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2025 Budget Prioritizes Infrastructure Improvements

In December 2024, Borough Council approved the 2025 Budget. The new budget prioritizes critical infrastructure improvements while maintaining high-quality services to residents. The 2025 Budget does not include increases to property taxes and sewer, stormwater, and parking rates. Trash and recycling rates do increase to align with the amounts charged by the vendor in our contract. Water rates also increase, reflecting the recommendations of a 2024 rate study. The recommended increase has been incorporated to help support debt payments for essential infrastructure improvements and capital projects.

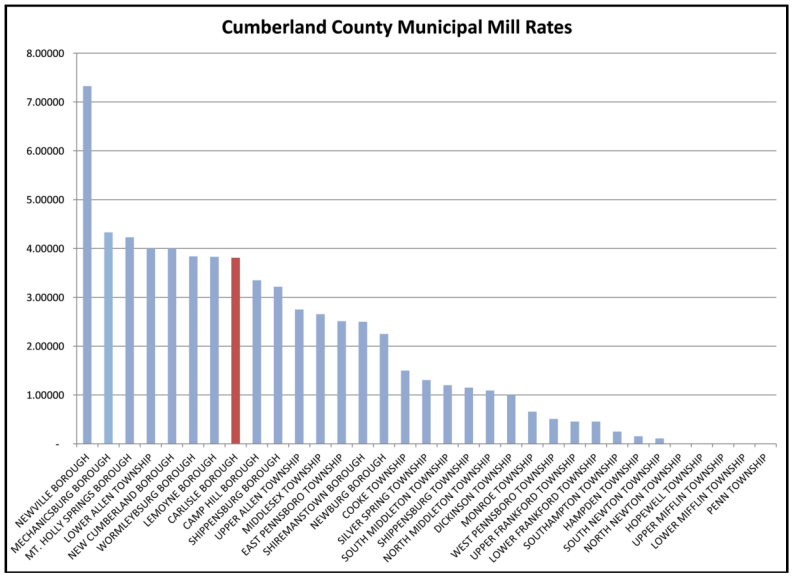
2025 Budget-in-Brief

- No Proposed Tax Increase
- Proposed Water Rate Increase
- No Proposed Sewer or Stormwater Rate Increases
- Solid Waste Fee Increases Consistent with 2023-2025 Contract
- No Proposed Parking Rate Increase

Property Taxes

The Borough's General Fund is the largest operating fund, providing funding for general government, police, fire, street maintenance, community development, code enforcement, traffic signage/signalization/control, street lighting, parks and recreation, and compost management. Property taxes remain the primary revenue source for the General Fund.

Carlisle Borough operates under a two-tiered tax structure: a General Purposes Tax of 3.058 and a Fire Services Tax of .752 which helps fund a portion of our volunteer fire departments' needs. The total tax rate for the Borough is 3.810 mils. For 2025, the owner of an average assessed home in the Borough ($180,000) will pay $685.80 in Borough property taxes.



How does the Borough's tax rate compare to the other 32 municipalities in Cumberland County? We have the eighth-highest millage rate in the county. However, we also rank second in Cumberland County for the number of tax-exempt properties, with 25.65% of properties classified as tax-exempt in 2024.

As the County seat, the Borough hosts a diverse range of charitable nonprofits, academic institutions, and government facilities. Some tax-exempt status properties

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provide annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), which contribute to the General Fund. However, these voluntary payments are unpredictable and can be less than what would be generated from similarly valued taxable properties.

Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste & Recycling, Parking

While property taxes are the primary source of revenue for the General Fund, service charges help fund our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste & Recycling, and Parking Funds

Recently, the Borough undertook a rate study to assess the water and sewer revenues needed to fund critical infrastructure improvements, including PFAS mitigation, replacing the Ridge Street water tank, and rehabilitating water and sewer lines. Based on the study's findings, the water rate will increase in 2025 from $5.95 to $6.95 per 100 cubic feet. The average single user will likely pay $77 per quarter for water, up from $66 in 2024. An average family of four could see a $306 quarterly water bill, up from $262 in 2024.

How does Carlisle compare with the rest of Cumberland County when it comes to water and sewer rates? Even with the 2025 increase, we have the fifth lowest water and sewer rates out of the 33 municipalities.

