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2024 Budget-in-Brief

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget includes no increases to water, sewer, stormwater, or parking rates; increases in trash and recycling fees as part of the 2023-2025 contract; and a fire tax increase of .315 mills.

In December 2023, Borough Council approved the 2024 Budget, which includes an increase to the fire service tax of .315 mills. The average residential property (assessed value of $180,000) will see an increase of $56.70 in Borough taxes in 2024.

The 2024 Budget does not include rate increases for water, sewer, stormwater, or parking. (The Borough is currently undergoing a rate study for water and sewer to determine the rates required to support future debt payments). Solid waste fees will increase as part of the Borough's 2023-2025 contract with Waste Connections. The quarterly fee for 2024 is $80.25, a $5.25 increase from 2023. Trash tag prices will increase by $1 in 2024, costing $7.92/tag (see page 8 for more).

Budget Framework

In 2023, the Borough of Carlisle led a community-informed strategic planning process to encapsulate the organization and community's long-term mission, vision, and goals. Council approved the Borough's first-ever Strategic Plan in October 2023 (see page 3 for more).

The 2024 Budget is only the **seventh time since 2002** that Borough property taxes have been increased, even though **inflation has outpaced our increases by 26.68%**

The 2024 Budget demonstrates our commitment to advancing the Strategic Plan by ensuring responsive, quality services; building an engaged community; managing financial resources responsibly, growing a healthy and sustainable community; building and maintaining inviting and safe neighborhoods; and investing in safe and accessible infrastructure.

Tax Structure

The Borough operates under a two-tiered tax structure with a General Purpose Tax and a Fire Services Tax.

By raising the fire tax by .315 mills, the average residential property (assessed value of $180,000) will see an increase of **$56.70/year** in Borough taxes.

The General Purpose Tax funds the majority of the General Fund's expenses while the Fire Services Tax helps fund a portion of our volunteer fire departments' needs.

In 2023, the fire tax funded approximately 57% of fire expenses for the year, while the remaining 43% was absorbed through General Fund revenues. The Fire Department's Operations Budget for 2024 is

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$1,244,319 and the Capital Projects Budget is $419,818 for a total budget of $1,664,137. Without the .315 mill rate increase to help fund the department, the General Fund would be facing a million-dollar deficit. The proposed tax increase will generate $461,427 that will strictly be used for our community's volunteer fire department expenses.

Five-Year Forecast

The Borough's anticipated General Fund reserves are projected to be 92.87% in 2024, which is above Council's goal of 25%. However, applying our financial policies, the five-year forecast shows a reoccurring structural deficit in the General Fund, assuming no additional tax rate changes. This would leave our reserves at 50% by FY 2028. While successful budget management in the past several years has significantly closed deficits through various measures (reductions in planned expenses, labor, one-time revenues, etc.), a General Purpose tax increase is likely going to be required to fund ongoing capital investments, debt service, etc. We are committed to continuing to be fiscally responsible stewards of the Borough's tax dollars, reporting publicly on the status of our finances, actively monitoring trend shifts, and exploring future revenue sources. Real estate taxes, however, are the primary source needed to sustain our local government operations and essential services, so staff is also analyzing a phased-in approach to raising the Borough millage.

Projected Operating Deficit Assuming No Tax Rate Change(s) after FY 2024		
2024	**($189,344)**	**$11,447,592**
2025	**($1,463,915)**	**$ 9,983,677**
2026	**($1,048,716)**	**$ 8,934,961**
2027	**($1,290,697)**	**$ 7,644,264**
2028	**($693,419)**	**$ 6,950,845**

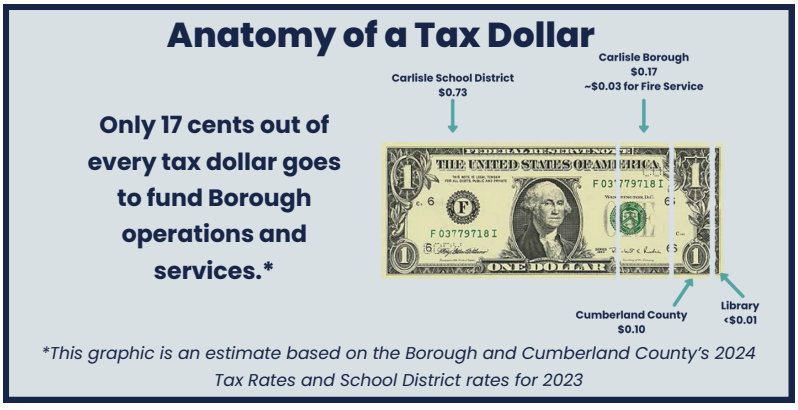
What's on the Agenda for 2024?

