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Last Phase of Connectivity Project Underway

Final phase includes improvements to North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road

Work on the final phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project (CCP) began in May. This phase includes improvements on North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road. The North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road intersection will be realigned to bring the approach to a 90-degree angle. The intersection will also be signalized. Further south will be a 5-point roundabout at the intersection of North Hanover Street, West and East Penn Streets, and Fairground Avenue.



The overall goal of the CCP is to connect the northwest neighborhoods and redevelopment areas to downtown Carlisle and provide safer travel for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The final phase is envisioned to provide safer traveling conditions along North Hanover Street and the intersection at Carlisle Springs Road (PA 34). Additionally, improvements to pedestrian safety and accessiblity within the area is a key objective of the CCP. (Learn more about the CCP's goals on page 2.)

Initial work has included replacing the aging cast iron water mains in the project area. Some of the mains in the area date back to 1933. The water main work is expected to take at least two months to complete, depending on the amount of bedrock encountered. Storm sewer and water main work is happening on Fairground Avenue near the railroad tracks. A retaining wall is also being installed at the northeast corner of West Penn Street and North Hanover Street in the parking lot of Chen's restaurant to accommodate the roundabout.

For the majority of this project, roads will remain open without the need for detours. Some of the work will require temporary lane closures or restrictions, but the road will remain open. A road closure will be necessary for an estimated two-week period during Norfolk Southern's railroad work. A PennDOT-approved detour will be implemented during this timeframe. The construction schedule also includes black-out dates when no construction or closures can occur on state roads.

The entire project is expected to be completed by December 2025.

For regular updates on the project, please visit www.carlislepa.org/ccpfinal.

Northside Village Update

Redevelopment on the former International Automotive Components site along Carlisle Springs Road continues. The area, now named Northside Village, is a mixed-use development consisting of eight lots.

In May, Borough Council approved the final designs for an 18,000-square-foot grocery store and 9,000 square feet of retail space. Pompeii, a restaurant offering steaks, seafood, Italian specialty dishes, and brick-oven pizzas will also be built on the site. Northside Village also features several recreational opportunities, including the Carlisle Skate Spot and a park area featuring inclusive and sensory play equipment (more information on page 12).

Northside Village is home to a Homewood Suites Hotel, which opened in 2022, Townhouses comprise three of the lots and include a mix of market-rate rental and owner-occupied properties. The site also features market-rate stacked flat apartments.

Connectivity Project Goals

The goal of the Carlisle Connectivity Project is in its name – to connect. The project connects the northwest neighborhoods and redevelopment areas to downtown Carlisle while providing safer travel for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Below are a few of the objectives for this final phase of construction.

- Provide safer traveling conditions along the US 11 corridor that is used as an alternate route when I-81 is shut down in the Carlisle area.
- Provide safer PA 34/US 11 intersections as PA 34 is a key artery connecting Cumberland and Perry Counties.
- Provide safer walking conditions to connect the Borough's northeast quadrant with the northwest quadrant containing the Carlisle Area School District Campus.
- Minimize the number of at-grade crossings of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Corridor through the Borough.
- Helps to achieve Vision Zero goals.

Vision Zero Work Begins

Last year, Borough Council passed a resolution in support of Vision Zero. With the resolution, Carlisle Borough commits to the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries on Borough-owned streets by 2033.

An internal subcommittee was formed to help advance the goals of the Vision Zero resolution. The committee currently consists of representatives from Public Works, Engineering, the Carlisle Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Information, and Sustainable Community and Economic Planning, with additional stakeholders planned in the future.



Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

The committee is currently focusing on developing an Active Transportation Plan for the Borough. According to PennDOT, an Active Transportation Plan documents conditions and guides the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian programs, policies, guidelines, and infrastructure improvements. We will continue to update you on the committee's work in future editions of the Gazette.

