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Investing in Carlisle: A Look at the 2026 Borough Budget

In December 2025, Carlisle Borough Council approved the 2026 Budget. The 2026 Budget continues to advance Carlisle's strategic plan by ensuring responsive, high-quality services, building an engaged community, managing financial resources responsibly, fostering a healthy and sustainable community, maintaining inviting and safe neighborhoods, and investing in safe and accessible infrastructure.

2026 Budget-in-Brief

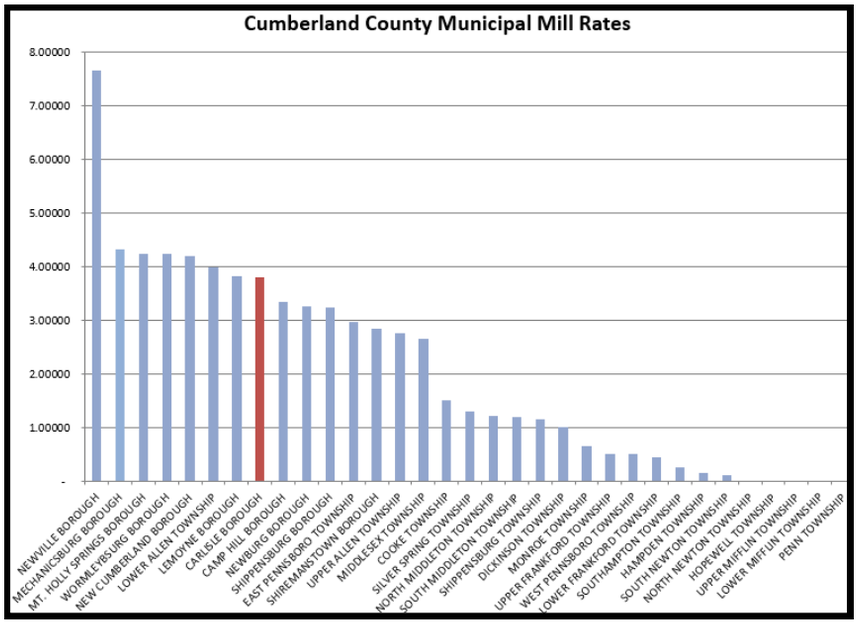
- No Tax Increase
- Water Rate Increase
- No Sewer or Stormwater Rate Increases
- Solid Waste Fee Increases Consistent with 2023-2027 Contract
- No Parking Rate Increase

The 2026 Budget does not include increases to property taxes, as well as sewer, stormwater, and parking rates. Trash and recycling rates increased to align with the amounts charged by the vendor per our 2023-2027 contract. Water rates increased based on the recommendation of a 2024 rate study. The increase will help support debt payments for essential infrastructure improvements and capital projects.

When designing the annual budget, the Borough remains dedicated to managing its financial resources responsibly. Revenues are estimated conservatively, expenditures were reduced where possible, and a continuous evaluation of market conditions is planned.

General Fund

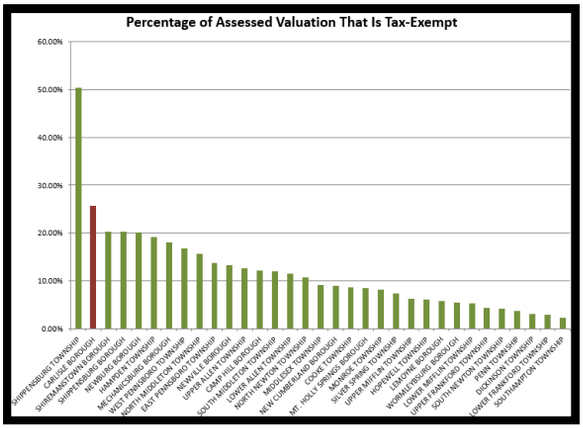
The Borough's General Fund is the largest operating fund, providing funding for general government, police, fire, street maintenance, community development, code enforcement, traffic signage/signalization/control, street lighting, parks and recreation, and compost management. Property taxes remain the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



The Borough's tax rate remains unchanged in 2026 at 3.810 mils. The owner of the average assessed home ($170,909) will pay $651.16 in real estate taxes for 2026.

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The Borough has only raised property taxes seven times since 2002, despite inflation outpacing our tax rate by 23.81%. Carlisle Borough currently has the eighth-highest millage rate in Cumberland County. However, we rank second in the county in the number of tax-exempt properties. In 2025, 25.68% of properties in the Borough were tax-exempt. While some of these tax-exempt status properties do provide annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), these voluntary payments are unpredictable and can be less than what would be generated from similarly valued taxable properties.