2025 Quarterly Charge Comparison for Residential Customers
12,000 gallons usage per quarter

Municipality	Water	Sewer	Total
Middlesex Twp.	31.50	47.25	$78.75
North Middleton Twp.	80.44	87.94	$168.38
Shippensburg Borough	82.33	99.83	$182.16
South Middleton Twp.	63.00	149.00	$212.00
Borough of Carlisle	108.93	122.89	$231.82
Upper Allen Twp.	156.37	99.50	$255.87
Newville Borough	162.89	112.10	$274.99
Mechanicsburg Borough	156.27	136.00	$292.37
Hampden Twp.	281.66	102.54	$384.20
Silver Spring Township	281.66	144.00	$425.66



A gallon of water still costs less than a penny in Carlisle Borough!

Additionally, the 2025 Budget does not include a rate increase for our stormwater utility fee. This dedicated fund supports stormwater management, infrastructure maintenance, compliance with our MS4 permit, and efforts to address flooding and water quality challenges.

In 2025, solid waste and recycling rates will increase to align with the amounts charged by our vendor. The new quarterly rate will be $85.86, up from $80.25, and the trash tag rate will be $8.92, up from $7.92. Borough Council recently approved an extension of our current contract through December 2027. In the meantime, staff will continue exploring alternate trash disposal options before the contract expires.

Parking rates are unchanged in 2025. The Parking Fund supports parking-related services, including the Pomfret Street Parking Garage, Borough-owned parking lots, parking metered spaces, and parking enforcement. Revenue from parking rates also contributes to the Downtown Carlisle Association and downtown economic development.

Impact of Increases

With the increases in water and solid waste rates, an average single user will see an increase of about $16.61 on their quarterly utility bill. For a family of four, this increase will be approximately $49.61 per quarter.

These increases are essential to fund critical infrastructure improvements, ensuring we can continue providing high-quality clean water for years to come.

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What will we see in 2025?

The 2025 Budget reflects our commitment to investing in critical Borough infrastructure. The Ridge Street Water Tank replacement project begins in 2025, allowing for improved water pressure and storage. We also anticipate replacing the transmission line at our treatment plant to ensure the successful transport of our water supply.

To comply with pending EPA regulations, we will also initiate a PFAS testing protocol to determine what upgrades are needed for implementing a PFAS treatment process at our Water Treatment Plant. (See pg. 5 for more.) Over at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, staff will be upgrading our Biosolids process, which will modify the way we handle and treat Biosolids, including treatment for PFAS.

Work continues on the final phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project, focusing on improvements to North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road. (See pg. 4 for more.) We will continue advancing our Vision Zero initiative, including safety improvements on Noble Boulevard and Waggoner's Gap Road.



In 2025, Parks and Recreation will begin developing a Comprehensive Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. (See pg. 15 for more.) Other planned projects include installing a mural at the Carlisle Skate Spot, resurfacing the north side of the Mooreland Tennis Court, and making improvements to the Thornwald Park Amphitheater.

The 2025 Budget can be viewed on our website at www.carlislepa.org/budget.

Advancing Our Strategic Plan

The Borough's strategic plan is built upon six strategic outcome areas that will help us achieve our vision. Throughout this newsletter you will find corresponding icons marking how our past and future initiatives align with our strategic plan! You can read the plan on our website, www.carlislepa.org.

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

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 2024

As we head into the new year, we wanted to take a moment and reflect on all that we achieved in 2024. In 2025, the Borough of Carlisle team will continue to serve proudly, meet our mission, embrace our organization's values, and advance our community's vision!

- Advanced the Borough's Strategic Plan
- Supported & Advanced Inclusivity and Equality Consistent with the Human Relations Commission
- Advanced the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Recommendations
- Enhanced Community Engagement & Transparency Efforts
- Advanced the Borough's Climate Action Plan
- Implemented Co-Responder Program
- Supported Economic Development and Redevelopment
- Obtained the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2022 and the GFOA Budget Award for FY 2023





- Obtained a Reinstated Moody's Credit Rating of Aa1
- Pursued and Obtained Various Grant Funding
- Advanced & Promoted Training & Professional Development
- Elevated Recruitment and Onboarding
- Modified Parking Program Featuring Parking Kiosks
- Advanced Public Safety Training for Borough Personnel
- Distributed over 150 Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Developed Program Assigning First Responders to Assist Victims of Fires
- Continued Police Department Fleet Conversion
- Continued Financial Support for K9 Program

