
- Leaking
- Odd Noises

If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Annual Fundraising Campaign

Silence is golden. But in an emergency, it can be deadly. The Cumberland County 9-1-1 center is currently in the process of switching to a new public radio system. This necessary upgrade will ensure first responders, including the Carlisle Fire Department, can communicate effectively in times of need.

While Cumberland County anticipates funding a portion of the new radio system, the Carlisle Fire Department is using its annual fundraising campaign to help close the funding gap as well as to defray costs for associated equipment. We thank you in advance for considering making a tax-deductible contribution to the Carlisle Fire Department!

We also wish to thank the Cumberland County Commissioners for their support on this important project!

**Donations can be made online at
www.carlislefirefighters.org.**



Carlisle Officer Wins First Responder of the Year!

In May, Officer Jamie DiMartile of the Carlisle Borough Police Department won Dish Network's First Responder of the Year Award!



Officer DiMartile was one of five finalists from around the country and received over 8,000 votes to take the prize! The award honors first responders who give back to the communities they serve. Officer DiMartile organizes fundraisers for various causes and belongs to the Cumberland County Honor Guard and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Her biggest project is the annual holiday toy drive that ensures kids in our area don't miss out on the magic of the season.

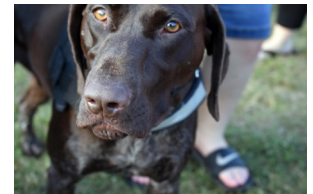
As part of her award, Officer DiMartile gets a trip to Nashville, Tennessee, and tickets to the Grand Ole Opry!

Join the Carlisle Borough Police Department, North Middleton Police Department, and many other area first responders for National Night Out at the Carlisle Fairgrounds on August 1!

The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and offers plenty of free activities for the whole family, plus food and drinks.



Just like their human counterparts, our K-9 officers, Chaos and Jackson, go through hours of training in order to perform their duties and help keep the community safe.



K-9 Jackson

It's important to remember that Chaos and Jackson are **working dogs**. When you see them out in the community with their handlers, they are performing a job. It can be tempting to want to pet the K-9s, but please do not pet them without asking their handler for permission first. Doing so can interrupt and distract the dogs from their duties.



K-9 Chaos

Thank you!

More Community Town Halls in the Works

In March, Carlisle Borough Council held the second in a series of community town halls at the Carlisle Alliance Church on East North Street.

Residents at the meeting were able to speak to Mayor Sean Shultz, Borough Council, Borough Manager Susan Armstrong, and staff about several important issues, including trash collection, code enforcement, and infrastructure projects. At this event, residents also got to view and comment on upcoming changes to Bedford Street (*see page 4 for details*).

Borough Council hopes to continue holding town halls at locations throughout Carlisle Borough in the coming months to better engage with residents.

Look for information on future community town halls on our website and social media.



Carlisle PARKS & RECREATION



Members of:



Summer/Fall Update

PHONE: (717) 243-3318
FAX: (717) 243-3126
EMAIL: parksandrec@carlislepa.org
ADDRESS: Stuart Community Center
 415 Franklin Street, Carlisle, PA 17013
HOURS: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
WEBSITE: www.CarlislePA.org/REC
REGISTER: www.CarlislePA.org/REGISTER

How to Register for Programs

- Walk In



- Call In



- Go Online



Scan the QR Code
to visit registration
site!

**Fall Registration Begins
August 19**



Open Daily Noon to 7:00 p.m.*

1236 Franklin Street

717-240-6957

Open through September 4

*Closed weekdays when Carlisle schools are in session

DAILY ADMISSION

Pre-School (Ages 2 & Under)

FREE

**NON-
RESIDENT**

FREE

Child (Ages 3-17 years), Senior

\$6.00

\$9.00

Adult (Ages 18-54 years)

\$8.00

\$12.00

Sunset Rate:
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$3.00

\$5.00

Carlisle Bike & Pedestrian Trail

The 15-mile stretch, which includes on-road and off-road trails, connects all Borough parks, schools and downtown Carlisle. Start at any Borough park and follow the trail and Bike Route markings.

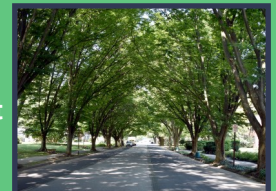
Contact our office or stop by the Stuart Community Center to pick up a copy of the Bike and Pedestrian Trail map and get ready to **EXPLORE CARLISLE!**



Street Trees

Carlisle's Shade Tree Commission promotes the planting and care of street trees to reap the aesthetic and environmental benefits of shade trees.

Each year, Carlisle Parks and Recreation plants about two dozen free street trees for borough property owners, as funds are available. Sidewalk cuts are included. If interested, submit a Fall planting application by September 1, 2023. Late or excess applications will be considered for future plantings.



Visit www.CarlislePA.org/TREES for an application and more info.

Carlisle Skate Spot Open for Business!

The Carlisle Skate Spot opened for skaters in early February!

The Skate Spot, located at 413 Fairground Avenue, is part of the larger Fairground Avenue Linear Park Project. Construction on the skate park began in September 2022.