Adjustments to Water and Trash Rates for 2026

In 2023, the Borough entered into a professional services contract to conduct a water and sewer system rate study to ensure capital projects, such as PFAS mitigation, replacement of the aging Ridge Street water tank, and ongoing rehabilitation of our water and sewer lines, will be properly funded. Based on that study, the water rate increased in 2026 from $6.79 to $7.54 per 100 cubic feet. The average single user may see a quarterly bill of $83, up $8/quarter from 2025. The average family of four can expect to see a $332 quarterly bill, up $32/quarter from last year. Despite this increase, Carlisle Borough's water and sewer rates are the fifth lowest in Cumberland County. A gallon of water in the Borough costs about a penny!



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In 2026, solid waste and recycling rates increased to align with the amount charged by our vendor. The new quarterly rate is $91.89, and the trash tag rate is $9.92. In December, Borough Council adopted a resolution to transition solid waste and recycling services in-house at the end of our current contract. Learn more about this decision and the next steps on page 3.

What's on the Agenda for 2026?



2026 looks to be another busy year! Construction on the final stage of the Carlisle Connectivity Project is scheduled to resume in March, with a targeted completion timeline of summer 2026. Outdated traffic signal equipment along the High and Hanover Street corridors will be replaced through a PennDOT Green-Light-Go grant. The Vision Zero Subcommittee will also continue its work assessing and improving traffic management and safety, focusing on vulnerable road users.

Our Water Resources Department will complete preliminary design for PFAS removal at our Water Treatment Plant and continue design and permit work to upgrade our biosolids to a Class A product. The Water Main Replacement Project also continues. PennDOT plans roadwork in 2026 on East High Street and York Road, and the Borough has coordinated closely to complete needed water and sewer work in these areas before the paving begins. This coordination avoids disrupting newly resurfaced roads and maximizes the value of both projects.

The Parks and Recreation Department will hire a consultant in 2026 to assist with creating the Borough's first Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. This process will include extensive community engagement, so stay tuned for opportunities to share your ideas. The department will also redesign the annual

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Summer Artist Series and continue exploring more opportunities for bringing public art into our parks and facilities.

The Pomfret Street Garage will also be getting some attention in 2026. Façade repairs will be completed and we will be upgrading the garage's entry/exit and payment systems. We will also be collaborating with the Downtown Carlisle Association to repurpose parking meter poles into bike racks.



The 2026 Budget can be viewed on our website at www.carlislepa.org/budget.

Transitioning to an In-House Trash & Recycling Program

At its December meeting, Borough Council passed a resolution to begin the transition to an in-house solid waste and recycling system that will provide enhanced service quality, operational flexibility, and long-term cost stabilization.



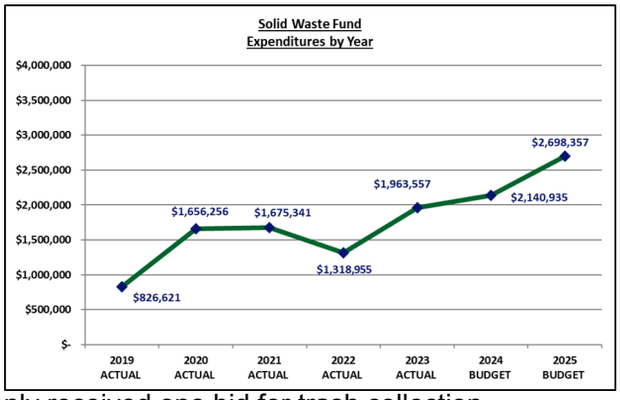
Why do we need a waste program?

Under Pennsylvania's Act 101, the Borough of Carlisle, as well as all municipalities with populations exceeding 10,000, is legally required to establish and maintain a recycling program. The Act places responsibility on the municipality to manage the collection, transportation, processing, and disposal of municipal waste and to ensure adequate service and facility capacity for all residents.

To satisfy this state mandate, the Borough has made participation in its solid waste and recycling program mandatory, giving us the volume leverage needed to keep per-household costs as low as possible. However, the landscape of waste management began shifting in 2018, causing prices to rise.