Traffic Calming Project Continues

Protected bike lanes, raised crosswalks, and a roundabout are just a few of the new features possibly coming to the Bedford and East Street corridors. This is phase two of a project aimed at enhancing safety and calming traffic on both Bedford and East Streets.



Conceptual designs were first presented to Borough Council in February of this year. The designs included a "menu" of options, including, but not limited to, curb extensions, raised intersections, chicanes, buffered and protected bike lanes, and bike boxes. The plans also included a potential roundabout where North Bedford and North East Streets intersect.

The majority of feedback received from public meetings was favorable towards installing a roundabout at Bedford and East.

Presentations were also made at two public meetings. Feedback from these meetings, as well as from Borough Council, showed support for parking-protected bike lanes and the proposed roundabout. Public feedback in general also showed support for more traffic calming measures throughout the corridor.
Now that the conceptual study phase is complete, the Borough will work with the consultant to determine how to proceed with preliminary engineering. Following preliminary engineering will be the final design and then construction. It is intended for construction not to start until after the Connectivity Project is complete.

2024 Street Improvement Project



The Borough of Carlisle's 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, as well as the microsurfacing and ultra-thin bonded wearing course (UTBWC) maintenance on select roads. Microsurfacing and UTBWC help extend the life of pavement between full milling and paving treatment. The roads listed below are scheduled for maintenance but are subject to change.

2024 Milling & Paving Overlay
North Pitt St. from West Louther St. to B St.
South Pitt St. from West Ridge St. to Willow St.
West South St. from Wilson St. to Belvedere St.
Parker St. from West High St. to West South St.
West Ridge St. from Hanover St. to Pitt St.
East Ridge St. from Hanover St. to Highland Ave.

Microsurfacing
Logistics Drive from South Middleton border to Burger King Driveway

UTBWC
West Penn St. from College Street to Orange St.

Meet Our Community Co-Responder


Luray Schlegel

Carlisle Borough recently launched the Community Co-Responder Program! The first of its kind in Cumberland County, the program aims to improve health outcomes for individuals with mental illness and substance use needs while maintaining and improving the quality of life for all.

In March, Luray Schlegel joined the Borough as our inaugural Community Co-Responder. Luray formerly worked at Franklin County Probation, where she helped adults establish housing, jobs, transportation, life skills, and other support needed to avoid future incarceration. She also has experience as a life skills teacher and a teaching assistant for emotional and learning support students.

Luray was drawn to the co-responder position after taking Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and seeing the community partnerships it creates among agencies to close the gaps for those suffering from things like mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness. Luray has been actively helping our community members, as well as working to divert non-violent emergencies and calls to the appropriate resources. "My goal for this position is to help make a difference in the community, assisting one individual at a time," she said. "Each need is different and I hope to provide assistance anywhere I can."

Our Co-Responder Program is the first of its kind in Cumberland County!

Although Luray has offices at Borough Hall and the Carlisle Police Department, she spends much of her time in the field addressing community needs. When she is not out in the community, she's catching up on office work, reaching out to resources, and following up with individuals.

Luray also enjoys walking to various locations within the community, appreciating Carlisle's walkability and connectedness, as well as its numerous coffee shops!

If you need to contact Luray, please call Borough Hall at 717-249-4422.

Work Continues on Historic District Survey

Fieldwork for a robust survey of architectural and historic resources in our Historic District started in May and recently concluded. The Borough is working with architectural historian Charles Richmond and his team from ASC Group on the survey, which documents properties in our designated Historic District, as well as the district as listed in the National Register of Historic Places and areas deemed eligible for expansion.



Fieldwork involved photographing historic buildings and taking notes on the properties. Around 2,000 properties were documented! ACS is now compiling this information, which will be used to create an interactive map of our historic resources. The information and map will help guide our historic preservation efforts, identify significant resources, and provide public education.

The survey is funded through two Certified Local Government (CLG) grants. As a CLG community, we are committed to preserving the historic character of our borough.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Sustainable Community & Economic Planning Department at 717-240-6930.