- Advanced work of the Land Use Reform Subcommittee
- Completed Historic Property Survey Through Use of CLG Grant Funding
- Constructed Community Garden for the Housing Authority
- Began Final Phase of Carlisle Connectivity project
- Supported Vision Zero Initiative
- Continued Sewer System and Water Distribution System Rehabilitation Programs
- Approved PFAS Removal Pilot Testing
- Designated as a Pennsylvania Bird Town
- Grew Attendance at the Community Pool
- Collaborated with Bosler Library on Fort LeTort Story Forest and Other Programming



Final Phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project Continues

Work on the final phase of the Carlisle Connectivity Project (CCP) began in the spring of 2024.

The final 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 and 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 first several months of construction included replacing the aging cast iron water mains along North Hanover Street in the project area. Crews also performed storm sewer and water main work on Fairground Avenue near the railroad tracks. In November, the intersection of Carlisle Springs Road and North Hanover Street at the railroad tracks was closed so underground utility work could be performed.

The 5-point roundabout also began to take shape. Work on the eastern half of the center island began, as well as work on the West Penn Street splitter island. A splitter island is a raised traffic island that separates traffic in opposite directions of travel, allowing pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time, increasing safety. A retaining wall has also been built for the roundabout at the northeast corner of West Penn Street and North Hanover Street.

Crews will continue working on the project through the winter months. In January, they hope to test the newly installed water lines, finish curb work on West Penn, continue with stormwater improvements on Kerrs Avenue, and begin installing the foundation for the traffic signal pole at the intersection of North Hanover Street and Carlisle Springs Road.

For much of the remaining project, state roads should remain open without the need for detours. Some work may require temporary lane closures or restrictions. 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 anticipated to be completed by December 2025.

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

Vision Zero Update

The Borough's Vision Zero Subcommittee continues working to advance Borough Council's Vision Zero goals. Vision Zero is a strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

The Borough frequently receives requests from residents concerning speeding and other traffic hazards. Recent actions include adding speed humps on East Louther Street near Porter Avenue and installing a crosswalk near North East Street and Bedford Street. The subcommittee is also developing a traffic-calming request prioritization process to address issues with the greatest need.

Carlisle Borough recently received two grants from the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program to support the subcommittee's work. Partnering with municipalities in Cumberland and Dauphin Counties, we secured a grant for "quick build" traffic calming improvements—temporary, low-cost measures to test new street design safety improvements. The second grant will fund a consultant to help craft a Vision Zero action plan.

PFAS Pilot Testing Program to Begin

In the spring of 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the first national, legally enforceable drinking water standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

PFAS are synthetic chemicals used since the 1940s in common household and commercial products. They possess unique chemical properties that are often used to keep food from sticking to cookware, as well as maing 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.



Examples of Items Containing PFAS

To ensure we meet the EPA, as well as the state of Pennsylvania’s guidelines, 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. Our pilot testing protocol was approved for use by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in November 2024 and the necessary equipment was delivered to the plant that same month. Pilot testing is scheduled to begin in January 2025. PA DEP 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 are taking deliberate, concrete steps to control PFAS and keep the public informed of the steps taken to lower exposure through drinking water.

Grant Funding Helps Advance Initiatives

Grant funding helps the Borough and Borough Council advance its priorities while remaining fiscally responsible and not compromising essential service delivery.

Here are highlights of a few of the grants we received in the second half of 2024 that will help enhance the sustainability, accessibility, and connectivity of the Carlisle community.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant, $155,760: Develop a Vision Zero Action Plan
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program, $563,700 for two awards.
  - $100,000 to prepare a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan
  - $463,700 to coordinate Urban and Community Forestry; engage communities in planting trees and build local tree stewardship capacity
- PA Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Assistance Program Grant, $99,400; Small area plans for North Hanover Street and East High Street corridors to reform zoning, enhance pedestrian access, support mixed-use development, and preserve historic charm.
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, $250,000; To support the Borough’s Co-Responder Program for two years.

Community Co-Responder Program Provides Support

In 2024, Carlisle Borough launched the Community Co-Responder Program, the first of its kind in Cumberland County! The program is designed to address many of the barriers that individuals with mental illness and substance abuse needs face in receiving treatment. These barriers include lack of insurance or funds, lack of access to transportation, and the fear or stigma individuals can face.

