



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Town of Carlisle

SEPTEMBER 2024

Our Town Hall is coming to Center Park!

Residents are invited to visit the Town Hall in Center Park on **October 2, 2024, from 9-11am and 1-3pm**. Each Department will highlight key initiatives and answer resident questions.

So far, we have the following scheduled:

Town Administrator and Select Board – Provide your input about the FY26 budget and the Town’s proposed building projects.

DPW, Police, and Fire – The proposed “Touch a Truck” event is sure to draw a crowd, as is the opportunity to speak with our Director or Chiefs about paving and public safety.

Planning – Here is your chance to ask our Town Planning about Accessory Dwelling Units, MBTA Communities, and the Town’s new GIS system!

Building – Have a permitting or zoning question or want to apply for a permit from your phone? Our Building staff will be available to help you.

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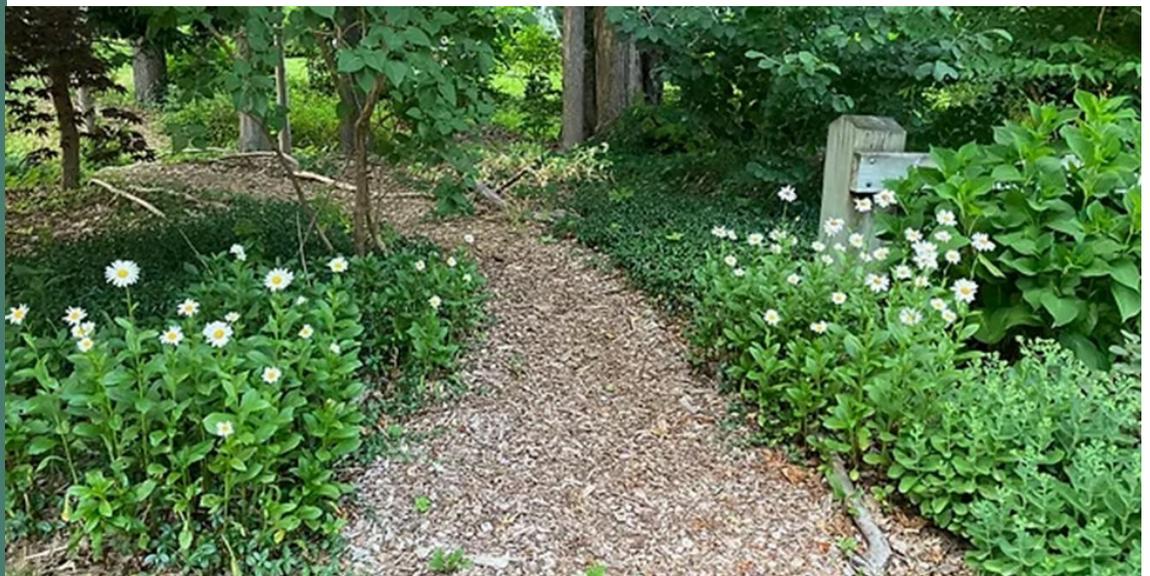


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COAHS – Learn about our incredible senior programming or the blanket of services the Town can provide to your loved one in need.

Sustainability – Meet the Town’s hardworking sustainability coordinator and learn about what Carlisle is doing to fight climate change.

And even if you are not interested in our Town Hall programming, we understand if you just want to visit one of the Town’s most beautiful spaces. For more about Center Park and the volunteer effort that makes it special, visit: <https://www.centerparkcarlislema.org/>



TOWN HALL IN THE PARK

Center Park

Wednesday, October 2

- 9-10am
- 1-2pm



*Plus a “Touch a Truck” event
with Police, Fire and DPW!*

Sustainable Pointers for Autumn Gardening

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Now that these beautiful early autumn are drawing many of us out to our gardens for some seasonal work, here are some sustainable choices to consider:

- Plant some native, non-cultivar species in your garden. Fall is a great season for planting. Why not add beauty and meaningful support for insects and birds to your garden? As a bonus, once established, native plants require far less time, water, chemicals and care than non-native species.
- Kill the lawn. Okay, kill a part of the lawn. If considering a reduction in the size of your lawn in favor of more beneficial habitat, now is the perfect time to begin the project. Manual digging and removing grass works well in a small area, especially if the new flower bed will be planted this fall. Alternatively, covering the designated area with cardboard (brown, with as little lettering as possible) and covering it with fallen leaves will allow the material to degrade over the winter while the lawn beneath is starved. In the spring, you can gently remove the leaves and cardboard pieces or plant through it. While a tarp can also work, it should be removed in the spring. Also, do keep in mind that tarps break down when exposed to the elements, introducing micro plastics to the soil. Whatever the option, the newly cleared soil should not remain exposed since disturbed soil is a magnet for invasive plants.
- Remove some invasive plants. While spring is the optimal time to remove invasives (before they do to seed), you might as well remove any you come across as you work in the garden.
- Leave the leaves, branches and flower stalks. Fallen leaves provide excellent nutrients and moisture control for the garden. Leaves, branches and flower stalks also provide shelter and nutrients for overwintering insects and wildlife while seeds on “dead” flower stalks are a vital food source for birds.
- Switch to electric equipment. For any clearing of areas where it is not practical to leave the leaves such as driveways and walkways, consider switching to electric equipment. This will reduce your carbon footprint, be healthier for your lungs and ears, and your neighbors will be grateful.



Happy Fall!

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES

Sarah Wasserman, Land Use and
Sustainability Coordinator

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS



The budget for the Police Station renovation, which was approved at this spring's Town Meeting, incorporates electrification into the forthcoming building updates. The Police Station will be the first municipal building to become fully electric! This is anticipated to reduce Carlisle's municipal greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 4%.

Next on the list for building improvements on the Capital Plan are the Fire Station and the DPW. All possible options for decarbonization will be explored as these buildings near their scheduled improvements.

CLIMATE LEADERS



After receiving the required approvals from the Select Board, Carlisle has submitted its Climate Leader application materials! We are awaiting response from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), who manage the program.

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS

Carlisle is one year into a two-year project funded by the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. This project, called **Climate Resilient Carlisle**, uses a holistic approach to assess town bylaws by working with municipal staff and connecting with residents.

Through public forums, joint committee meetings, and monthly office hours with staff, residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the challenges facing Carlisle as the climate changes.

Climate Resilience Office Hours:

First Tuesday of the month

11:00-1:00

Town Hall



Contact:

Town Planner Julie Mercier, jmercier@carlislema.gov

Land Use and Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Wasserman, swasserman@carlislema.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHANGES COMING TO TAX BILL MAILINGS

The Tax Collector's Office has received approval from the Select Board to change the number of times Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills are mailed each year from 4 mailings to 2 mailings, beginning in January, 2025.

What this means:

- Bills will be mailed on January 1st – the bill will contain two coupons, the bottom coupon will be for the payment due on February 1st, and the middle coupon for the payment due on May 1st.
- There will be no mailing in April for the payment due on May 1st.
- Bills will be mailed again on July 1st, with two coupons, one for the payment due on August 1st, and a second coupon for the payment due on November 1st.
- There will be no mailing in October for the payment due on November 1st.

Page 7 is an example of a tax bill that would be mailed in July. The Collector's Office will continue to provide more information to assist with this upcoming change.