New Downtown Parking System Launches

We recently upgraded our downtown parking metered system by replacing nearly 630 refurbished single-space smart parking meters with approximately 56 new solar-powered parking kiosks! There are around four kiosks per block with two on each side of the street in the short-term parking zones. Kiosks have also replaced the existing meters in Borough parking lots. Single-space meters will remain operational at designated handicapped parking spaces.



Why the change?

The silver meters were purchased refurbished in 2019 and had a life expectancy of about five years. These meters were reaching the end of their useful life and battery back-ups were also failing. In 2023, staff reviewed potential replacement options and the decision was made to replace the meters with kiosks. By switching to kiosks, we are upgrading our parking system to the latest technology, improving the parking process, decreasing the number of assets requiring maintenance, and improving the efficiency of fund collection.

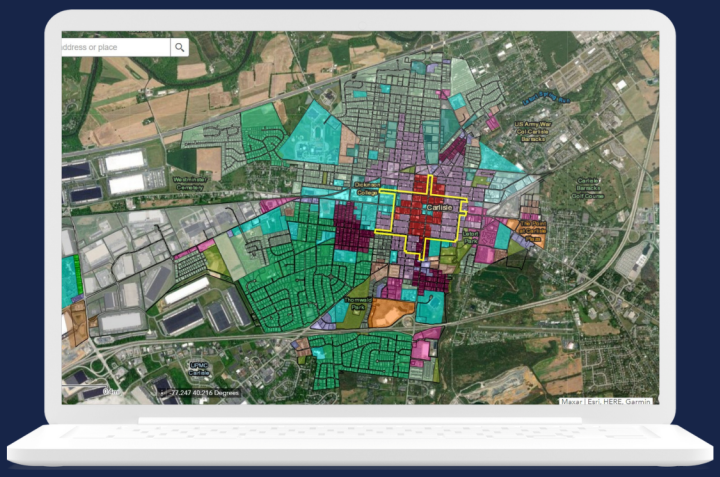
The parking kiosks operate with a Pay by Plate system, which offers several payment methods. Coins and credit cards are accepted at the physical kiosks. The kiosks will also continue to offer the first 15 minutes free. App and text payments are also available. The kiosks utilize the Flowbird App, which is a change from our previous system. It can be downloaded from the App or Google Play stores. The Pay by Text option will allow patrons to pay via their cell phone without creating an account or downloading an app. Short-term parking zone users can text "PARKCAR1" to 727563 and enter their payment information. Users choosing to use the app or Pay by Text will incur an additional separate vendor processing fee of $0.35/transaction.

Our parking kiosks accept coins! Paying by coin is $0.75/hour with no additional fees. It's the cheapest way to pay!



The new kiosks feature a full-color touch-screen accessible display that meets ADA standards. The touch-screen walks users step-by-step through the transaction process. Additionally, the kiosk stations are anticipated to feature several languages in the future.

Visit www.carlislepa.org/parking for more information.



www.carlislepa.org/gis

Carlisle Borough's GIS Map puts valuable information right at your fingertips!

Designed by our Sustainable Community and Economic Planning Department, this interactive mapping tool consists of an overview of the Borough with additional layers that can be selected. You can use the map to find all types of information including, but not limited to, zoning, trash collection days, the location of parks, trails, and bicycle routes, and which roads are state-owned roads.

Visit www.carlislepa.org/gis to view the map. Keep an eye out for future updates and additions.

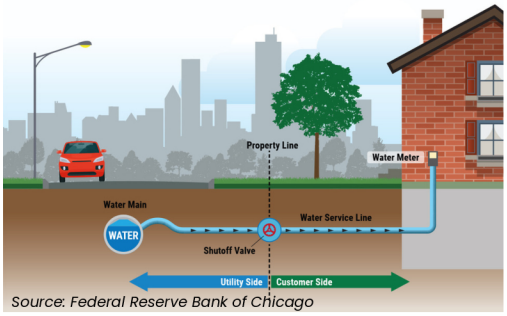
Water Service Line Inventory

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring all drinking water systems to inventory their water service line material to understand where lead pipes exist in the system. A water service line is the pipe that connects the water main to a building's internal plumbing.