Shifting Recycling Market

For many years, recycling generated revenue for waste management companies, which often received $20 per ton for recyclables. However, in 2018, the worldwide recycling market changed dramatically when China banned most imports, forcing haulers to pay to dispose of recycling materials instead of being paid for them.



This shift caused our costs to double in 2020, from $800,000 to $1.6 million. Despite efforts to stabilize costs, prices continued to increase. In 2023, the Borough only received one bid for trash collection, highlighting a lack of market competition that further drove up prices. With just one bidder, the Borough was unable to ensure a competitive market rate, and the current contract includes 7% annual rate increases. With the contract expiring in 2027, the Borough now has an opportunity to evaluate and implement a new service model.

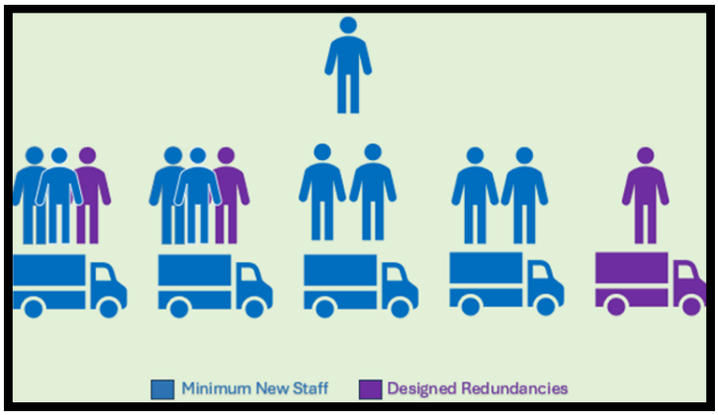
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Bringing it In-House

In 2025, a Solid Waste Municipalization Subcommittee, consisting of Borough Councilors, staff, and community members, was formed to evaluate a potential Borough-run program. The subcommittee developed a comprehensive draft operational plan to ensure reliability from day one.

The plan includes hiring additional employees, including an Operations Manager, drivers, and loaders. Staffing levels are designed with redundancies to ensure consistent service. The proposed fleet would include five rear-loader vehicles, standardized to a single truck type to simplify maintenance and parts inventory. The draft plan also includes supplying every residence with a Borough-branded trash container, complementing the existing recycling bins. Finally, the plan includes the construction of a dedicated storage facility at the Field Operations Garage.



Bringing this service in-house does require a significant upfront investment. The Borough anticipates approximately $2.4 million in capital costs for vehicles and containers, along with $1.1 million in startup operating funds to launch the program before revenue begins.

These purchases should be viewed as investments, rather than expenses. Unlike a private contract, where dollars leave the community, these funds will be used to purchase Borough-owned assets that serve residents for years to come.

Because the program is structured to cover the costs of providing an essential service, rather than to generate profit, it is expected to pay for itself relatively quickly, with a projected break-even point as early as 2029, depending on funding decisions. Over time, the savings grow. By 2037, the in-house model is expected to deliver substantial savings compared to private service, resulting in lower and more stable rates for residents.

In accordance with the resolution passed by Council, staff will begin finalizing the operational design and ordering vehicles. Service is planned to begin in January 2028, and residents will continue to receive updates as the transition moves forward. Visit www.carlislepa.org/solid_waste for the latest news.

Engaging the Community

In September of 2025, we conducted a survey to gather resident feedback on our current trash system and what improvements they would like to see.

- Over 1,300 Responses
- Residents generally satisfied with current service levels
- Many respondents would like a tiered system, offering lower costs for low-volume users
- An in-house system provides the Borough flexibility to explore tiered options

New Trash Tags For 2026



Trash and recycling rates have increased in 2026 to match the amounts charged by Waste Connections as part of our 2023-2027 contract. The quarterly rate is now $91.89, and the Trash Tag rate is $9.92/each. In 2026, only bags with the new blue tags will be collected. Tags are only needed if you have more than 40 pounds of trash in a week or an additional bag.

You can exchange unused red tags for 2026 blue tags by paying the $1 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.

2026 Compost Facility Schedule

The Borough's Post Road Compost Facility will open for the season on March 25, 2026.

Spring/Summer Hours (March 25 - August 29)
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 (September 2 - December 12)
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.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events



Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes common products used at home that contain hazardous chemicals, such as oil-based paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, and car care products. These items should never be placed in your regular trash.

Cumberland County hosts several HHW drop-off events each year, allowing residents to safely dispose of these materials for a small fee.

