

Community Pride Day Set for May 19 to Assist Residents

West Carrollton's City Beautiful Commission will host its annual neighborhood clean-up, Community Pride Day, on Saturday, May 19.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. May 19 at the Civic Center, located at 300 E. Central Ave. Local volunteers, including local Boy & Girl Scouts, students from West Carrollton High School, and employees of local businesses, meet at the Civic Center and then spread out across the



community to assist local residents.

Volunteers help spruce up the homes of local residents by pulling weeds, trimming shrubs, planting flowers, or painting, for elderly or disabled residents who need extra help with outside chores.

All volunteers receive a t-shirt and a picnic lunch served at the Civic Center after completing the projects – usually around noon.

"A few hours of service can really make a big difference in the community, especially when we have a great turnout of volunteers," said Christian Mattingly, parks and recreation director. He said citizens of



all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the annual day of service.

The deadline to request assistance is Monday, May 14. For more information, call the parks and recreation department at (937) 859-5182.

Celebrate Arbor Day April 27

Calling all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other children. Join us at Wilson Park on April 27 at 5:30 p.m. to help plant a tree and celebrate National Arbor Day.

All participants will receive a special West Carrollton Arbor Day tree planting badge. Call the parks and recreation department at (937) 859-5182 for more information.



Remember: Tree Trimming Guidelines

While caring for your lawn in the spring, don't forget about those tree branches that can get in the way of pedestrians on a stroll or school buses which will be driving down the street. Tree branches need to be maintained a minimum of 8' above public sidewalks and 14' above public streets and alleys. Keeping branches and overhanging shrubs trimmed to the proper height reduces the potential for injury and vehicle damage. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning & Community Development

Department at (937) 859-5783.

Demolitions Help Reduce Blight

The city is working with the Montgomery County Land Bank to deal with properties that are left vacant and in disrepair.

In many cases, the most cost-effective option for foreclosed properties that are determined to be unsafe for occupancy and where the repair costs exceed home values, is demolition.

The City of Kettering coordinates the demolition contracts that are being conducted in conjunction with the Montgomery County Land Bank. These demolitions are paid for with grant funds from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

The most recent demolitions in West Carrollton include: 29-31 Squire St.; 111 W. Pease Ave. and 121 E. Central Ave. Other demolitions are in the works for later in 2018. Those include: 11 Maple Hill Dr. and 20 N. Miami Ave.

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New Habitat for Humanity Home Celebrated on Pease Avenue

In January, a welcome ceremony was held for the new family who moved into a Habitat for Humanity home located at 24 W. Pease Ave.

"We are always inspired to see the family's excitement and everyone who helped us make their dream a reality," said Norman J. Miozzi, executive director.

The city donated the land to the Habitat for Humanity organization in September 2016.

"I'm sure you know the impact a safe home and community can have on a family's future. Thank you for all you do in the City of West Carrollton for the families that make their homes there," Miozzi said.