While lead is cheap to produce/mine and was used in many products including paint, gasoline, and pipes for many years, it has now been proven harmful to humans, especially children. Lead can permanently affect the brain, bones, kidneys, and heart. Lead poisoning impacts on children include lower IQs, learning disabilities, attention deficit and hyperactivity, other behavioral issues, impaired hearing, anemia, and decreased growth.

The EPA has determined that no amount of lead in water is safe.

Please help Carlisle Borough comply with EPA requirements by reporting your water service line material. Water service lines are separated into two sections, from the water main to the curb is owned by the Borough, and from the curb to the building is owned by the property owner. We have records for our lines, but we do not have complete records for property owners' lines.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

If you have already submitted your water service line material to the Borough, thank you!

If you have not, submit the information below and return it to Borough Hall, 53 West South Street or the Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin Street by September 9, 2024. You can also fill it out online by scanning the QR Code or visiting www.carlislepa.org/lead.

1. What is your property's address? _____

2. Locate the Water Service Line (WSL). The WSL is where the water pipe comes through the wall or floor. The pipe is typically located in the lowest building level and is connected to the water meter. The inventory is only for the portion of pipe between the exterior wall or floor and the water meter.

3. Is the WSL plastic? If yes, please skip to step 6. If no, continue to step 4.

4. Does a magnet stick to your WSL? If yes, your material is steel. Proceed to step 6. If no, proceed to step 5.

5. Use a coin to gently scratch the surface of the pipe. Is the color of the scratch copper or silver? If it is copper, your WSL is copper. If it is silver, your WSL is lead.

6. Your Water Service Line material is _____

If you need assistance, please call or e-mail Jeff Bergsten (717-240-6908, jbergsten@carlislepa.org).

Addressing New PFAS Regulations

In April, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the first national, legally enforceable drinking water standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The EPA's ruling requires that all Public Water Systems, including the Borough of Carlisle, must:

- Monitor for PFAS for three years (by 2027), followed by ongoing compliance monitoring. We must also provide the public with information on PFAS levels in their drinking water beginning in 2027.
- Implement solutions that reduce PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed the EPA limits within five years (by April 2029)
- Beginning by April 2029, public water systems that have PFAS in drinking water which violated the EPA's acceptable levels must take action to reduce the levels of PFAS in their drinking water and must provide public notification of the violation.

What are PFAS?

PFAS are synthetic chemicals used since the 1940s in common household and commercial products. They possess unique chemical properties and are often used to keep food from sticking to cookware and make clothes, carpets, and furniture resistant to water and stains.

PFAS do not naturally degrade, leading to concentrations accumulating in people, animals, and the environment, earning them the nickname 'Forever Chemicals.' There is evidence that continued exposure above specific levels may cause adverse health effects.

While the Borough does not use or produce PFAS chemicals at its water treatment plant, previous testing of raw water from the Conodoguinet Creek has contained detectable levels of some PFAS compounds. Our current water treatment processes are not capable of reducing PFAS to below detectable levels.

To ensure we meet the EPA, as well as the state of Pennsylvania's guidelines, our 2024 Capital Improvement Budget invests in upgrades to our water infrastructure. Staff have been working with the Borough's contracted engineering firm to conduct pilot testing at our water treatment plant to confirm the most suitable PFAS treatment technology. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requires pilot testing for at least nine months before submitting a construction permit for the PFAS treatment system.

The Borough will continue to take the necessary steps to provide high-quality, safe drinking water to the community. We will take deliberate, concrete steps to control PFAS and keep the public informed of the steps taken to lower exposure through drinking water.