Luray Schlegel began as our first Community Co-responder in March 2024 and hit the ground running! Within the first month, she received ten referrals and began building a network of resources. The program took shape over the next few months and Luray worked with our co-responder committee to fine-tune procedures, protocols, and data needs.

As our co-responder, Luray serves as the “boots-on-the-ground” catalyst and meets people where they are to get them the help they need. The Carlisle community has many services and resources available and Luray helps people navigate them. She does not just provide people with information; she assists them with completing aid applications or making phone calls, accompanies them to appointments, and sets up transportation for them. Luray regularly checks in on the individuals she helps, ensuring they make follow-up appointments and remain supported. As of November 2024, Luray has seen 140 referrals.



Luray believes that meeting individuals where they are is one of the keys to the success of the Co-Responder program.

The Community Co-Responder Program recently received a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). This funding will help sustain and expand the program, ensuring it continues supporting those in need throughout 2025 and beyond.

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

Land Use Reform: What’s on the Agenda for 2025?

The Borough’s Land Use Reform subcommittee has been exploring strategies for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). An ADU is a small residence on a single-family lot with a larger, primary dwelling. ADUs can help address housing needs and provide an affordable way for renters to live in single-family neighborhoods. In 2025, the subcommittee hopes to develop standards for essential services such as water, sewer, and trash, finalize the design codes to allow carriage houses near alleys, and propose a short-term rental licensing program.

The subcommittee also drafted a new text amendment allowing artisan manufacturing in specific zones. This initiative hopes to attract small-scale, creative businesses that align with the Borough’s character. This land use type often includes a retail component, allowing businesses to produce and sell their items on-site. This type of use currently requires a special exception or land use variance. The amendment would provide a more straightforward opportunity for an artisan manufacturing business. The amendment will be submitted to the Borough Solicitor for review in early 2025.

The subcommittee also hopes to launch small area planning for the North Hanover Street and East High Street corridors, areas that are gateways to the Borough but show signs of disinvestment and are car-oriented. Improvements in these areas would benefit existing property owners and surrounding neighborhoods. The Borough recently received a Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) Grant that could assist in this effort.

For the latest updates on Land Use Reform, visit www.carlislepa.org/lur.

Outside Agency Funding

Twice a year, Borough Council considers funding requests from organizations that want to improve Carlisle through its Outside Agency Funding. As part of the Borough's budget, Council allocates $10,000 in the spring and $10,000 in the fall of each year.

Applications for Spring funding must be received by March 30, 2025.

Applicants must demonstrate that the funds will be used for one or more of the following areas: community beautification, social programs & services, support of community activities, and education. In evaluating applications, the Borough will look at how widely the project or program benefits the Carlisle community, what the overall impact is, and how well it aligns with the Borough's goals and plans.

Previous recipients of Outside Agency Funding include the Carlisle Area Sertoma Club, Carlisle Summerfair, Project SHARE, Employment Skills Center, and the Bosler Memorial Library.

Organizations or individuals wishing to apply must submit an application by March 30 for the spring funding cycle and September 30 for the fall cycle. Funding is limited to $2,000/organization. For more information and to download an application, visit www.carlislepa.org/outsideagency.

Safety Committee Recognized

Congratulations to Carlisle Borough's Safety Committee! The group recently earned the second-highest Risk Management Report Card from Susquehanna Municipal Trust! The committee scored 145 points, earning them the title of most improved by gaining 45 points over the previous year's total!

The Borough's Safety Committee, which includes representatives from every department, works to identify and mitigate potential job-related hazards before they happen. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry recently recognized the committee as a Certified Workplace Safety Committee. This designation makes us eligible to receive a 5% discount on our annual workers' compensation insurance premium.

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 2024. Thank you all for your service to the Carlisle community!

5 Years

Detective Ryan Mennor

Marlin Swarner, Public Works Maintainer

10 Years

Monique Doleman-Campbell, Tax Collector

20 Years

Jason Hockley, WWTP Mechanic

35 Years

Jimmy Reese, Field Operations Crew Leader

40 Years

Joe Tolan, Field Operations Equipment Operator

Spreading Holiday Cheer!



Each December, the Carlisle Borough Police Department's training room is transformed into a bustling gift-wrapping hub filled with hundreds of presents for local children! This annual toy drive, led by Corporal Jamie DiMartile, supports around 130 kids each year.

