



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Town of Carlisle

AUGUST 2024

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Welcome Layne Lencki-Barlow!

Layne is our newest DPW Driver/Laborer. Layne joins us from JABRA and has previous experience as a machinist/delivery driver for Brooks Precision Machining and a supervisor for UPS. If you see him working around town, be sure to say hello!



Welcome Laura Duff!



Laura is our new part time Public Health Nurse for the Board of Health! Laura joins us from Great Meadows Health Collaborative, and is completing her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Nurse Leadership at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Welcome to Carlisle!



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From Town Administrator Ryan McLane

August is public construction month here in Carlisle! While residents can expect some traffic delays, the result will be improved Town infrastructure/safety in multiple locations.

Town Officials continue to visit these sites daily and monitor progress on these important summer projects.

Greenough Barn

The sustainable deconstruction of the Greenough Barn nears completion. The final project stage includes moving the so-called middle section and preserving the Cupola and slate roof tiles for future Town use. The Historical Society plans to turn the Cupola into an information Kiosk on the Greenough Land. 95 percent of the Barn will be recycled for future use. A special thanks to Town Planner Julie Mercier for her hard work and advocacy on this project.



Curve and Maple Street

Grant funding from the Commonwealth allowed Town Officials to install safety rails in both locations. The Curve Street project is complete. The Maple Street project will begin on August 19th.

Westford Street Culvert

Repair work for the collapsed culvert on Westford Street began August 12. Although the project includes a significant detour, the contractor expects to complete the work in 7-10 days. This culvert collapsed earlier this summer, requiring an emergency procurement and temporary replacement. The long-term fix for this culvert will be discussed during capital planning.



From the Town Administrator, Continued from Page 3



Dog Park (Banta-Davis Land)

Tree clearing and site work will begin this week after permits are secured. This park is being built mostly due to private grant funding from the Stanton Foundation and the McMorrow Family. While the bulk of the work will be completed by the end of September, the project will not finalize until the late Fall.

2024 Paving Projects

The following Road list will see construction activity in the next two weeks as the DPW overseas surface repairs and treatments.

- * Church
- * Curve
- * River
- * Prospect
- * Proctor
- * School

COFFEE HOUR
with the Town
Administrator

Town Administrator Ryan
McLane will be available
for conversations and
coffee!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
10AM-11AM
FERNS COUNTRY STORE

From the Trails Committee

The Trails Committee replaced an existing boardwalk on the north end of the River Trail that had floated off its foundation and damaged during the winter and spring when the Concord River was in an exceedingly high state. The construction occurred on Saturday, 7/20, with 10 Trails Committee members and volunteers participating. See additional details below. This was completed just-in-time, the 15 participants on the Riverfest Walk on 7/21 utilized the bridge!



From the Council on Aging and Human Services



Summertime fun with the COAHS! We had perfect weather for our July Ice Cream Social at Kimball's. Mark your calendars for the next one on August 22! Call COAHS at 978-371-2895 to sign up.

In early August, a group of COAHS art aficionados had a fantastic time exploring the annual juried exhibition at the Danforth Museum, located at Framingham State University.



The BackTrack Band rocked the library lawn on August 7. Thanks to the Cultural Council for sponsoring this event. We were lucky the rain cleared in time, allowing everyone to enjoy the evening air while soaking in the harmony-rich vocals that brought hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s to life.

From the Department of Public Works

Jim Hall, DPW Director

Howdy Folks!

Here are some important updates for you. We have a lot going on as I'm sure you all are well aware of. First on the list we have the Greenough Barn deconstruction which is moving swiftly. Secondly, the culvert replacement on Westford St. is also moving ahead of schedule and the finishing touches should be completed by 8/21. Third, the guardrail project on Curve St. And Maple St. Is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Lastly, we have started our milling and paving project (see website for locations). This should be completed just in time for that most wonderful time of the year! When all the kiddos' head back to school! As always, we thank you for your patience and support!

Jim



School Committee August Update

In July the school committee voted to approve Carlisle Public School participation in Climate Leader Communities Program, endorsing the creation of a road map to sustainability. A recording can be found [here](#).

