



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Town of Carlisle

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Happy Retirement, Anush!

For the past twenty years, if you applied for a building permit, paid your taxes, or stepped into Town Hall as a new employee, chances are the first person you encountered was Anush Coates. With grace, warmth, and unwavering dedication, Anush has been a cornerstone of Carlisle's daily life—both for residents and Town staff alike.

As a trusted and invaluable resource, Anush made it her mission to help others navigate the sometimes complex workings of local government and human resources with ease and a smile. Her support extended far beyond her job description—she played a vital role in organizing employee events and trainings, consistently offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. Her cubicle was legendary, always adorned with festive seasonal decorations that brought smiles to everyone who passed by, even those coming in to pay their taxes.

Anush was more than a colleague—she was the heart of Town Hall. Her kindness, professionalism, and sense of community left a lasting impact on all who had the pleasure of working with her. She created a welcoming atmosphere that uplifted the entire workplace and reminded us all of the importance of connection.

As she begins her well-earned retirement, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes. Thank you, Anush, for everything you've done. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you all the best in this exciting new chapter!



Congratulations to Firefighter Bjorn Hanson!



Carlisle Firefighter Bjorn Hanson recently graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Program, earning his national Firefighter I/II certification. He completed 240 hours of training designed for call and volunteer firefighters across the state.

Bjorn is also studying to become an EMT and lives in and maintains the Bog House on Curve Street. The department is grateful for his commitment to Carlisle and public safety.

Congratulations to Officer Corwin!

Officer Drew Corwin and his wife welcomed the birth of their son, Logan John Corwin, on July 7, 2025! We're so happy for the Corwin family as they begin this new chapter. Please join us in sending them your best wishes during this special time!



From the DPW Director

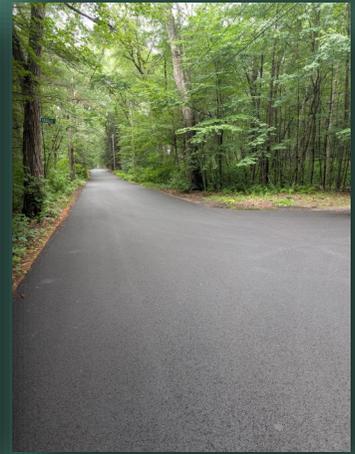
Howdy folks!

Happy official summer! We here at the DPW have had a busy month. We have completed the second year of our two-year paving plan, addressing some much-needed repairs on some of our roads in town. We are now focusing our efforts on a new five-year plan! We ask that you use caution and watch your speed on the new pavement.

Moving on, we have started roadside mowing to improve site lines as you drive through town. Please feel free to reach out to us with specific areas that are difficult to see, and we will do our best to clear them as soon as possible.

As always thank you for your patience and understanding.

Jim



From the Tax Collector's Office

PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills were mailed at the end of June for the first and second quarters of FY26. **If you did not receive a bill, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 978-369-5557. First quarter tax bills are due on Friday, August 1, 2025.**

The remittance address for paying tax bills has changed! Effective July 1st, the new mailing address is now **PO Box 848214, Boston, MA 02284**. This new mailing address has been printed on the remittance coupon portion of the tax bills that were mailed at the end of June. If you use your bank's bill payer to send your payment, please update the address

so your payment will arrive on time.

Town Hall hours are now **Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.**

NEW DEMAND FEES

It was voted at the May 18, 2025 Annual Town Meeting to increase the demand fees charged by the Town of Carlisle from \$5.00 to \$15.00 effective July 1, 2025. Demand fees are charged when the original excise, real estate, or personal property tax bills have become past due and a second notice is sent to notify the taxpayer.



The Double Sundae Sunday Saunter was a Success!

The Trails Committee successfully hosted the Double Sundae Sunday Saunter walk the Sunday of Old Home Day weekend. The walk started at the Carlisle Public School parking lot and proceeded to Great Brook Farm State Park via the Conant Land providing the first sundae opportunity. The group then walked to the Kimball Farm ice cream stand via the Heartbreak Ridge and Cutter's Ridge trails where some indulged in a second ice cream treat. The 7.5 mile walk concluded back at the school parking lot just in time to enjoy the music festival.