2024 will be a busy year for the Borough. Here are a few of the major projects we will be undertaking.

The 2024 Budget includes significant investments in crucial Borough infrastructure. We have budgeted for upgrades to our Water Treatment Plant to treat for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS (see page 7 for more). We will also continue water and sewer rehabilitation programs; design, permit, and secure construction bids for replacing the Ridge Street Water Tank; and design and permit facilities for Class A Biosolids production.

The final phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project, which includes improvements to North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road, will get underway in early 2024. Traffic calming features along the Bedford and East Street corridors will also continue (See page 6 for more).

Parks and Recreation will begin work on a Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan in 2024. The department will also continue to collaborate with Carlisle Youth Cycling Development to complete the pump track at Valley Meadows Park.



The 2024 Budget can be viewed on our website at www.carlislepa.org/budget.

Borough Council Adopts First-Ever Strategic Plan

At the October 2023 meeting, Borough Council approved its first-ever Strategic Plan! This plan will help guide our activities over the next three to five years.

In August 2022, the Borough contracted with Raftelis, a planning consultant, to facilitate a community-informed strategic planning process. 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. In March 2023, Council held an all-day planning session and crafted the first draft of a vision statement, as well as strategic outcomes.

Next, the community got involved. Several opportunities for community engagement were offered. First, three in-person public outreach sessions were held. Next, we conducted a survey which was placed online, shared with various non-profits and civic groups, and mailed to each Borough property. We also solicited feedback from several community organizations, and students from Carlisle High School provided their thoughts and ideas.

Council finalized the community's Vision Statement during a public workshop session, using feedback from the community. In addition to editing the Vision Statement, Council and staff worked in small groups to refine the strategic outcome areas based on community feedback. An internal Mission Statement and Values were determined during this process as well, using feedback from Borough staff members.

The plan can be viewed on our website, www.carlislepa.org. A limited number of paper copies are also available at Borough Hall and the Stuart Community Center.

Vision

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

Mission

In Carlisle, we CARE. Our team is dedicated to providing quality public services that support a safe, diverse, and dynamic community.

Values

In Carlisle, we CARE. We are...

- ✓ **Committed**
- ✓ **Accountable**
- ✓ **Resilient**
- ✓ **Ethical**

Our Strategic Plan is built upon six strategic outcome areas. These priorities will help us achieve our vision. Throughout this newsletter, you will find the corresponding icons, marking how our past and future initiatives align with our strategic plan!

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

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

Healthy & 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 & Livable: 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.

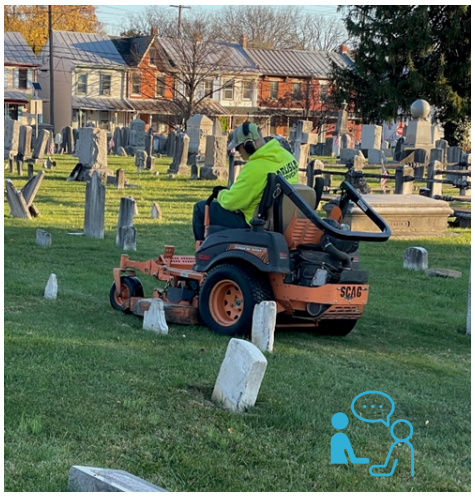
Accessible & Connected: Investing in safe pedestrian-, bike-, and transit-friendly options that connect people to the places they need to go, with convenient, accessible infrastructure that reduces car dependency.

Looking Back on 2023

As we head into the new year, we wanted to take a moment and reflect on all that we achieved in 2023. In 2024, the Borough of Carlisle team will continue to serve proudly, meet our mission, embrace our organization's values, and advance our community's vision.