We also held a joint meeting with the Select Board to discuss the Highland building and shared resources with the Town. Prior to the joint meeting, School Committee members toured the Highland building to observe the space and condition.

On August 15, 2024, the School Committee will meet for planning and goal setting for the 2024 -2025 school year. Additionally, we will adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) with no intent to return to Open Session: (Purpose 3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Carlisle Teachers' Association.

On August 26th, the School Committee Chair will welcome the staff back for the school year.

Don't forget about the Earthwise Community Challenge!

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Ah, the lazy days of summer. Among all the season's enjoyment, please don't forget about the Earthwise Community Challenge!

Visit the Environmental Sustainability Committee's [webpage](#) to see how you can integrate environmental practices into your summer activities.



From the Agriculture Commission

The Agriculture Commission is being reinvigorated with five members two of which are new to the Commission. Past members John Lee, Andrew Rogers and Steve Huberman return. They are joined by new members Marjie Findlay and Chris Fielding. The role of the 'AgComm' is to support the practice of agriculture in Carlisle and to attempt to resolve misunderstandings that may arise between a farmer and anyone who may take issue with his/her practice.

From the Conservation Administrator

This September, the Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its 2024 Fall Plant, Bulb and Seed Sale. They have numerous plants available including wildflowers, shrubs, trees, grasses, sedges, seeds, seed mixes, and ornamental bulbs. Over 40 options available to you! The ordering deadline is September 6th - please visit <https://middlesexconservationdistrict.org/> for more information.

Join Carlisle MA Nature Photos and Discussions!

Do you like to learn and admire photos, ask questions about trails, or connect with other folks who like nature? Join Carlisle MA Nature Photos and Discussions, a Facebook group run by resident and volunteer Judy Asarkof! The group has a variety of people who either live in or visit Carlisle and offers a place to share exciting sightings, stories, discussions, events and more!

Pictured is a Meadow Beauty found at the Cranberry Bog and in Towle Field.



Gretchen Gallimore receives Associate MCPPO Designation



On August 7, Executive Assistant Gretchen Gallimore received her Associate MCPPO (Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official) designation. Award of this designation demonstrates commitment to excellence in public procurement. Recipients of an MCPPO Designation have successfully passed three examinations, completed at least 60 hours of professional training, met experience requirements, complied with continuing education requirements, and received a CORI (criminal record) check. Congratulations, Gretchen!



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BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES AS OF AUGUST 2024

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE
CEMETERY TASK FORCE (NEW!)
DIMENT PARK SUBCOMMITTEE (NEW!)
FINANCE COMMITTEE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION (ASSOCIATES)
SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TRANSFER STATION ACTION COMMITTEE
YOUTH COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ASSOCIATE)



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM:
CARLISLEMA.GOV/FORMCENTER/BOARD-OF-SELECTMEN-4/VOLUNTEER-APPLICATION-FORM-43

TOWN OF CARLISLE



Cultural Council News August 2024



FY25 Local Cultural Grant Round

The annual **Local Cultural Council** grant round is coming up! Funds for this round of grants are provided by The **Massachusetts Cultural Council**. The application period runs from September 1 through October 16.

Organizations and individuals are eligible to apply for grants in support of cultural events, lectures or workshops that will benefit Carlisle residents. **Now** is the time to be planning programs that will take place through December 2025.

Visit the [MCC website](#) to learn more. Check our [local priorities](#) before applying. We will update these for FY25 by August 31.

The members of the Carlisle Cultural Council are committed to promoting the arts, music, history, culture and the humanities in Carlisle. We serve the community by supporting both participatory and audience-based cultural and arts activities which benefit local residents.

What we mean by culture: music, dance, theater, fine art, pop art, graphic arts, sculpture, photography, multimedia, fiber arts, ethnic customs, culinary arts, humanities, literature, poetry, nature, gardening, woodworking, ceramics, storytelling, history, science, language and more...

We look forward to some exciting program ideas!



Meet Our New (and Old) Members!

We are thrilled to welcome **Laurelyn Roberts** and **Kristi Wynn** to the Cultural Council! Both bring great ideas about enhancing cultural experiences in Carlisle.