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Town of Carlisle
FISCAL YEAR 2025
PRELIMINARY REAL ESTATE TAX BILL

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NEW TAX BILL EXAMPLE

Town of Carlisle
Collector's Office
66 Westford St
Carlisle, MA 01741



Town of Carlisle FISCAL YEAR 2025 PRELIMINARY REAL ESTATE TAX BILL

LOCATION:	123 MAIN ST	Parcel Number	3-2-1
		Bill Number	751
Property Class	101	Preliminary Real Estate Tax	\$9,351.66
Land Area	2.00 Acres	Preliminary CPA Surcharge	\$173.71
Parcel ID	3-2-1	Total Preliminary Tax	\$9,525.37
		First Quarter Tax Due 08/01/2024	\$4,762.69
		Second Quarter Tax Due 11/01/2024	\$4,762.68

JOHN SMITH
123 MAIN ST
CARLISLE, MA 01741

Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Questions regarding assessments should be addressed to the
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE at 978-369-0392
Questions regarding payments should be addressed to the
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE at 978-369-5557

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Interest at the rate of 14% per annum will accrue on overdue payments from the due date until payment is made.

Your Preliminary Real Estate Tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 on the Parcel of REAL ESTATE described below is as follows:

Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Real Estate Tax Bill

Collector of Taxes Sandra Nason	
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
123 MAIN ST	
Property Class	101
Land Area	2.00 Acres
Parcel ID	3-2-1

JOHN SMITH
123 MAIN ST
CARLISLE, MA 01741

2nd Quarter

BILL DATE:	10/01/2024
BILL NUMBER	751
Total Due	\$4,762.68
Due & Payable 11/01/2024	

Pay your bill online!
Go to www.carlislema.gov

Mail Payments and Make Check Payable to:

Town of Carlisle
Department 1800
P.O. Box 986535
Boston, MA 02298-6535

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Collector of Taxes Sandra Nason	
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
123 MAIN ST	
Property Class	101
Land Area	2.00 Acres
Parcel ID	3-2-1

JOHN SMITH
123 MAIN ST
CARLISLE, MA 01741

1st Quarter

BILL DATE:	07/01/2024
BILL NUMBER	751
Total Due	\$4,762.69
Due & Payable 08/01/2024	

Pay your bill online!
Go to www.carlislema.gov

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

Town of Carlisle
Department 1800
P.O. Box 986535
Boston, MA 02298-6535

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FISCAL YEAR 2025
REMITTANCE COPY Q2
REAL ESTATE TAX

FISCAL YEAR 2025
REMITTANCE COPY Q1
REAL ESTATE TAX

From the Council on Aging and Human Services

The COAHS is pleased to announce that funding has been obtained from the Friends of the Carlisle Council on Aging and the Concord Carlisle Foundation that make it possible to offer property tax relief for seniors 65+ whose income is at or below the following levels:

- \$69,000 for a single individual who is not the head of a household.
- \$86,000 for a head of household.
- \$103,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

The total funding available is \$40,000 and, and it is expected that each qualifying household will receive between \$2000 -\$2500. Other qualifying details will be on the application form.

Applications will become available September 23, 2024 at the COAHS office, on our website www.carlislecoahs.org, and via email. Please contact Carol Grueneich with any questions you have about this program at 978-759-7633 or cgrueneich@carlislema.gov.



COAHS was lucky to have fantastic weather for the Lowell Canal tours in August. Participants learned about the history of the canals and rode through them in boats. An interesting and fun outing.



Carlisle — Board of Health and Council on Aging and Human Services SENIOR FLU VACCINE CLINIC

The senior flu vaccine clinic will be held on FRIDAY, October 4th, 2024 in the Clark Room, Town Hall in the morning—exact hours to be confirmed. To register or if you have questions, please call the COAHS at 978-371-2895 or email coahs@carlislema.gov.