Scan the QR Code or visit www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/3499 to learn more and register for an event!

Recycling Right in the Borough

Recycling the right items helps ensure materials are actually recycled, keeps workers and equipment safe, reduces costs, and protects the environment. When in doubt, leave it out!

Recycle These

- Plastics #1, 2, 5, 7
- Glass bottles/containers
- Aluminum cans
- Paper (newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail)
- Corrugated cardboard (broken down no larger than 2x2 or small enough to fit in bin)

Keep These Out

- Plastic bags & film
- Food-soiled items
- Styrofoam
- Hoses, cords, clothing
- Shredded paper
- Batteries & electronics

Recycling Tips

- Empty & rinse containers (Labels do not need removed)
- Broken-down cardboard boxes can be left bundled next to your bin to save space



Grant Funding Helps Advance Initiatives

Federal and state grants help the Borough move important projects forward while staying fiscally responsible and continuing to deliver essential services. These funds are especially valuable for supporting capital projects. In Fiscal Year 2026, grants make up 45% of the Capital Projects Fund revenue. Below are several of the grants the Borough plans to utilize in 2026.

- Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Regional Transportation Plan Grant: $2,700,000 in federal funding for Carlisle Connectivity Project. Approximately $1,100,000 to be used in 2026.
- PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant: $3,867,059 in state funding for Carlisle Connectivity Project. Approximately $1,010,690 to be used in 2026.
- US Department of Transportation Safe Streets & Roads for All Grant: $155,760 in federal funding for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Approximately $100,000 to be used in 2026.
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency Public Safety Improvements Grant: $1,080,000 in federal funding related to public safety communications and software upgrades. Approximately $482,330 to be used in 2026.

What are Capital Projects?

Capital projects are long-term investments, including major purchases and improvements, such as vehicles, equipment, building upgrades, and infrastructure work.

To qualify as a capital improvement, an item must cost more than $5,000 and last at least one year, with many Borough assets serving the community for 5 to 50 years.



- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Community Conservation Program Grant: $100,000 in state funding related to the Borough's creation of a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. Approximately $90,000 to be used in 2026.
- PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant: $633,000 in state funding for the construction of a shared-use path along Waggoner's Gap.

Water Service Line Inventory Update

Notices recently went out to some property and business owners, indicating that the material of their water service line is still unknown. This notice is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's current regulatory requirements. If you received this letter and previously submitted a survey, it may be because no photograph was included, the survey was incomplete, the submission was lost in the mail, or contact information was not submitted or was incorrect.



If you received a notice, we need your help!

Under current DEP regulations, customers will continue to receive notices until the Borough has the information needed to confirm the service line material!

If you received a notice, please contact us at 717-240-6991 or scrawshaw@carlislepa.org so we can:

- Confirm that your submission was received
- Confirm that prior survey submissions included all necessary information and photographs to update our inventory map
- Assist with identifying service line material for those who need help doing so

You can also scan the QR Code to submit your information online.

Looking Back on 2025

As 2026 gets underway, we want to take a moment and reflect on all that was accomplished in 2025. The Borough of Carlisle team is proud of the progress made and remains committed in the year ahead to serving our community!

- Continued Advancement of the Strategic Plan
- Advanced the Borough's Climate Action Plan
- Expanded the Community Co-Responder Program
- Supported Economic Development and Redevelopment
- Continued Implementation of the Carlisle Urban Redevelopment Plan
- Obtained the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2023 and the GFOA Budget Award for FY 2024





- Continued Employee & Community Engagement
- Advanced & Promoted Training & Professional Development Programming for Borough Employees
- Maintained the Moody's Credit Rating of Aa1
- Continued Robust Fire Safety Education Programming
- Established a Fire Department Safety Committee and Department-wide Safety Officer
- Continued Police Department Fleet Conversion, including adding First Fully Electric Vehicle
- Continued Successful Fundraising Efforts for Self-Sustaining K9 Program

- Flushed & Televised 8,358 Feet of Sanitary Sewer Main
- Completed Leak Detection for Entire Water System and Repaired Identified Leaks
- Upgraded Pedestrian Curb Ramps in Conjunction with Roadwork
- Worked with PennDOT to Install Lead Pedestrian Intervals at Eight Signalized Intersections
- Constructed Community Garden on North West Street With Neighborhood Participants
- Completed Skate Spot Mural as Community Art Project via Grant with CAIU and the PA Council on Arts
- Completed Installation of New Equipment and ADA-Accessible Amenities at Heberlig Palmer Park
- Refurbished Basketball Courts at Memorial Park



A Brighter, More Welcoming Downtown!