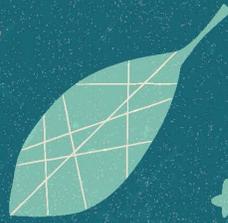
Jenn Albanese
Chris Brenne, Clerk
Debbie Bentley, Co-chair
Amanda Kern
Dan Lennon

Mark Levitan, Co-chair
Vrinda Pathak, Treasurer
Laurelyn Roberts
Kristi Wynn

Meet us at our annual Grant Recipient reception in September. See the announcement in this issue.



Carlisle
Cultural
Council



INVITES YOU TO A
GRANTEE
RECEPTION

CELEBRATING
2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

WEDNESDAY

4:00
TO

SEPT 25

5:30

CARLISLE CENTER PARK

CELEBRATE CULTURAL PROGRAMMING IN CARLISLE

LEARN ABOUT FALL 2024 GRANT ROUND

MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF CENTER PARK

CULTURALCOUNCIL@CARLISLEMA.GOV

RSVP BY 9/18



@CARLISLECULTURALCOUNCIL

RAIN DATE 9/26

CLIMATE RESILIENCE OFFICE HOURS



Chat with Carlisle's Town Planner and Sustainability Coordinator about planning for Carlisle's climate resilient future!

 Where: Carlisle Town Hall, 66 Westford Street, Carlisle, MA 01741

 When: 1st Tuesday of the Month, 11am - 1pm

For information on language services, or other questions, contact:

 jmercier@carlislema.gov



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Accessory Apartments 2024 Updates to Bylaw

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW AMENDMENTS

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 7:30 PM - CLARK ROOM & ZOOM:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81511714725?pwd=bqzoY3LALFptrXVfVePUuQ8kNZNV8T.1>

Meeting ID: 815 1171 4725

Carlisle's requirements for Accessory Apartments are proposed to change



**Carlisle Planning Board
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, September 9th
7:30 PM
Clark Room & Zoom**

Questions? Comments?
Julie Mercier, Town Planner
jmercier@carlislema.gov



Scan the QR code above or
click the link below
to read all about it!

<https://www.carlislema.gov/1196/Accessory-Apartment---2024-Updates-to-By>

From the Gleason Public Library

Tree Lady StoryWalk

The Gleason's annual StoryWalk®, combining both our love of reading and the great outdoors, will be on display through August 27th along the back pathway between the library and the school. This year's StoryWalk® features the picture book *Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever*, written by H. Joseph Hopkins and illustrated by Jill McElmurray. "Unearth the true story of green-thumbed pioneer and activist Kate Sessions, who helped San Diego grow from a dry desert town into a lush, leafy city known for its gorgeous parks and gardens." Visitors of all ages will enjoy the beauty of the wooded pathway, while reading and spending time together.



This StoryWalk® is sponsored by our wonderful Friends of the Gleason Public Library. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Teen Summer Homework Study Session

Need to get your summer homework done before school starts? The Gleason Library is the place to go! On Thursday, August 22nd, from 5 to 8:30 p.m., we will provide a dedicated study space for any CCHS students who want to finish up their assignments, plus snacks. Grab a friend and drop by. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Gleason Public Library.

Gleason Library Hours

Summer Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. are in effect at the Gleason Public Library through August 24th. The Gleason will be closed for Labor Day weekend on Saturday, August 31st, through Monday, September 2nd. Regular Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. resume Saturday, September 7th.

Summer Reading Challenge Deadline

Summer Reading Challenges at the Gleason close Tuesday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. For all ages Pre-K through Adult, read your way to a Bingo and win a prize. Fill all the squares on your Bingo card for a blackout and win a bigger prize!

In addition to the book bingo, kids entering grades K through 8 can keep track of your reading to earn raffle entries this summer! Get one raffle ticket for every 15 minutes you read. Bring your reading log to the library to receive your tickets, and then choose which raffle prize you'd like to try to win.

Entries close Tuesday, August 27th, at 5 p.m., and raffle winners will be notified later that week. Thank you to the Friends of Gleason Public Library for sponsoring the summer reading challenges!