Carlisle Flag Raising at the State House

**CARLISLE
FLAG
RAISING**

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 11AM

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE STATE HOUSE AS WE RAISE CARLISLE'S TOWN FLAG FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE GREAT HALL OF FLAGS, WHERE IT WILL HANG ALONGSIDE THE FLAGS OF THE 350 OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

THERE WILL BE AN APPEARANCE BY THE CARLISLE MINUTEMEN AND REMARKS BY LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS.

SPONSORED BY STATE REP. SIMON CATALDO

GREAT HALL, MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE
24 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, MA
RSVP TO [KYLE.STAPLETON@MAHOUSE.GOV](mailto:kyle.stapleton@mahouse.gov)

We're making history! Join us Tuesday, July 29 at 11:00 AM at the Massachusetts State House as Carlisle's Town Flag is raised for the very first time in the Great Hall of Flags — where it will proudly fly alongside the flags of all 350+ cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Featuring remarks by local and state officials and a special appearance by the Carlisle Minutemen, this event celebrates a decades-long journey that began with a community vision in 1973.

RSVP:

Email kyle.stapleton@mahouse.gov and copy rmclane@carlislema.gov

Carlisle Summer Fun!



Holly Mansfield, Recreation Director

Summer Fun 2025 is off to a great start!

We have a wonderful staff and a group of 50-55 children enjoying the FUN each week.

Summer Fun is held Monday-Friday, June 23-August 8th.

Some of the activities over the past few weeks have included a Foam Party, Balloon Twisting Workshop, Tour of the Fire Department, Meet and Greet with Athena the Police Dog and a close-up look of a Police Cruiser... and the all-time favorite.... The Fire Truck Sprinkler!



Carlisle Farmers Market

Join us on every Saturday, from 8 AM to 12 noon in the Kimball’s Ice Cream parking lot for the start of another great season of the Carlisle Farmers Market! Rain or shine, we'll be there — and we hope you will too.

This year brings an exciting mix of new and returning vendors. We're thrilled to welcome young entrepreneurs debuting their handmade crafts, as well as established artisans sharing their unique creations. Several of the artisans are Carlisle residents.

Many of your favorite long-time vendors are back as well including farmers market managers Jodi and Clovis Haynes, Erin from Park’s Edge Farm, offering lamb, chicken, and duck eggs, plus her homegrown vegetables. Mike from Bitz N Peace Farm will bring his wide variety of vegetables, honey and maple syrup. Nikki White will have seasonal vegetables from her garden, and quails’ eggs when they lay.

Get ready to satisfy your sweet tooth with new local bakers selling cookies, bagels, protein bars, and breads. And if you're in need of a pick-me-up, Nick from Little Big Coffee will be serving his signature cold brew. There will also be sodas and artisan mint syrup on sale. There are tables and chairs to hang out and chat with neighbors or make new friends.

 **Special Thanks to the Carlisle Cultural Council!**

We’re thrilled to share that, thanks to a generous grant from the Carlisle Cultural Council, we’ll be bringing live musical performances to the Farmers Market most weekends.

Come enjoy the sounds of local talent while you shop, sip cold brew, and support our amazing vendors. It’s going to be a season full of great vibes and community spirit!

Come for the community, stay for the goodies. We can't wait to see you there!





JULY EVENTS

THANKS FOR MAKING THE 2025 MUSIC FESTIVAL SPECIAL

Thank you again, Carlisle, from the bottom of our hearts!

The 4th Annual Carlisle Music Festival @Old Home Day brought tremendous joy, great music, and a fantastic spirit of community over three days of Old Home Day weekend. From the opening notes of old-timey group You, Me & Her at the Old Home Day Community Performance Showcase at 7 PM Friday, to the last crescendo of the incomparable Ecuadorian group, Yarina, on the Main Stage at Spalding Field around 7:15 PM on Sunday, 125 musicians graced our stages!