Corporal DiMartile partners with local organizations like Capital Area Big Brothers Big Sisters, Safe Harbour, and Community CARES to ensure children in need don't miss out on the holiday season. The kids' wish lists are shared on the department's social media, inviting community members to purchase gifts. Volunteers then come together to wrap the gifts before they are distributed. Thanks to this community effort, children receive thoughtful gifts that make their holidays a little brighter and more joyful!

If you are interested in helping with future toy drives, contact Corporal DiMartile at jdimartile@carlislepa.org.

Checking in with the Carlisle Fire Department

The Carlisle Fire Department, comprised of Carlisle Fire & Rescue Services and Union Fire Company No. 1, works hard to serve the community, from honing their firefighting skills to ensuring families have essential safety equipment.



In 2024, the Department logged over 1,600 hours of training! Beyond the training hours required to become a certified firefighter, members participate in two drill nights a month refining skills such as hose line deployment, search and rescue, ladder drills, and vehicle rescue. Each company also holds monthly training sessions on specialized topics.

The Carlisle Fire Department is also committed to community outreach and education. The Department is in its third year of a partnership with the Carlisle Area School District to provide smoke detectors to households in need. In 2024 alone, the Department has distributed 83 smoke detectors, contributing to a total of over 150 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors shared since the program began.

It's important to note that the majority of the Carlisle Fire Department is composed of volunteers. These dedicated individuals give their time to improve their skills, ensuring they are prepared to protect the community when emergencies arise. The Department's need goes beyond fighting fires – administrative roles are also available for those who want to support this critical work behind the scenes.

If you're interested in making a difference in your community, visit www.carlislepa.org/fire and submit your application today!

Do You Need a Key Box?

The Borough of Carlisle Code requires all buildings equipped with automatic fire alarms or fire suppression systems to have a key box on the exterior of the building. The key box should contain keys to allow emergency service personnel quick access during fire alarms and emergencies. This limits property damage and provides ease of access.



If you need a key box for your business or apartment complex, email Carlisle Fire Chief Randy O'Donnell at rodonnell@carlislepa.org.

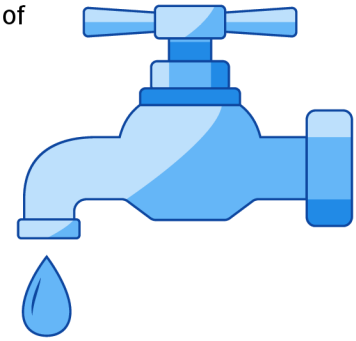
Become Water Wise

Small leaks can lead to big problems! If you've recently received a water bill that is much higher than normal, you may have a hidden leak in your home. Here are a few of the big culprits when it comes to leaks.

Toilets

A leaky toilet is typically the number one source of wasted water. It can waste hundreds of gallons of water a day. Follow these instructions if you suspect a leak:

- Place 10-15 drops of food coloring or a dye tablet in the toilet tank.
- Wait 30 minutes without flushing.
- After 30 minutes, check the water in the bowl. If it's turned color, you have a leak.



A faulty flapper is one of the most common causes of a leaking toilet. A flapper is the rubber valve in the bottom of the tank that lifts when the toilet is flashed. If the flapper is worn or cracked, water can continuously flow from the tank into the toilet bowl without flushing.

If you need to jiggle the handle to keep the toilet from running, the flush level bar and chain (or possibly the handle) may be sticking. Try adjusting the nut that secures it in the tank. If that doesn't work, you may need to replace the handle.

Faucets & Shower Heads

A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water annually! If your faucet is leaking, check the washers and gaskets for wear and replace them if necessary.

Leaky shower heads can also lead to excess water usage. A shower head leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons annually - enough water to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher! A build-up of dirt, grime, and limescale can block nozzles and cause leaks. Remove and clean the shower head thoroughly, paying close attention to the nozzles. Also, inspect the rubber washer inside the shower head and replace it if it is worn or damaged.

Need help paying your utility bill? Property owners are strongly encouraged to contact the Borough's Finance Department during business hours at 717-249-4422 if they want to make flexible payment terms for themselves or tenants.

The Carlisle Borough Homeowner Utility Assistance Program provides up to three months of public utility assistance for qualified homeowners. Visit www.cchra.com and click on "Carlisle Programs" to apply.