- Developed first-ever long-term Strategic Plan (more on pg. 3)
- Enhanced Community Engagement and Transparency Efforts
- Advanced the Borough's Climate Action Plan
- Created a Co-Responder Program (more on pg. 5)
- Adopted Truth & Reconciliation Recommendations
- Adopted Vision Zero Resolution
- Continued Police Department Fleet Conversion
- Installed EV Charging Stations at Pomfret Street Parking Garage
- Received GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2021 and GFOA Budget Award for FY 2022



- Continued Employee Engagement, Training, and Professional Development Programming
- Streamlined Recruitment and Onboarding
- Implemented a Water Leak Warning Notification Program
- Continued Conversion and Upgrade of Water Meters to "Smart Meters"
- Increased Public Safety Outreach Programs
- Invested in a Fire Department Rescue Pumper
- Advanced Public Safety Training for Borough Personnel
- Received PLEAC Reaccreditation for Police Department
- Completed TIGER Component of the Carlisle Connectivity Project
- Upgraded Pedestrian Curb Ramps in Conjunction with Roadwork
- Completed Stormwater System Master Plan
- Planted 36 Trees on Borough-owned Lands
- Assumed Lawn Maintenance Responsibilities In-House vs. Outsourcing
- Elevated Annual Leaf Collection Program
- Completed Biosolids Management Plan for Achieving Class A Biosolids
- Explored Maximum Use of Existing Water Plant Facilities for PFAS Reduction (more on pg. 7)
- Implemented New Rental Inspection Program
- Transferred Residential Building Code Inspections from Third Party Inspection Agency
- Received Certified Local Government Program Grant for Historic District Survey
- Completed Fairground Avenue Linear Park
- Collaborated with Carlisle Kiwanis Club for Fort LeTort Park Project
- Partnered with Carlisle Area Pickleball Association to install four dedicated pickleball courts at LeTort Park



Vision Zero Resolution Adopted

In August 2023, Borough Council passed a resolution in support of Vision Zero. Carlisle joins cities across the world in the Vision Zero movement to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries, as well as to increase safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.



Vision Zero is a strategy to reduce traffic fatalities and severe injuries among ALL road users, whether walking, biking, riding scooters, driving, etc., to zero. The policy suggests that traffic deaths and serious injuries are not inevitable but preventable. Vision Zero recognizes that people will make mistakes, so the roads and related policies and systems should be designed to ensure that these mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities.

By adopting the resolution, we commit to the safety of our streets by implementing designs that consider road users in order of vulnerability, deploying quick and cost-effective measures to protect human health and lives on our roads as soon as possible, developing an Active Transportation Plan, and monitoring, tracking, and reporting the effectiveness of these measures. An internal sub-committee has been formed by the Borough Manager to help carry out these initiatives. Vision Zero also aligns with our Strategic Plan, as we work to make Carlisle accessible and connected.



Carlisle Borough earned a 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI) for 2023! The MEI, conducted by the Human Rights Campaign, is the only nationwide assessment of LGBTQ+ inclusion in municipal law, policy, and services. In 2022, we scored an 86 on the index.

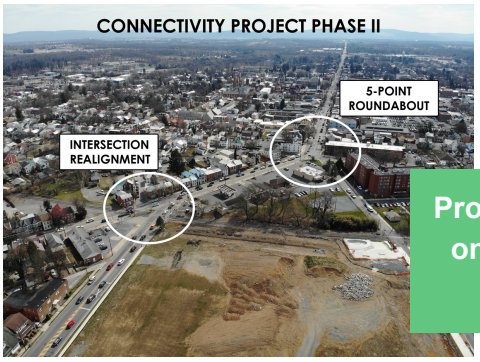
Factors that helped us earn 100 points include transgender-inclusive healthcare benefits, adding non-discrimination language to all bid documents, internal DEI training programs, and our support of organizations providing services to LGBTQ+ individuals, including youth and older adults.

Other Pennsylvania municipalities earning a score of 100 include Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and State College.