Since its opening, you can find skaters of all ages at the park. The Carlisle Skateboard Club held its first lessons at the Skate Spot this summer. They will once again be hosting beginner and advanced classes in the fall. Visit www.carlislepa.org/register for more information.

The design process for the Skate Spot and the recreational area was a true community effort! Outreach methods included surveys, online feedback through Engage Carlisle (www.carlislepa.org/engage), door-to-door canvassing, and monthly

Parks & Recreation Board meetings. We heard from skaters, park enthusiasts, and those who live in the Fairground Avenue neighborhood. This feedback helped the park's contracted designers revise and refine their plans, particularly with the Skate Spot.

Construction on the recreational area of the park is currently underway and will be complete by September. This section will be home to a park area featuring an entry plaza, native plantings, benches, and solar lighting. Another major feature will be an interactive walking path with swing benches, glider benches, and hammocks. The park will also include a play area with inclusive play elements and sensory play.

Fort LeTort 2.0 Update

The Carlisle Kiwanis Club met the fundraising goal for its 100th anniversary project to rebuild Fort LeTort, the playground at LeTort Park.

The demolition of the existing playground structure was completed in May. The installation of the playground equipment began in July after being delayed due to the installer waiting for the delivery of equipment. The new playground equipment is expected to take approximately eight weeks to install. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for details on a grand opening ceremony.



Design Rendering Courtesy: George Ely Associates

Once completed, Fort LeTort 2.0 will be an accessible playground that exceeds the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. This means that children with varying abilities will have a wide variety of play experiences available to them.

Facility Rentals

STUART COMMUNITY CENTER

415 Franklin Street



RENTAL INFO

- Community space intended for birthday parties, showers, meetings, get-togethers, sports practices, etc.
- For optimal availability, reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance. Reservations are available on a first-come basis.
- Full payment is required at the time of reservation.
- You must include set-up and clean-up time in the hours you reserve. Cleaning supplies provided.
- Renters must be at least 18 years of age.
- Tables/chairs are provided. Some sports equipment is provided, but set-up/tear down time may be added to your reservation.
- Facilities may NOT be rented for profit-making purposes (no selling food, products, or services).
- ADA compliant & plenty of free parking.
- No personal bounce houses.
- **View all information at www.carlislepa.org/scc.**



2023 CENTER FEES

MEETING / MULTI-PURPOSE

BOROUGH RESIDENT

\$15/hr

NON-RESIDENT

\$17/hr

HALF-GYM RENTAL

**A curtain is lowered to separate the two halves*

\$35/hr

\$40/hr

FULL GYM RENTAL

\$50/hr

\$55/hr

KITCHEN

\$20/add on flat fee

Availability (By Rental Only):

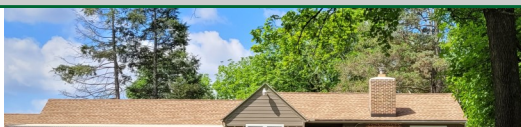
Monday—Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. | Sunday, NOON — 11:00 p.m.

Capacity:

Multi-Purpose Rooms: 50 people | Meeting Room: 10 people

SHAFFER PARK CABIN

1649 Spring Road



Availability: Daily, 10:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m. (By rental)

Capacity: Seats up to 60 people

Amenities: Rustic cabin rentable for meetings, parties, & family gatherings. Kitchen with refrigerator, stove, microwave & sink (bring your own cookware/utensils); restrooms; heat and air conditioning. ADA accessible, picnic tables/green space. Tobacco/alcohol/vaping/pets prohibited.

2023 CABIN FEES

BOROUGH RESIDENT

\$200/day

NON-RESIDENT

\$210/day

SHAFFER CABIN

Rental Application + Payment + \$200 Cash-Security Deposit + ID

Due IN PERSON during office hours. No overnights.
View application — www.CarlislePA.org/CABIN

Recreation Programs

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MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS ON THE WAY!

**REGISTER NOW AT
WWW.CARLISLEPA.ORG/REGISTER**

FALL REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 19

Upcoming Events



The Carlisle Halloween Parade takes place on Wednesday, October 25!

Trick or Treat Night is Tuesday, October 31!



Join us for the Making Spirits Bright Parade on Thursday, November 30!

More details coming soon. Be sure to follow Carlisle Parks and Recreation on Facebook!



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DOWNTOWN CARLISLE ASSOCIATION

Downtown Happenings

Corvette Parade Park & Party

The 2023 Corvette Parade Park & Party is Saturday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m.! Corvettes from all over the country will be on display throughout the streets of downtown Carlisle. While you're checking out the 'Vettes, grab some food and drinks and do some shopping to support your favorite downtown merchants.

With the planned construction on North Hanover Street, the parade route will proceed south on North Pitt Street before turning onto High Street. Cars will then head towards the square and park on both High and Hanover Streets.



Harvest of the Arts

The Downtown Carlisle Association will host the 41st Annual Harvest of the Arts Festival on Saturday, September 23, in downtown Carlisle. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As the largest one-day event in downtown Carlisle, Harvest of the Arts brings in thousands of participants and provides the opportunity to rediscover the historic downtown and explore our unique shops, eateries, and breweries.

Get all of the latest information on downtown Carlisle at www.lovecarlisle.com or on Facebook at LoveCarlisle!



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