Examples of Items Containing PFAS

2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2023 Borough of Carlisle Water Quality Report is available for viewing by scanning the QR Code or by visiting 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.

Upcoming Green Infrastructure Projects

In April, Borough Council gave the green light to three green infrastructure projects that will advance Carlisle Borough's stormwater management efforts.

The projects are part of our Stormwater Master Plan, which supports our goals of reducing flooding, meeting the regulations of our stormwater permit, and improving local water quality. These three projects have been prioritized because they will play a key role in helping us meet the nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment reduction requirements set by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Clean Water.

Biddle Mission Park Riparian Buffer: Relocation of walking trail; management of stream access; installation of vegetated riparian buffer. A riparian buffer is a strip or zone of vegetation along the banks of a water body that serves as a protective barrier between the water and the land. They control erosion, improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitats, and reduce downstream flooding by absorbing excess water.



Biddle Mission Stream

Orange Street Basin: Convert the grass-lined basin into a dry extended detention basin and wet pond. Dry detention basins can hold more runoff than grass swales, providing better flood control. Wet ponds are more effective at removing pollutants and are easier to maintain.

Thornwald Park Green Infrastructure Concepts: Create concepts for green infrastructure stormwater retention structures to address our water quality responsibilities and downstream flooding along Walnut Bottom Road.

These three projects are just pieces of our stormwater management puzzle, and there are other areas to address. Staff will continue to monitor, evaluate, and prioritize projects to address our stormwater needs and ensure an effective allocation of resources.

Land Use Reform Work Continues

The Borough's Land Use Reform subcommittee was formed in January of 2023 with the goal of reviewing Carlisle's adopted land use policies and regulations and consider recommendations for improvement. The subcommittee also reviews 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.

Borough Council has acted on several of the subcommittee's recommendations. In December 2023, Council voted to rezone the former Frog, Switch & Manufacturing Company to Urban Mixed Use, to allow for a wider variety of land uses, including residential, commercial, and open space. Council has also acted to reduce parking minimums to one off-street space per one-bedroom or less dwelling unit and two spaces for dwelling units with two or more bedrooms.

At its July Meeting, Borough Council approved a zoning ordinance amendment that allows for a fee in-lieu of parking. Developers can request a reduction in off-street parking for a one-time fee. Fee-in-lieu of parking provides the Borough with funds to manage parking demand while encouraging infill and the reuse of existing developed land that is underutilized. This pattern of development could help the Borough meet its climate action goals as well by reducing traffic generation, demolition, and associated emissions.

Up next on the committee's agenda is a look at Accessory Dwelling Units or ADUs. An ADU is a small residence on a single-family lot with a larger, primary dwelling. An ADU can be built new or be converted from an existing structure such as a garage. ADUs can provide rental income to homeowners and an affordable way for renters to live in single-family neighborhoods. You can find the latest information on the subcommittee's activities at www.carlislepa.org/lur.

Leveraging Grants to Advance Initiatives

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

Dynamic & Responsible is one of the tenets of Carlisle Borough's Strategic Plan. We are committed to ensuring long-term viability by maintaining a solid financial foundation. This includes sound fiscal policies and conservative budgeting, balancing short- and long-term goals, and elevating transparency. Leveraging grant funding also helps the Borough and Borough Council advance its priorities while remaining fiscally responsible. In 2023, the Borough began collaborating with a grant advocacy group to help us obtain grant funding.