New Murals, Kiosks, and Greenery Enhance Downtown Carlisle

Thanks to a tourism grant from the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), the Downtown Carlisle Association completed several beautification projects, making the downtown even more welcoming for residents and visitors!



The biggest project is the refreshed mural located at 49 West High Street. The original black-and-white mural featuring iconic Carlisle figures Molly Pitcher, Benjamin Rush, and Jim Thorpe had been deteriorating over the past several years. Wayne Fettro, the artist who painted the original, provided the new, full-color design. The mural was installed using AlumiGraphic panels, which will hold up better against the elements, ensuring the mural lasts for a long time.

A four-corner street mural was also installed at the intersection of Pomfret and Pitt Streets. A version of the mural was also painted near the entrance of the Pomfret Street Parking Garage. The finished designs provide a vibrant pop of color and reinforce the creative energy of the Pomfret Street corridor.

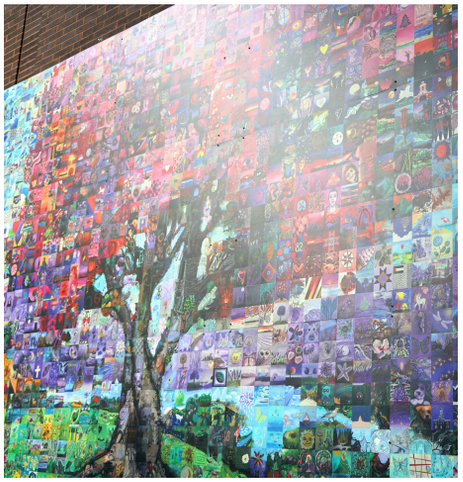
Downtown Carlisle is now also home to two kiosks designed to help people better navigate downtown. The kiosks, located near the Old Courthouse and on West High Street, provide visitors with easy access to maps, event details, and community information.

Grant funding was also used for streetscape improvements. Twenty-six new planters, along with bushes and boxwoods, were installed at the square and along Pomfret Street. The downtown tree wells were also refreshed with new plants and mulch.

While not part of the CAEDC grant funding, another mural was installed on West High Street in October. The DCA partnered with Mural Mosaic's Global Roots Project for a community art piece that celebrates connection, creativity, and Carlisle's unique spirit. The mural consists of tiles that were hand-painted by residents, as well as participants from all over the country.







Stay up to date with all of the downtown Carlisle happenings by visiting www.lovecarlisle.com!

Drive Safe, Carlisle



Whether you're commuting, running errands, or just driving across town, the choices we make behind the wheel affect everyone who uses our streets. Many of the safe driving tips we share are not only common-sense practices, but also laws designed to protect drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and neighbors alike.

Quick Tips

Slow Down
Speed limits are set for safety, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

Put Your Phone Away
Distracted driving puts everyone at risk.

Buckle Up
Seat belts save lives, even on short trips.

Stop Completely
Rolling stops at intersections endanger pedestrians and cyclists.

Share the Road

Watch for Pedestrians
Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks

Give Cyclists Space
Leave at least 4 feet when passing cyclists.

Check Twice Before Turning
Look out for pedestrians, cyclists, and oncoming traffic.

Use Turn Signals
Let everyone know your intentions in advance.

Vision Zero Update



Formed in 2023, the Borough's Vision Zero Subcommittee supports the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Borough-owned streets by 2033.

Since its formation, the subcommittee has advanced several safety improvements. At the Carlisle Skate Spot, eight concrete-reinforced steel bollards were installed along the sidewalk to prevent vehicles traveling on Fairground Avenue from driving onto pedestrian areas.

In addition, "Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians" signs have been installed at several key intersections throughout the Borough to highlight pedestrian activity and encourage safer driving behavior.

The subcommittee is also developing an Active Transportation Plan. Public meetings are planned for the first half of 2026, offering opportunities for residents to help shape the future of non-motorized transportation in the Borough. Details will be posted at www.carlislepa.org/atp.

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 2025. Thank you all for your service to the Carlisle community!

5 Years
Randy Clark, Construction Inspector
Jason Derr, Equipment Operator
K9 Officer Joseph Todaro



15 Years
Eli MaCoy, Lab Technician

20 Years
Staff Sergeant Andrew Van Volkenburg
Van Thorson, Traffic Technician

30 Years
Nicole Meals, Lab Technician

35 Years
Sandra Lorence, Executive Assistant



Meet the Carlisle PD's Newest K9 Officer!