New Trash Tags For 2025



Trash and recycling rates have increased in 2025 to match the amounts charged by Waste Connections as part of our 2023-2025 contract. The quarterly rate is now $85.86 and the Trash Tag rate is $8.92/each. In 2025, only bags with the new red 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 green tags, you can exchange them for 2025 red 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.

Stay Warm & Save: Tips for an Energy-Efficient Winter

Keep your home cozy this winter while also keeping your electricity bills down! Here are some easy tips to make your home more energy-efficient in the cold winter months.

Let the sun shine in! Open up the curtains and the blinds on sunny days. The sun offers free and natural heat for your house. Be sure to close your draperies back up at night though. They will work to conserve heat.

Seal everything up! Ensure the weatherstripping and the seals on your windows and doors are intact and drafts are not coming in. Closing all of the doors and vents in unused rooms will also increase your energy efficiency.

Run the ceiling fan! Reversing your ceiling fan to turn clockwise can create an updraft that keeps warm air circulating in the room.

Go for the LEDs! Use LED lights and bulbs in your home. They use 75% less energy than standard incandescent lights and last 25 times longer.

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. For more information, call 717-240-6930.

Kill the Energy Vampires! Energy vampires are devices that use power even when they are turned off or in standby mode. Some common energy vampires include cable and satellite boxes, computer monitors, cell phone chargers, and video game consoles. Make it a habit to unplug devices that are not in use. You will want to unplug frequently used items such as laptops and cell phones once they are fully charged. Smart Power Strips are available that have built-in energy-saving features.

Homeowner Assistance Programs

Several programs are available for qualified homeowners to help pay for certain home repairs to correct residential code deficiencies. 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) as an interest-free deferred loan. Assistance is also available to residents who must correct curb or sidewalk deficiencies.

For information on these programs, visit www.cchra.com and click "Carlisle Programs" or call 717-240-6930.

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 - 1/20, 2/17, 5/26)

@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.











Carlisle PARKS & RECREATION
415 FRANKLIN STREET CARLISLE, PA 17013

NOW HIRING

Summer Jobs

CARLISLE Community Pool

TO APPLY: WWW.CARLISLEPA.ORG/HIRING

2025 Pool Season

May 24th - September 1st

*Please note: The CCP is **CLOSED** when Carlisle School District is in session: (5/27 - 5/30. 6/2- 6/4, August Dates TBD)*

PHONE: (717) 240-6957
ADDRESS: 1236 Franklin Street
EMAIL: pool@carlislepa.org

WEBSITE: www.CarlislePA.org/POOL
HOURS: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. daily

Pool Passes on sale 1/1/25

Daily Admission	Borough Resident	Non - Resident
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Child (3-17 years)*, Senior (55+), & Military	$6.75	$10.00
Adult (18-54 years)	$9.00	$13.50
Sunset Rate (5:00 - 7:00 PM)	$3.25	$5.50

Season Passes	Borough Resident	Non - Resident
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Child (3-17 years)*, Senior (55+), & Military	$47.50	$54.75
Adult (18-54 years)	$68.50	$75.75
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

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



*Discount only applied to third pass when you purchase 3+ pool passes



Pool Sponsorship





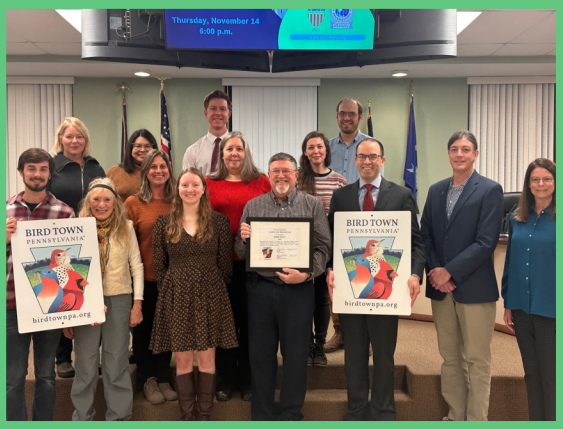
Picture your organization's name on the Welcome Banner on the front of the building, your advertising on a Fence Banner inside the pool grounds, or your logo on a Light Post Banner for all pool patrons to see!

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

BirdTown Pennsylvania



Carlisle Borough recently became the 64th Bird Town Pennsylvania Community!

Bird Town Pennsylvania works with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people.