From the Department of Public Works

Jim Hall, DPW Director

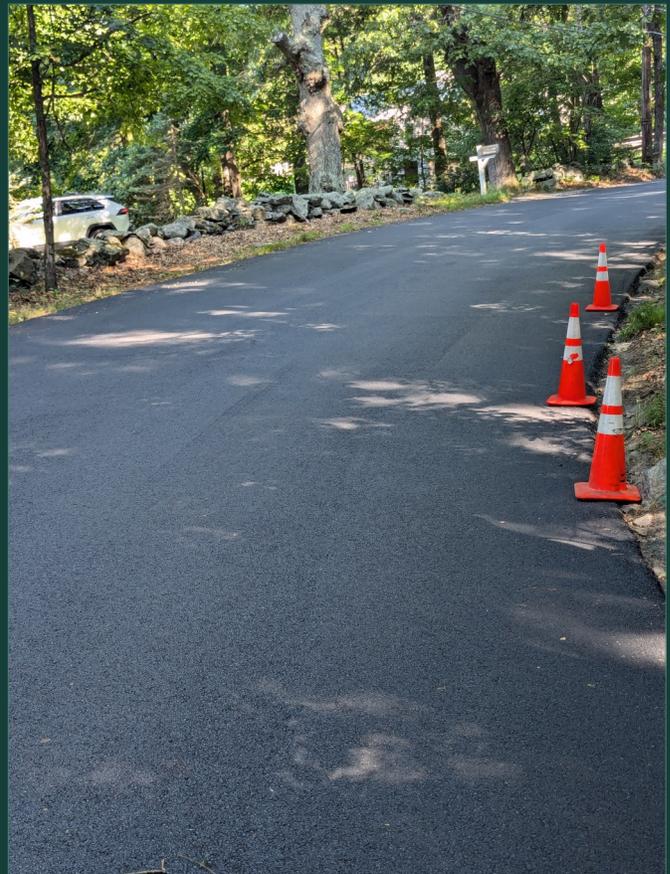
Howdy Folks!

By the time you read this, we will be putting the finishing touches on our 2024 paving project! We are busy repainting crosswalks and parking spaces as well as stop lines. Up next for us is long line painting on the main thoroughfares in town. We are moving on to some minor drainage repairs and maintaining all the town properties.

Please drive with care and be aware of your speed when driving through town and on the new pavement. As always, we thank you for your patience and support!

Enjoy the Ride!

Jim



SAVE THE DATE

MBTA Communities Open House

Wednesday, October 16th

Late Afternoon/Evening

Clark Room @ Town Hall

Details to follow

LAST CALL! The MBTA Communities Survey closes soon!

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

From the Gleason Public Library

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

If you don't already have a library card, you can register at the Library or online at <https://ln.mvlc.org/carlisleecard>

Use this handy "Library Value Calculator" to figure out how much money you can save with a library card! <https://ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do-calculator/>

Early Release Day Movies Are Back

Middle schoolers are invited to an Early Release Day Movie at the Gleason Library third floor Hollis Room every Early Release Day at 1:15 p.m, starting September 18th! Visit gleasonlibrary.org/events or call 978-369-4898 for more information.

Musical Petting Zoo with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra

The Musical Petting Zoo is a fun and informative traveling hands-on program and exhibit of musical instruments for children in grades pre-K through 4th grade, which will be visiting Spalding Field in Carlisle on Wednesday, September 18th, at 1:30 p.m. Visit gleasonlibrary.org/events to learn more and register. Registration is required as space is limited. This fun program is cosponsored by the Carlisle Recreation Department and the Friends of the Gleason Public Library.

Gleason Library Saturday Hours

The Gleason Library has resumed their regular Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekday hours remain the same year-round: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays 1 to 9 p.m.; and Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Life and Music of George Gershwin with Richard Travers

Music educator and local favorite Richard Travers returns to Carlisle this fall with two engaging presentations on Wednesdays, September 25th and October 30th at 1:30 p.m. in the Gleason Library Hollis Room. The September topic will be the Life and Music of George Gershwin. Presented with the support of the Friends of the Carlisle Council on Aging and the Friends of Gleason Public Library. Registration is required at gleasonlibrary.org/events as space is limited.

Teen Advisory Board

Use your voice and help the Gleason Library become even better! The Teen Advisory Board will meet once a month to discuss the Library, what you think would be most helpful to you as teens, and to just hang out with your peers to talk about school, what you're reading and/or watching, and life in general. The first meeting of the school year is Thursday,

GLEASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

LIBRARIES

**REGISTER FOR YOUR CARD TODAY AT
GLEASONLIBRARY.ORG/GET**

**SEPTEMBER IS...
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**

From the Gleason Public Library, Continued from Page 13

October 3rd, at 7 p.m. Registration is required at gleasonlibrary.org/events. This group is for students in grades 9 through 12. If you have any questions, reach out to Tahleen, the Teen Services Librarian.