K9 Rambo is the newest four-legged officer in the Carlisle Police Department! Rambo has been patrolling the Borough with his handler, Officer Joe Todaro, for about seven months.

Rambo is a 2-year-old German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix from the Netherlands. He is currently certified by the North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA) and K9 Guardian Inc. Rambo and Officer Todaro completed a seven-week academy, earning certification in apprehension, narcotics detection, article search, and tracking. The team continues to train biweekly at K9 Guardian Inc. and regularly during their shifts to maintain and sharpen their skills.

Rambo lives with Officer Todaro 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "This truly is a non-stop job that takes a lot of time and energy," Todaro said. "Rambo has been an incredible addition to my family, and I couldn't have asked for a better partner."

Recently, with the help of Spike's K9 Fund, a fundraiser was held to provide Rambo with a ballistic vest for more dangerous call types. Thanks to the generous support of the Carlisle community, Rambo is better protected while serving on duty!

Preventing Lithium-Ion Battery Fires at Home

Lithium-ion batteries provide a reliable source of clean power and are used in more devices every year. Chances are, you have one of these devices in your home. They can be found in smartphones, laptops, toys, e-bikes, and many other everyday items.

While rare, lithium-ion battery failures can occur and may quickly lead to a fire. According to a five-year study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 lithium-ion battery fires were reported, an average of 5,000 per year.

Lithium-ion batteries are generally safe when used and disposed of properly. To reduce risk, only purchase devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use only the battery designed for the device, insert batteries correctly, and charge them using the cord that came with the device. Never charge a device or battery under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch, and avoid charging once the battery is fully charged. Keep batteries at room temperature and away from anything that could catch fire.

Stop using a battery *immediately* if you notice any of the following:

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



If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. These batteries can explode, and fire can develop rapidly. ***Call 9-1-1****.*

Lithium-ion batteries should NEVER be disposed of in your regular trash or recycling!

The Rotary Club of Carlisle – Sunrise is planning to host a lithium-ion battery recycling event in the spring. If you have old lithium-ion batteries or rechargeable devices taking up space at home, this is a great opportunity to dispose of them safely and responsibly. We will share more details on our website when they become available. Many retailers, such as Lowe's and Home Depot, also have battery recycling drop boxes.

Winter Stormwater Tips

Winter is here, and with it comes snow, frozen ground, and slippery sidewalks. These winter conditions also change the way stormwater moves around the Borough. In warmer months, rain quickly flows into the storm drains. But when it's cold, precipitation often falls as snow and can sit on frozen ground for days, even weeks, before it reaches the storm drain system. Frozen ground also slows water from soaking into lawns and other natural surfaces, which can sometimes lead to unexpected, localized flooding. Also, de-icing materials and pollutants like heavy metals or trash can build up in snow piles.

How Can You Help?

- Place snow piles on lawns or other natural areas where stormwater can soak into the ground.
- Use only the amount of de-icing materials you need and clean up any spills quickly.
- When spring or a warm spell arrives, remove any leftover residue from melted snow piles.



Much of the Borough's stormwater drains to Letort Spring Run, so by following these simple tips, we can all help keep our waterways and environment clean and safe!

Why Maintaining Your Sewer Connection Matters

The Borough's sanitary sewer system is designed to carry wastewater from toilets, sinks, showers, and other plumbing fixtures to the Carlisle Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both the sewer pipes and the treatment plant are built to handle a limited amount of flow. When stormwater enters the system, it can overwhelm pipes and place extra strain on the treatment plant.

Stormwater often enters the sanitary sewer through cracked or aging service laterals, unsealed cleanout caps, or damaged pipe joints. Tree roots, aging infrastructure, and even lawn equipment can contribute to this type of damage.

Did You Know?

Rainwater from roofs, foundations, or sump pumps shouldn't go into the sanitary sewer! Connecting them to our sanitary sewer system is not allowed under Borough code.

Keeping your private sewer connection properly maintained helps protect public health, the environment, and the wastewater system. Borough code requires property owners to maintain their private sanitary sewer connection to the public system.

For more information on Borough code and the Borough's wastewater and stormwater systems, please visit the Borough's website.