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Grandparents & Grandkids Story Time and Breakfast

Come celebrate Grandparent's Day with us on Saturday, September 7th at 10 a.m.! Join us for a special story time and breakfast for grandparents and grandkids. All seniors and kids (ages 3+) are invited! Please note a special someone doesn't have to be a grandparent/grandchild specifically to join in on the story time fun. We'll read stories, sing songs, and eat delicious waffles together. This intergenerational program is sponsored by the Carlisle Council on Aging and Human Services, the Gleason Public Library, and the Friends of the Gleason Public Library. Please visit gleasonlibrary.org/events to register.



ATTENTION PLEASE!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A very generous donor has offered to **match up to \$100,000** to the Gleason Capital Campaign!

Your contribution can have **double impact** if done by **September 13, 2024!**

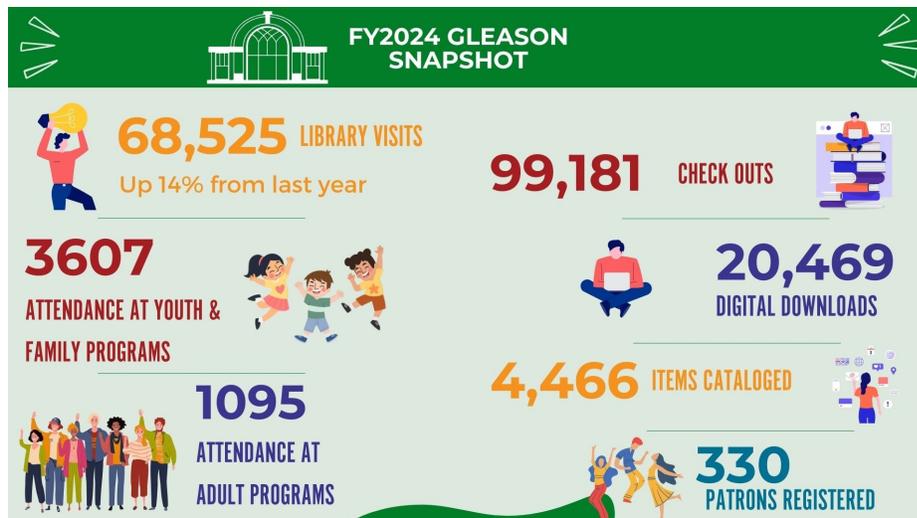
Contact GleasonCapitalCampaign@gmail.com or visit gleasonlibrary.org for more information!



Stargazing Party at Banta-Davis Field

Join us for an evening of stargazing at Banta-Davis Field on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7 p.m. We'll go stargazing with Kelly Beatty, Senior Editor at Sky & Telescope, and members of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston. They will bring along their telescopes to get a great look at the night sky. This program is for all ages (recommended for ages 5+). We will need clear skies, so please check the website for updates. The Rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00PM If you have a question, please contact Holly Mansfield at hmansfield@carlislema.gov or Jenn @childrens@gleasonlibrary.org. Register online at carlislema.myrec.com/info/activities

This fun event is sponsored by the Carlisle Recreation Dept, the Gleason Public Library, the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston, and the Aldrich Astronomical Society.



MBTA COMMUNITIES

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR CARLISLE?

THE FACTS

Under the MBTA Communities Act, Carlisle is considered an **adjacent small town**. This means we must zone for **5%** of the town's housing stock, or **95 new units**, at a minimum gross density of **15 units per acre**.



!! ALL DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO MBTA COMMUNITIES ZONING WILL BE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 5 AND THE WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT !!

COMPLIANCE



Carlisle has until **December 2025** to comply. **Non-compliance** means the town will be ineligible for critical state funding and puts the town at risk of **civil enforcement action**.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The **MBTA Communities Subcommittee** is exploring the feasibility of compliance by **analyzing areas of town** and **zoning tools**. We are currently receiving free technical assistance from a consultant.



LEARN MORE: <https://www.carlislema.gov/1195/MBTA-Communities>

TAKE OUR SURVEY & TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS:



Access the survey at this link:
<https://rb.gy/orpm04>

The survey is meant for Carlisle residents only. It is 8 questions and should take ~ 5 minutes.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Town Planner Julie Mercier
jmercier@carlislema.gov



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