SAVE THE DATE

The 41st Annual Great Pumpkin Spectacle will be held on Wednesday, October 30th.

The Gleason Endowment's Books & Brews Fundraiser returns on Saturday, November 16th.

Two Part-Time Job Openings – Library Assistant

Gleason Public Library is seeking two enthusiastic, customer-service-focused and detail-oriented individuals for part-time library assistant positions. The purpose of this position is to provide customer service and circulation services to all customers of the Gleason Public Library, and to cover the children's room desk and assist with children's services. Visit gleasonlibrary.org/employment for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our **Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners**

Kimball's You pick 2--Victoria M.
 Kimball's You Pick 2--Claire W.
 Set of 3 Crystal-Growing Hedgehogs--Jackie H.
 Moose Ring-Toss Sprinkler--Zoey M.
 Trampoline Ping-Pong Table-- Ben P.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for all the summer reading fun!

These prizes are made possible by our wonderful Friends of the Gleason Public Library and Kimball Farm

FALL STORY TIMES
 AT THE GLEASON PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Beginning October 1st

TUESDAYS 10:30AM CHILDREN'S ROOM **BABY LAPSIT BIRTH TO PREWALKING**

TUESDAYS 11:00AM HOLLIS ROOM **TODDLER STORY TIME AGES 2 -3**

FRIDAYS 10:30AM CHILDREN'S ROOM **PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AGES 3 -6**

Register for each individual session at gleasonlibrary.org/events. If you have any questions about the story times, please email us at childrens@gleasonlibrary.org

We also have a wonderful monthly Nature Connection Story Time. Please check our calendar to register for their next session.

These programs are supported by the Friends of the Gleason Public Library

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

submitted by Dan Scholten, member of the Carlisle Transfer Station Action Committee (TSAC)

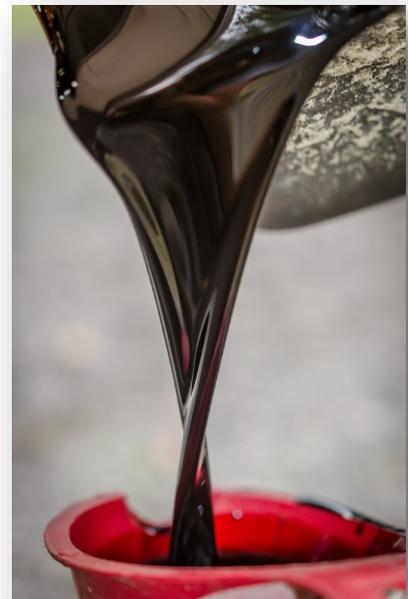
The 2024 annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event in Carlisle will be held Thursday October 24, 4-7pm, at the DPW behind the Transfer Station. This is free to Carlisle residents who have a Transfer Station sticker.

Hazardous materials include: oil based paints, stains, strippers, solvents, varnishes, adhesives, glues, engine oil, waste fuels, brake/transmission fluids, poisons, cleaners, spot removers, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, pesticides, antifreeze, etc. Latex paint is NOT Hazardous Waste -- allow the paint to dry (adding kitty litter or sand can assist) and dispose with solid waste.

Carlisle now has a reciprocal arrangement with a consortium of nearby towns that allows us to use their HHW days. Carlisle residents can bring their HHW to any town in the network on the day of their collection, paying that town's fee (usually by check on arrival). The benefit is that we are not limited to Carlisle's one day a year HHW collection. The flexibility of disposing of our HHW throughout the year is handy if one is moving or has just done a renovation project, for example.