Here are some of the grants we have received over the last year:
• PennDOT Green-Light-Go Grant, $82,640: Upgrades to the downtown traffic signal communication system
• COVID ARPA H20 PA Grant, $520,000: Carlisle Regional Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program, which addresses aging sanitary sewer infrastructure.
• PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant, $633,000: Facilitate safer pedestrian and bicycle traffic to the Carlisle Area School District along PA Route 74/Waggoners Gap Road.
• Pennsylvania Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund Grant, $1,200,000: Supports the North Hanover Street component of the Carlisle Connectivity Project.
• US Department of Transportation Regional Transportation Plan Implementation Grant, $2,700,000: Also for the North Hanover Street Component of the Carlisle Connectivity Project.
• Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant, $37,500: For the purchase of electric pickup trucks and light passenger trucks.
• Commonwealth Financing Authority Local Share Account Grant, $96,500: Assists in purchasing new rescue pumper for the Carlisle Fire Department.

These grants play a vital role in enhancing the sustainability, accessibility, and connectivity of the Carlisle community.

Compost Facility Hours

The Borough's Post Road Compost Facility continues to operate under its Spring/Summer hours through Saturday, August 31.



Spring/Summer Hours
Wednesday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fall Hours begin on Wednesday, September 4
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Borough residents can use the site to drop off leaf and yard waste and pick up mulch. Loading assistance is available on the second Saturday of every month from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Curb and Sidewalk Inspection Program

Safe, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods are a priority for our walkable community. The Borough's Curb and Sidewalk Inspection program plays a key role in ensuring barrier-free public access throughout the community for pedestrians regardless of age or mobility level. The program provides sidewalk inspection on a 10-year rotating basis.

The Borough also offers a Sidewalk Assistance Grant Program. This is a financial assistance program offered to income-eligible homeowners to help defray a portion of the costs associated with the replacement of curbing and sidewalks. The program offers grants of up to $3,000 or 100% of the project costs, whichever is less, to low-income homeowners. Grants of up to $2,100 or 70% of the project costs, whichever is less, may be made to moderate-income homeowners.

Grants are also available 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, contingent on the property owner planting a new, Borough-approved tree.

Contact the Borough's Sustainable Community & Economic Planning Department at 717-240-6930 for more information.

Family Size	Low Income Limits (50% of MFI)	Moderate Income Limits (80% of MFI)
1	$34,300	$54,850
2	$39,200	$62,650
3	$44,110	$70,500
4	$48,950	$78,300
5	$52,900	$84,600
6	$56,800	90,850
7	$60,700	$97,100
8	$64,650	$103,400

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. Funds can be used for updating electrical wiring, heating systems, roof repair or replacement, insulation, doors, windows, siding, interior and exterior painting, chimneys, spouting, kitchens, bathrooms, foundation repairs, etc.

Contact Sue Dunfee of the Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities at 717-249-0789 x171 for more information.

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 improve energy efficiency to reduce household energy burdens and address barriers often faced by low and moderate-income households. Eligible costs can include the replacement of doors and windows and the installation of insulation.

This is a grant-based program for low to moderate-income eligible homeowners.

For information on this program, contact the Borough's Sustainable Community & Economic Planning Department at 717-240-6930.

Utility Assistance

Assistance is available for low-to-moderate income homeowners who have fallen behind on their Borough utility bills. The program is designed to provide up to three months of public utility assistance (water, sewer, stormwater, trash).

Contact the Borough's Finance Department at 717-249-4422 for more information on this program.

Door-to-Door Solicitation: Be Aware

The Carlisle Borough Police Department wants to remind Borough residents to be cautious when it comes to door-to-door solicitation. Door-to-door solicitation in the Borough is only authorized Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Individuals wishing to go door-to-door are required to register with the police department, pass a criminal history background check, pay for a permit, and wear a badge.

If an individual is not wearing a badge, they are in violation of Borough Code 237, Transient Retail Businesses. Please contact the Carlisle Borough Police Department at 717-243-5252 to report your location and the company the individual is representing.



We strongly encourage residents to ensure a badge is prominently displayed before granting permission for entry into your home. If you have any questions, please call 717-243-5252 to verify.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024

Join the Carlisle Borough Police Department, the Carlisle Fire Department, and other local first responders for National Night Out at the Carlisle Fairgrounds on August 6!