Community Co-Responder Program Established

In 2023, Carlisle Borough finalized the development of a public safety co-responder program. The goal of this program is to help divert non-violent emergencies to appropriate professionals. Co-responders will work with the Borough of Carlisle Police Department and other department staff by responding to calls for service where behavioral health and/or other social service needs exist. The program will work to connect individuals with community and county support with the goal of diversion from police contact and incarceration where a social services or crisis intervention would be more effective and appropriate. The FY 2024 budget includes funding to support the implementation of the program, which includes hiring one full-time employee and potentially one part-time staffer.

Next Phase of Carlisle Connectivity Project Beginning Soon



Project involves improvements on North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road

Work on the TIGER Project portion of the Carlisle Connectivity Project (CCP) officially wrapped in 2023. This project involved improvements to Fairground Avenue and B Street, the installation of two roundabouts, and various accessibility and streetscape enhancements.

The final phase of the CCP, Phase II, includes improvements on North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road. Phase II will realign the North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road intersection 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. As part of this project, adjustments to West Penn Street are required to eliminate exits onto North Hanover Street.

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. Phase II will provide safer traveling conditions along North Hanover Street, which is used as an alternate route when I-81 is shut down in the Carlisle area. It also improves the safety of North Hanover's intersection with Carlisle Springs Road (PA 34), which is a key artery connecting Cumberland and Perry Counties. The work will also provide safer pedestrian access for elderly residents living at the One and Two West Penn apartments.

At its December 2023 meeting, Borough Council awarded the construction contract for Phase II to Rogele, Inc. out of Harrisburg. Rogele has been the contractor through all of the phases of the CCP to date. Also in December, the Borough received a $1.7M grant from the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study to help fund the project. Construction could begin in the first quarter of 2024 and take approximately two years to complete.

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

First Phase of North Bedford Street Project Complete

Construction on modifications to the intersection of North Bedford, East Penn Street, and Kerrs Avenue was completed in November 2023. This construction involved realigning the offset intersection through the construction of bump outs along the four corners of the intersection and at the intersection of Kerrs Avenue and East Penn Street. The aim was to enhance pedestrian visibility to motorists, provide shorter crossing lengths for pedestrians, and better guide motorists through the intersection.

This project is part of an overall vision to enhance safety and calm traffic on both Bedford Street and East Street. The next phase will focus on potential improvements to the intersection where the two corridors meet in the north near Henderson Street, lane and parking configuration improvements, as well as other traffic calming improvements along both corridors. The project is currently in the planning and design phase.

Addressing "Forever" Chemicals

The 2024 Capital Improvement Budget invests in essential upgrades to our water infrastructure, including modifications to our Water Treatment Plant to treat for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).



Examples of Items Containing 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.

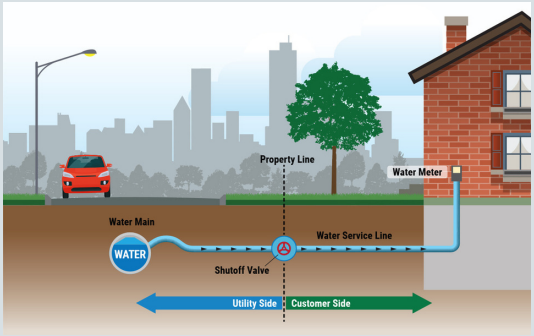
Both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have recently taken steps toward establishing Maximum Containment Levels (MCLs) for several PFAS compounds in drinking water. While DEP has set its limits, the EPA has not finalized theirs. Potential new regulations would also require public water systems, like ours, to monitor for PFAS, notify the public of the PFAS levels, and reduce levels in drinking water if they exceed the proposed standards.

Since April 2022, we have been regularly sampling both raw water and treated water for PFAS and have identified five PFAS compounds present in the treated water, with two above the EPA's proposed MCLs. To ensure concentrations of these PFAS are below the MCLs, we will need to upgrade our treatment processes.

The Borough has been working with Gannett Fleming on a preliminary evaluation of potential process improvements. This evaluation found that installing ion exchange resin filter columns as an add-on treatment step at the existing treatment plant site could be the most cost-effective approach. The next steps include undertaking PFAS treatment pilot testing to confirm treatment performance and evaluate long-term operating costs.

The Borough of Carlisle needs to take the necessary steps to provide high-quality, safe drinking water to the community. Most public water systems in Pennsylvania will likely need to increase their level of treatment to address PFAS. By moving quickly to develop a design for future improvements, we will remain in front of the anticipated high demand for required treatment upgrades. Additionally, we must take deliberate, concrete steps to control PFAS and keep the public informed of the steps taken to lower exposure through drinking water.