To be recognized as a Bird Town, Borough Council passed a resolution committing to ecological initiatives that provide a healthier environment for the people and birds of Carlisle. A Bird Town Committee, consisting of Borough staff members and community volunteers, was formed and worked hard on our successful application to Bird Town. The committee will now continue to carry out the program's goals.

Visit www.carlislepa.org/birdtown to learn more and see how you can get involved!



JUNE 9 - AUGUST 15, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Extended Hours: Early: 7:30-8 AM / Late: 4-5 PM

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% OFF MARCH

Looking for LOCAL performers to fill our 2025 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

6/1 - 8/3

(no Father's Day 6/15 or Carlisle Summerfair's Symphony 7/6)!



Shaping the Future of Parks & Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department recently received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. This will be the first plan of its kind for Carlisle Borough.

The plan's purpose is to evaluate existing parks and recreation facilities, prioritize improvements to accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, analyze open spaces, vacant lots, and distressed lands, and assess current and future needs and potential enhancements. Additionally, the plan will incorporate strategies for environmental sustainability, green infrastructure, and climate resilience within parks and open spaces.

The planning process is expected to begin in 2025. Public participation will be a key component of this project, and we will continue to provide updates on the plan throughout the process.

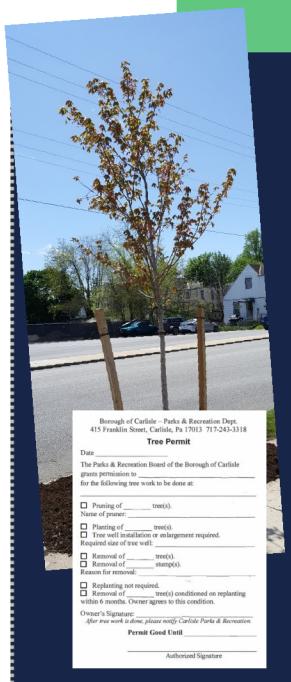
Bicycle Safety Classes



New for 2025: Bicycle Safety Classes! The classes will be conducted by Bikelisle, the Carlisle bicycle advocacy group. Youth grades 4 - 12 can learn **best safety practices**, **basic bike maintenance, and sharing the road effectively**. The classes are **free**, but participants should have elementary riding skills and bring their own bicycles and helmets. (Some helmets will be available.)

Visit www.carlislepa.org/register to sign up!

Street Trees


Borough of Carlisle – Parks & Recreation Dept.
415 Franklin Street, Carlisle, Pa 17013 717-243-3318

Tree Permit

Date _____

The Parks & Recreation Board of the Borough of Carlisle grants permission to _____
for the following tree work to be done at:

_____

☐ Pruning of _____ tree(s).
Name of pruner: _____

☐ Planting of _____ tree(s).
☐ Tree well installation or enlargement required.
Required size of tree well: _____

☐ Removal of _____ tree(s).
☐ Removal of _____ stump(s).
Reason for removal: _____

☐ Replanting not required.
☐ Removal of _____ tree(s) conditioned on replanting within 6 months. Owner agrees to this condition.

Owner's Signature: _____
After tree work is done, please notify Carlisle Parks & Recreation.

Permit Good Until _____

_____
Authorized Signature

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.

Supporting a Downtown Gem

The Carlisle Theatre has been a center of entertainment in downtown Carlisle for 85 years and counting! Recently, the theatre was awarded a $1.26 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant from the state. The funds will be used to make infrastructure improvements to both the interior and exterior, ensuring the theatre remains a vibrant entertainment hub for generations to come.

The RACP Grant requires a 1-to-1 local fundraising match, so the Carlisle Theatre has embarked on a capital campaign. In April, theatre representatives presented a request for funding to Borough Council. Council then voted in September to contribute $50,000 to the campaign. The money comes from the Parking Fund, which had $75,000 allocated for economic development initiatives.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

ICE ART FEST

It's the coolest event of the year!

The 9th Annual Ice Art Fest kicks off on Friday, January 31, 2025, with the unveiling of the UPMC Ice Throne at Veterans Courtyard on the Square in downtown Carlisle!



Ice Art Fest will feature over 100 ice sculptures, an Ice Bar, live carving demonstrations, scenic carriage rides, and much more.

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Visit www.lovecarlisle.com for the latest information on Ice Art Fest and all of the fun that happens in Downtown Carlisle!

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