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

Community Support Crucial to Carlisle Fire Department

The Carlisle Fire Department is busier than ever. Carlisle Fire and Rescue Services and Union Fire Company #1 each respond to an average of 1,000 calls for service every year! Calls range from fire alarms at businesses and fires in homes and apartments to wildfires and tractor-trailer accidents.



The Carlisle Fire Department and its members contribute so much to our community. Did you know that the department is comprised almost entirely of volunteers? There are three paid drivers and one part-time Chief; everyone else is a volunteer! The department is always looking for new volunteers. Visit www.carlislepa.org/fire and fill out an application today.

In addition to volunteers, the Carlisle Fire Department relies on donations from residents, businesses, and local organizations to maintain and upgrade equipment, cover operational expenses, and support ongoing training programs. By investing in our volunteers, you are not only supporting our fire companies but ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

If you are able, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution at www.carlislefirefighters.org.

Carlisle PARKS & RECREATION

Summer/Fall Updates

Contact Information

Address:
Stuart Community Center
415 Franklin Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone:
717-243-3318

Email:
parksandrec@carlislepa.org

Website:
www.CarlislePA.org/REC

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM -5:00 PM
(closed for holidays - 9/2, 11/11, 11/28, 11/29, 12/24, 12/25)

@carlisleparksandrec

Registration for Fall Programs opens August 3

How to Register

Go Online—Walk In—Call In

Pre-registration is required for most programs.

Location

All recreation programs are held at the Stuart Community Center (415 Franklin St) unless otherwise indicated.



New Places to Play!

The Fairground Avenue area and Valley Meadows Park are now home to some fun new recreational features!



The recreational portion of the Fairground Avenue Linear Park is now complete and open for play. The park, located on Fairground Avenue near B & C Streets, includes a walking path with swing benches, glider benches, and hammocks. The play area features inclusive play elements and sensory play. The other half of the park, the Carlisle Skate Spot, opened last February. Funding for this park included grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Cumberland County.

Valley Meadows Park is now home to the Carlisle Pumptrack! The pumptrack is a self-contained bicycle circuit featuring hills and curves that can be ridden by both beginners and advanced riders. The track helps riders work on their momentum and balance in a safe environment.



Cumberland Youth Cycling Development (CYCD) entered into an agreement with Carlisle Borough in 2019 to install the pump track. CYCD raised the funds necessary to design and build the track.

2024 Pool Season

Open Through September 2

(Closed when Carlisle School District is in session:
August 20-23, August 26-30)

PHONE: (717) 240-6957
EMAIL: pool@carlislepa.org
ADDRESS: 1236 Franklin Street
HOURS: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. daily
WEBSITE: www.CarlislePA.org/POOL



Pool Membership Information:

- Pictures/photo ID are required for the purchase of a pool pass. Proof of ID, age and residency are also required.
- Outside food and beverages, personal lawn chairs, and shade tents (that are staked into the ground for safety) are permitted in the pool complex.
- Members will enjoy unlimited visits, quick entry to the pool, free 2 hour pavilion reservations, and discounted rates for guests and pool parties.

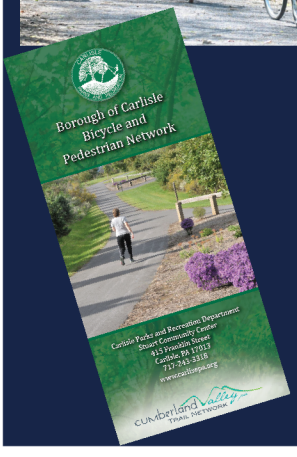
Daily Admission	Borough Resident	Non - Resident
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Child (3-17 years)*, Senior (55+), & Military + Guest Rate for Members*	$6.00	$9.00
Adult (18-54 years)	$8.00	$12.00
Sunset Rate (5:00 - 7:00 PM)	$3.00	$5.00
Season Passes	**Borough Resident**	**Non - Resident**
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Child (3-17 years)*, Senior (55+), & Military	$45.00	$52.00
Adult (18-54 years)	$65.00	$72.00
5th + Pass	$10.00	$11.50

*Children ages 12 and under must have a chaperone at least 16 years of age.
*Guest Rate for Members: Limited to 1 guest per 1 member per day

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!