We Need Your Help!



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring all drinking water systems to inventory their water service line material to understand where lead pipes exist in the system. 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.

We ask that property owners help us identify the material of the customer-owned portion of your water service lines. The water service line is the pipe that connects the water main to a building's internal plumbing. Service lines may be made of lead, copper, galvanized metal, or plastic.

Be on the lookout for an insert in your utility bill with directions on how to identify and report the material of your service line. Copies of the form are also available at Borough Hall and the Stuart Community Center. If you prefer, you can submit the information online at www.carlislepa.org/lead.

Former Manufacturing Site Rezoned

The Land Use Reform subcommittee was formed in January 2023 to review Carlisle's adopted land use policies and regulations and consider recommendations for improvement.



The Frog, Switch & Manufacturing Company closed in June 2023 after almost 125 years in operation.

The closure of The Frog, Switch & Manufacturing Company in the summer of 2023 presented a timely and unique opportunity for the subcommittee and Borough staff to evaluate reuse activities that best serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood and support the Borough as a whole. The site was originally in the General Industrial zoning district (I-1), which allowed manufacturing, truck terminal, warehouse, and distribution uses. Borough staff and the subcommittee recommended to Council that the site be changed to Urban Mixed Use (UM), requiring a broader range of land uses, including residential, non-residential, and open space. This mixed-use zoning would also be similar to the zoning for the adjacent land in North Middleton Township. A community survey on the topic showed strong support for the idea. 85% of the respondents were in favor of the zoning district change from General Industrial to Urban Mixed Use.

In December 2023, Council adopted an amendment to rezone the tract to Urban Mixed Use. The Borough's Comprehensive Plan was also amended to further facilitate the economic development and reuse of industrial and brownfield properties.

Trash Tags for 2024



Trash and recycling rates have increased in 2024 to align with the amounts charged by Waste Connections as part of our 2023-2025 contract. The quarterly rate is $80.25 and the Trash Tag rate is $7.92/each. In 2024, only bags with the new green tags will be collected. Tags are only needed if you have more than 40 pounds of trash to dispose of in a week.

If you have unused yellow tags, you can exchange them for 2024 green tags by paying the $1.00 difference. Please note that we are only offering tag exchanges and not buybacks. Exchanges can be done at Borough Hall, 53 West South Street, and the Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin Street. Tags are available for purchase at these locations, as well as online at www.carlislepa.org/trashtags or over the phone at 717-249-4422.

Homeowner Assistance Programs

Several programs are available to help 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.

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

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 replacement of doors and windows and installation of insulation.

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

HRA Better Places, Better Lives

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

Employee Spotlight

The Borough's employees are the foundation to its success in the constant delivery of vital, core services to our residents and stakeholders. They are committed, accountable, resilient, and ethical. We want to celebrate those employees who reached milestone anniversaries in 2023. Thank you all for your service to the Carlisle community!

5 Years

Mike Boswell, Field Operations Foreman
Officer Jamie DiMartile
Tonya Gochenaur, Payroll Specialist
Officer Ronald Hoover
Wade Schlusser, Water Treatment Plant Operator
K9 Officer Ryan Stover

10 Years

Officer John Hanner
Detective Christopher Miller

15 Years

Staff Sergeant Joshua Bucher
Corporal Scott Hertzler
Travis Kaufmann, Water Treatment Plant Operator

20 Years

Robert Cribbs, Biosolids Operator
Mike Stoner, Lab Technician
Karen Toth, Lab Technician

25 Years

Lieutenant Steve Latshaw
Todd Wickard, Biosolids Operator

35 Years

Randy Bender, Water Plant Operator
Rick Frieben, Engineering Technician

40 Years

Linda Dougherty, Engineering Assistant

Lower Your Sodium This Winter

Pennsylvania waterways do not take a break from accumulating runoff throughout the winter season! Runoff from driveways and sidewalks contains increased sodium from the ice melt that is used to ensure safe travel. That extra sodium in the runoff ends up in our local waterways. There are a few simple things you can do to help reduce the amount of salt used.