Similarly, residents of the other towns in the network can bring their HHW to Carlisle during our HHW day event, for a fee payable to our town. This arrangement allows Carlisle to receive Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) points that earn us grant money from the state at the end of the year.

For more information, see carlislema.gov/949/Hazardous-Waste-Collection. This website has a Reciprocal Arrangement Schedule document containing other towns' fees and any pre-registration information.



Friday Night Live is back!

Friday Night Live is back this October for its 40th anniversary! Yes, that's right, FNL has been taking place in Carlisle for the past 40 years! To celebrate this big anniversary, the Carlisle Youth Commission is bringing back the 80s! Kids, dress in your best 80's style and expect cool commemorative swag at the door! We'll have an 80's themed professional photo booth, sports in the gym, DJ and dancing, and a special 80's movie showing in the performing arts room. Register here: <https://carlislema.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx>. For this first FNL of the year, we ask parents to come inside the gym with their children at 6:45pm so we can go over expectations for the year together and then moving forward you can just drop and go at 7 PM. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at Carlisleyouthcommission@gmail.com. As always, we wouldn't be able to run these events without our awesome parent chaperones so please do sign up, it's a super fun and rewarding experience. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BACAE29AAAFACF8-51121801-friday> The Carlisle Youth commission is hard at work planning for a great year ahead!



TOWN OF CARLISLE



Cultural Council News Sept. 2024



FY25 Local Cultural Grant Round Is Open

The annual **Local Cultural Council** grant round is open! Funds for this round of grants are provided by The **Massachusetts Cultural Council**. The application period ends October 16.

Organizations and individuals are eligible to apply for grants in support of cultural events, lectures or workshops that will benefit Carlisle residents. Programs can take place through December 2025. Visit the [MCC website](#) to learn more. Check our [local priorities](#) before applying.

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.

We look forward to some exciting program ideas!



Celebrate Carlisle's Cultural Creators!

When: Wednesday, September 25 from 4:00-5:30 PM

Where: Center Park, Carlisle

Why: Please join us as we celebrate culture and creativity in Carlisle!



We're hosting a public reception to celebrate the Council's 2023 and 2024 Grantees - the producers of the varied, entertaining, and meaningful cultural programs that they deliver to our community. The reception is free and open to the public.

Come enjoy light refreshments, live Brazilian guitar music, and the natural beauty of Center Park, and learn more about the organizations and people contributing to the cultural vibrancy of Carlisle. Hear from Lisa Simmons, Community Initiative Program Manager, Mass Cultural Council, as well as other speakers. Meet the members of the Cultural Council, and discuss program ideas and volunteer opportunities.

RSVP by Sept. 18 to culturalcouncil@carlislema.gov Rain date 9/26.



Carlisle
Cultural
Council



INVITES YOU TO A
GRANTEE
RECEPTION

CELEBRATING
2023 FALL & 2024 WINTER
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

CULTURALEOUNCIL@CARLISLEMA.GOV

RSVP BY 9/18

 [@CARLISLECULTURALEOUNCIL](https://www.facebook.com/CARLISLECULTURALEOUNCIL)

RAIN DATE 9/26

Art at the Gleason Presents

Carlisle Biodiversity

as seen through the lens



Hosted by Judy Asarkof, Kay Hurley and Joeth Barlas
and sponsored by the Environmental Sustainability Committee, Carlisle Conservation Foundation, Carlisle Conservation Commission
and the Land Stewardship Committee.



Texture, Color, Fire
work by Ceramic Artist and Concord-Carlisle Graduate

Tucker Nuzum-Clark



October 5th - January 4th
Reception - October 19th, 2-4 pm

Art at the Gleason is sponsored by the Gleason Public Library Endowment
Gleason Public Library: 22 Bedford Road, Carlisle, MA, 01741, 978-369-4898



Invasive Water Chestnut pulling at Great Brook State Park by volunteer Carlisle resident Johnathan DeKock!

Photos courtesy of Conservation and Land Use Municipal Assistant Bethany Barstow.



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