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 - 2/16, 5/25)

@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 Jobs

Carlisle Parks & Rec Summer Day Camp

CARLISLE Community Pool

TO APPLY: WWW.CARLISLEPA.ORG/HIRING

POUND® *(ages 18+)*

POUND® is the world's first cardio jam session inspired by the energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. This is a full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga/ Pilates-inspired movements. **Please bring a floor mat. Sticks will be provided.*

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
THURS	2/26 - 4/2	6:00 - 6:45 PM	$53/R, $60/NR
THURS	4/16 - 5/28 *(no 4/23)*	6:00 - 6:45 PM	$53/R, $60/NR

Location: Carlisle Fire and Rescue, 177 Carlisle Springs Rd

NEW

POUND in the Park!!!

TUESDAY 4/21 - 5/26
10:00 - 10:45 AM
$53/R, $60/NR

Location: Valley Meadows Park, 203 Meadow Blvd, Carlisle

Bicycle Safety Class *(ages 13-17)*

Biking Safely classes are conducted by Bikelisle, the Carlisle bicycle advocacy group. Teens can learn best safety practices, basic bike maintenance, and sharing the road effectively.

Participants are expected to have elementary riding skills and bring their own bicycle & helmet. (Some helmets will be available.)

Pre-registration at least a week in advance is required.

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
SAT	4/11	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FREE

Location: *Carlisle Community Pool Parking Lot*

Bike Rodeo *(ages 8-12)*

Join us for a fun and interactive Bike Rodeo, brought to you by Bikelisle, and designed to teach kids essential biking skills. This class includes skill-building activities like obstacle courses, hand-signal practice, and stations that focus on balance, braking, signaling, and navigating simulated street scenarios. Participants are expected to have elementary riding skills and bring their own bicycle & helmet.

Location: Memorial Park, 149 West Penn St., Carlisle, PA

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
SAT	4/25	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	FREE

Pollinator-Friendly Native Rain Garden Workshop *(ages 18+)*

Do you want to create a beautiful rain garden that both supports pollinators and helps you manage local stormwater? This workshop will cover site selection, rain garden maintenance and design, and how to choose the right native plants for your property. There will be time during the workshop for participants to design their own native rain gardens and receive feedback.

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
TUE	5/12	6:30 - 8:00 PM	FREE

Rain Barrel Conversion Workshop

Rain barrels capture stormwater and allow you to use it for things like watering your garden while reducing the amount of runoff on your property! Attend this hands-on workshop to learn how to create a rain barrel and make it work for your property. For $40, participants will receive a barrel and a conversion kit. Participants who only want training and an unconverted barrel can attend for free, but must still register.

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
TUE	4/28	6:30 - 8:00 PM	$40/R, $44/NR

CPR/First Aid Classes *(ages 14+)*

Adult CPR/First Aid:
Recognize the signs of and learn the skills to respond to cardiac, choking and first aid emergencies for adults. Participants will receive American Red Cross certification for 2 years.

Pediatric CPR/First Aid:
Recognize signs and learn skills to respond to cardiac, choking and first aid emergencies for infants and children. Participants will receive American Red Cross certification for 2 years.

DAY	CLASS	DATE	TIME	COST
TUE	ADULT	4/7	6:00 - 7:30 PM	$72/R, $80/NR
WED	PED	5/6	6:00 - 7:30 PM	$72/R, $80/NR

Pasta Making *(ages 18+)*

Come learn how to make homemade pasta from scratch. Using organic, fresh ingredients, you will create a beautiful pasta dough to take home and use in a recipe later that week or that night! Enough to make a pound and a half of pasta with most shapes.

DAY	DATE	TIME	COST
WED	2/18	5:30 - 7:00 PM	$30/R, $33/NR

Registration can be done online (www.carlislepa.org/register), in-person (415 Franklin St.), or over the phone (717-243-3318)

2026 Pool Season

May 23rd - September 7th

*Please note: The CCP is **CLOSED** when Carlisle School District is in session:*
(5/26 - 5/29, 6/1- 6/5, 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

Season Pool Passes

Season pool passes are now on sale online at www.carlislepa.org/pool, as well as in-person or over the phone. You can purchase passes over the phone by calling 717-243-3318 or in-person at the Stuart Community Center, located at 415 Franklin Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. **Don't miss our preseason discounts!**

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



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

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





Pool Sponsorship

Dive in and support the Carlisle Community Pool this summer by advertising your business on one of our sponsorship banner options! The pool averages over 900 members each year, has nearly 20,000 people in attendance per season, and has been serving people of all ages in the area since 1968.