Check the Temperature

When the temperature is lower than 15 degrees, avoid the salt. Salt works by lowering the freezing temperature so ice crystals cannot form. Traditional salt is only effective when temperatures are above 15 degrees. Consider substitutes such as calcium chloride or even sand for traction on sidewalks and driveways.

Sweep it Up

After a snow or ice event, sweep up leftover ice melt granules to eliminate the chances of salt being washed into stormwater drains. Just a teaspoon of salt in five gallons of water can change an ecosystem and cause harm to fish and other aquatic plants and animals.

Slow Down & Use Less

When winter travel is necessary, slow down. Reducing your speed on wet or icy roads can lessen the chance of an accident. One pound of de-icer is all that is needed to clear a 20-foot driveway, ten squares on a sidewalk, or 250 square feet. That is equal to one big coffee mug!

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Catching Up With K9 Jackson!

Two years have passed since K9 Jackson became part of the Carlisle Borough Police Department, and during this brief span, Jackson and his handler, Officer Ryan Stover, have achieved a lot!

K9 Jackson, a German shorthaired pointer from Europe, carries the name and legacy of Sergeant Simon Jackson, who passed away from cancer in 2019. Sgt. Jackson's family was instrumental in helping the Police Department expand its K9 program to two dogs, allowing us to better serve the community. The patrol car Jackson travels in also pays tribute to another officer we lost to cancer. The car carries the number 11, which belonged to Corporal Timothy Groller when he served Carlisle. Cpl. Groller passed away in 2020.

Police dogs have to go through significant training to perform effectively. Upon his arrival in Carlisle, Jackson hit the ground running and completed a 10-week training program, learning how to locate and alert others to explosive devices, perform article searches, and track lost or missing people.

In November 2022, Officer Stover and K9 Jackson completed the National Odor Recognition Test conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives National Canine Division. By successfully completing this test, Jackson proved he is proficient in explosive odor recognition, allowing him and Officer Stover to assist federal agencies when needed. The duo also completed training from the North American Police Work Dog Association, becoming nationally certified in explosive detection.

K9 Jackson is always willing to lend a paw to our neighbors. He has helped many surrounding agencies with large-scale explosive device threats and completed over 25 scans of local buildings and numerous tracks to assist in finding missing or lost individuals.

Together with K9 Officer Chaos, Jackson allows the Carlisle Borough Police Department to better assist residents and ensure our community remains safe.

Put the Freeze on Winter Fires



According to the National Fire Prevention Association, heating is a leading cause of home fires and home injuries and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. December, January, and February are the peak months for heating fires. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire-smart!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.
- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Did you know that the Carlisle Fire Department is almost entirely comprised of volunteers?

There are three paid drivers and one part-time Chief; everyone else is a volunteer. That makes their dedication to the safety of Carlisle even more remarkable!

The Carlisle Fire Department is always looking for new volunteers. Visit www.carlislepa.org/fire and fill out an application today.

Another way to support the Carlisle Fire Department is by contributing to the Carlisle Volunteer Firefighters' Association's fundraiser. By making a tax-deductible contribution, you can help our volunteers maintain the equipment and training they need to continue to keep our community safe. You can donate online anytime at www.carlislefirefighters.org.



Carlisle PARKS & RECREATION

Winter/Spring 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 - 1/15, 2/19, 5/27)

@carlisleparksandrec

Registration for Winter & Spring Programs is Now Open!

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.



NOW HIRING - SUMMER 2024

Program Instructors

Do you describe yourself as artistic, athletic, or gifted? We're looking to add to our team of instructors and want to hear from you!

Complete a Program Proposal Form and send it back to us!

SUMMER DAY CAMP

- **Camp Counselor (16+)**



CARLISLE Community Pool

- **Assistant Pool Manager (18+)**
- **Head Lifeguard (age 18+)**
- **Lifeguard (15+)**
- **Attendant (16+)**
- **Swim Instructor (15+)**

For all job information & application, go to -

www.CarlislePA.org/HIRING

2024 Pool Season

May 25 - September 2

(Closed when Carlisle School District is in session:
5/28-5/31, 6/3-6/5, August dates TBD)

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

Pre-Season Season Pass Discounts

JAN-FEB **$15 OFF**
MARCH-APRIL **$10 OFF**
MAY **$5 OFF**

*discount applies only to 3 or more passes



ON SALE 1/1!

purchase online, in person, over phone







Pool Sponsorship

Check out this marketing opportunity for you to support the Carlisle Community Pool in 2024!