Birdtown Pennsylvania

Carlisle Borough Council recently adopted a resolution for the Borough to become recognized as a Bird Town Pennsylvania!

BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA®

Bird Town Pennsylvania's mission is to work with local municipalities to promote community-based conservation actions. These efforts aim to create a healthier, more sustainable environment not only for birds but all wildlife and people.

Carlisle Parks and Recreation is working with a committee to complete the required application to become a Bird Town Pennsylvania. The application focuses on municipal and school district actions, community engagement, habitat enhancement, collaborations, and advocacy. The Bird Town Pennsylvania mission also aligns with our Strategic Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Stuart Community Center Rentals

- 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.
- Include set-up and clean-up time in the hours you reserve. Cleaning supplies and trash bags provided.
- Renters must be at least 18 years of age.
- Tables/chairs provided at no charge, but availability may be limited. Gym renters must set-up/tear-down tables/ chairs within hours reserved. Staff will set-up tables/ chairs in multi-purpose rooms in advance.
- Some sports equipment provided. Staff set-up/ tear down time may be added to your reservation time.
- May NOT rent for profit-making purposes (no selling food, products, or services).
- "The Second Monday Rule": To reserve multiple times a month, customers must wait until the second Monday to reserve the following month (no more than 2 hrs/day or 1 day/week).

Amenities:	FEES PER HOUR Borough Resident	Non-Resident
MEETING / MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS	$15	$17
HALF - GYM *A curtain is lowered to separate the two halves	$35	$40
FULL - GYM	$50	$55
KITCHEN	$20 flat fee	$23 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



Scan the QR Code to Make Reservations!

Shaffer Cabin Rentals

Availability (By Rental Only):

10:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

Capacity:

Seats up to 60 people

Borough Resident	Non-Resident
$200/day	$210/day

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.



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

Daily rental— NO overnights.

Upcoming Events



Carlisle HALLOWEEN Parade

The Carlisle Halloween Parade is Wednesday, October 23!

Trick or Treat Night in Carlisle Borough is October 31!

CARLISLE Making Spirits Bright HOLIDAY PARADE

Join us for the Making Spirits Bright Parade on Thursday, December 5!



Visit www.carlislepa.org/events for more information!

Street Trees



The Carlisle Borough reminds property owners of their responsibility to maintain street trees according to the Shade Tree Ordinance. Dying trees, dead branches and stumps must be removed. On mature trees, limbs must be elevated to eight feet over the sidewalk and fourteen feet over the street. This will keep your sidewalks safe for pedestrians and prevent tree branches from interfering with trucks and buses.

Tree lined streets add beauty to our surroundings and stability to our ecosystem. The Borough of Carlisle's Shade Tree Ordinance prohibits the removal of street trees, without first obtaining approval and a permit issued by the Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department. There is no fee to obtain the permit; however, failure to obtain one could result in a fine up to $300 per offense. Please help us keep Carlisle greener by following the shade tree permit process. FREE permits are also needed for street tree pruning and planting. Contact Parks & Recreation at 717-243-3318 to obtain a permit.

Street Tree Planting

Application Deadlines:

Fall — September 1

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. Late or excess applications will be considered for future plantings.

What's Happening Downtown?

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

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Corvette Parade Park & Party



The 2024 Corvette Parade Park & Party rolls into town on Saturday, August 24, 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 go shopping to support your favorite downtown merchants.

Due to the construction on North Hanover, 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 High and Hanover Streets.

Harvest of the Arts

The Downtown Carlisle Association will host the 42nd Annual Harvest of the Arts Festival on Saturday, September 28, 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.



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