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







Carlisle Parks & Rec

Summer Day Camp

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 14
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY
(ages 5-12)

2026 SDC Weeks + Themes

Week 1 6/8 - 6/12:	Kickoff to Summer
Week 2 6/15 - 6/19:	World Cup of Sports
Week 3 6/22 - 6/26:	Where In The World?
Week 4 6/29 - 7/2:	Stars & Stripes (Closed 7/3)
Week 5 7/6 - 7/10:	Creative Kids!
Week 6 7/13 - 7/17:	STEAM-ing Through Summer
Week 7 7/20 - 7/24:	SDC's Got Talent
Week 8 7/27 - 7/31:	Super Heroes!
Week 9 8/3 - 8/7:	Animals & Nature
Week 10 8/10 - 8/14:	Farewell Summer

COST PER WEEK

Full Time (5 days/week)
$160/resident, $175/non-resident

Part Time (3 days/week)
$120/resident, $133/non-resident

Part Time (2 days/week)
$94/resident, $103/non-resident

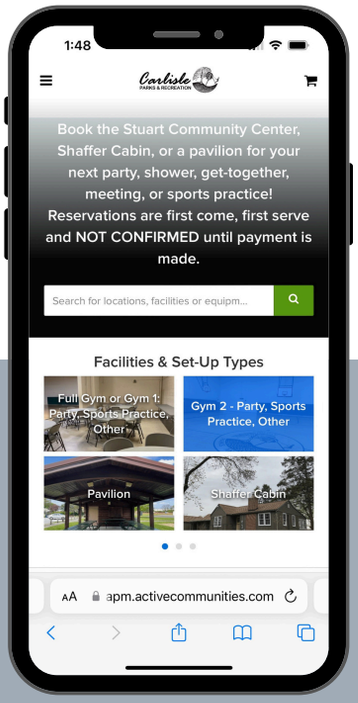
Extended Care - $5/early AM (7:30 - 8:00AM)
$15/late PM (4:00 - 5:00PM)

Included in cost: T-Shirt, pool trips Tue/Fri, pizza lunch every Wed.

For More Information: Go to www.CarlislePA.org/Camp

Registration Opens 3/7/26

10% OFF MARCH



FACILITY RESERVATION REQUEST

AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Staff will be in contact for payment by the following business day to confirm the reservation

www.CarlislePA.org/RESERVE

SHADE TREES

Carlisle's Shade Tree Commission promotes the planting and care of street trees to reap the aesthetic and environmental benefits of shade trees. Each year, Carlisle Parks and Recreation plants about two dozen free street trees for borough property owners, as funds are available. Sidewalk cuts are included. Late or excess applications will be considered for future plantings.



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

STREET TREE PLANTING

Application Deadlines:
Spring — March 1
Fall — September 1

CodeRED™

Important Update

In November 2025, our emergency alert provider experienced a data breach. Thankfully, no personal information was accessed, and we were moved to a more secure platform. However, due to the way backup data was restored, anyone who registered for CodeRED after March 31, 2025, will need to re-register to continue receiving emergency alerts.

Scan the QR Code to register. For help registering, you can contact Stephanie Taylor, the Borough's Public Information Coordinator, at 717-240-6916 or staylor@carlislepa.org.

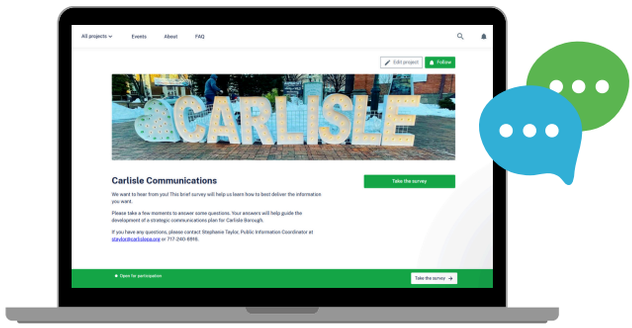
We will perform a test of the CodeRED system on March 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Communications Survey

We want to hear from you about how you hear from us!

We are conducting a resident survey to help evaluate the types and methods of communication that work best for our community. Your feedback will help ensure we use the most effective tools to share information with you!

You can take the survey online at www.carlislepa.org/engage. We also have paper copies available at Borough Hall, 53 West South Street, and the Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin Street.



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