Picture your organization's name on the Welcome Banner on the front of the building, your advertising on a Fence Banner inside the pool grounds, or your logo on a Light Post Banner for all pool patrons to see!

Gold Sponsor:
Welcome Banner = $1,200
4' x 20' Banner

Silver Sponsor:
Fence Banner = $600
4' x 8' Banner

Bronze Sponsor:
Light Post Banner = $400
3' x 1.5' Banner

New LeTort Playground Unveiled

The new Fort LeTort playground opened for play in October! The Carlisle Kiwanis Club raised the money to rebuild the playground as part of its 100th anniversary celebration.

The previous wooden playground, built in 1993, was beginning to show its age. Following a professional assessment, the Kiwanis Club determined that a full replacement was necessary.

The new Fort LeTort features ADA-compliant equipment and a poured-in-place surface that provides more accessibility than the previous mulch surfacing. The new playground equipment is anticipated to last up to 50 years.

We wish to thank the dedicated community members and volunteers from the Carlisle Kiwanis Club for this gift that will benefit countless children and families in our community!





Fairground Avenue Linear Park is almost complete! Look for more information on the park's official opening in the spring.



WHO: 5 - 12 year olds **must have completed Kindergarten*
WHERE: Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin St
WHEN: MON-FRI, 6/10 - 8/23
TIME: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM *+ extended hours available*

Full Time (M-F) **$145/resident** **$160/non-resident**	**Part Time (Tu/Th)** **$85/resident** **$94/non-resident**
Part Time (M/W/F) **$110/resident** **$121/non-resident**	**+ Extended Care** **$5/early AM** **$15/late PM**

Included in cost: t-shirt, pool trips Tu/F, pizza lunch every Wed

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/1!
for more info - go to www.CarlislePA.org/CAMP

10% MAIL-IN OFF

Looking for LOCAL performers to fill our 2024 schedule & we'd love to hear about your talent. Bookings start in January for our

Summer Artist Series

These shows are held from 6:30 - 7:30 PM on Sunday evenings
6/2 - 8/4
(no Father's Day 6/16 or Carlisle Summerfair's Symphony 7/7)!



(ages 3-7)

Prince + Princess PAR-TEA

DATE : Saturday, February 10
TIME : 10:00 - 11:30 AM
COST: $20/R, $23/NR

You are cordially invited to a magical morning filled with whimsy and wonder at our Prince & Princess PAR-TEA! Join us for an enchanting celebration including snack time, wand decorating, story time, and meet and greet with princesses, Cinderella and Elsa.

(ages 18+)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

DATE : Saturday, April 13
TIME : 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COST: $15/R, $18/NR





Want to declutter your home while making some extra cash? Join us for our Spring Yard Sale held indoors at the Stuart Community Center. Cost includes 2- 8ft tables and chairs. Set-up starting at 6:30 AM.

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.

For more info + planting application visit www.CarlislePA.org/TREES.

Street Tree Planting

Application Deadlines:

Spring—March 1
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.



The 8th Annual Ice Art Fest starts on February 2 in Downtown Carlisle! This year's event features over 100 ice sculptures.

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DOWNTOWN CARLISLE ASSOCIATION

The 8th Annual Ice Art Fest will also include the UPMC Ice Throne, an Ice Bar, live carving demonstrations, scenic carriage rides, and much more. Visit www.lovecarlisle.com for the latest information on Ice Art Fest and all of the fun that happens in Downtown Carlisle!



Charge Up Downtown!

The Pomfret Street Garage is now home to two electric vehicle charging stations! The charging stations cost users $0.75/hour in addition to the regular garage rates. The parking garage rate is $0.75/hour with a $6/day max.

The ChargePoint CT4023 Level 2 Charging Stations are on the garage's first floor. Each station offers two standard level 2 charging ports. While the chargers can supply up to 7.2kW, our power supply will provide closer to 6.6kW, comparable to surrounding Level 2 commercial chargers.

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