Yarina, on stage 22nd June 2025

The producers of the Festival, wish to thank everyone who attended one or more of our music events over the weekend. Attendance was terrific throughout, including the hundreds of folks that endured the heat on

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Sunday, many of whom moved between the two music tents as we alternated performance stages. While it was our first year attempting to run a second stage, the fantastic music made there, and the intimate setting, attracted overflow crowds for most sets, and validated the concept.

Heartfelt thank you to all the amazing performers, who invariably bring extremely high-quality music to our stages. We feel we hit another high point this year. We know that the Carlisle Music Festival is circled on musicians' calendars months in advance, and many hours are spent by them during the weeks and months leading up to it, honing set lists to fit the time slots, and rehearsing the heck out of them. We hope that our audience, and even those who couldn't make it, will continue to support these musicians. Their bios and contact information are available online in the Music Festival Program Book, as are the list of our sponsors.

This year's Carlisle Music Festival couldn't have happened without tremendous support from many sources. Thank you to all of the day-of-event volunteers for getting the venues set up and taken down, especially at Spalding Field on Sunday, and to the professional sound engineers, Caleb Whelden (Clarus Productions), Anders Olson and Derek Lameroux, who always make it sound great, no matter if they are working with a loud 9-piece band, a 12-member a cappella group, or a singer-songwriter duo.

Special thank you to Debbie Bentley for owning the Sunday exhibitors and kids' activities programs on Spalding Field – adding professionalism to our planning, and to Cynthia Maxwell, our volunteer Swiss Army Knife, who delivered sponsorships well beyond our forecast, coordinated the T-shirt program, and assisted all over the grounds on the weekend.

The Music Festival owes a huge debt of gratitude to Niles and Christie Cocanour who, as co-chairs of the Old Home Day Committee, provide significant operational and administrative support for the Festival every year. Also, to Steve Frey, Country Fair coordinator, who was exceptionally gracious in helping us grow our participating exhibitors on Sunday. We also thank Holly Mansfield, Director of Recreation, who is always there for us, ensuring that Spalding Field is ready, and allowing us to use the Summer Program tents. We are also enormously grateful to the Carlisle DPW, and Police and Fire Dept. for their direct and indirect support. *(Continued on Page 9)*

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Music Festival T-Shirt are still available in S, M, L and XL at the Farmers Market for \$30 or [online](#).



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MUSIC AT THE FARMERS MARKET



Carlisle Resident Kenny Selcer playing at the Farmers Market

The Cultural Council provided a grant to the Farmers Market, for five performances so you can be entertained while you shop for fresh local produce and arts and crafts.

The music starts at 10am of 26th July with Sid Levin and Friends, and on 9th August where Russ Turnquist will perform.

The Farmer’s Markets has expanded this year and has several new vendors as well as the established vendors. This year they have a Carlisle barista and a variety of bakers. There are tables and chairs for you to have a chat with friends and neighbors.

The Farmer’s Market is held every Saturday at Kimball’s Parking Lot on Bedford Road from 8am till noon.

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Cultural Council is supporting the Outdoor Summer Evening Concert on the library lawn on August 5, 6pm-7pm featuring [The Riverboat Stompers Jazz Band](#), organized by COAHS, Friends of Gleason Public Library, and the Recreation Department. Sign up on the library webpage if you would like to attend.

We are also funding “Creating Sea Turtle Mosaics” a [Gleason Public Library](#) Kid’s program with Crystal D’Abbraccio of Tiny Tile Mosaics. For children ages 6 and up. August 6, Hollis Room, Gleason Public Library.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OPEN STUDIO DAYS.

The Open Studio where you can tour local several Carlisle Artists’ and Crafters studios will be on the 25th October and 8th November. The studios on the tour also host other Carlisle artists and craftspeople on their property. Last year we had 20 artists on display over the two days.

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer or considered as an exhibitor, please email the Cultural Council at culturalcouncil@carlislema.gov

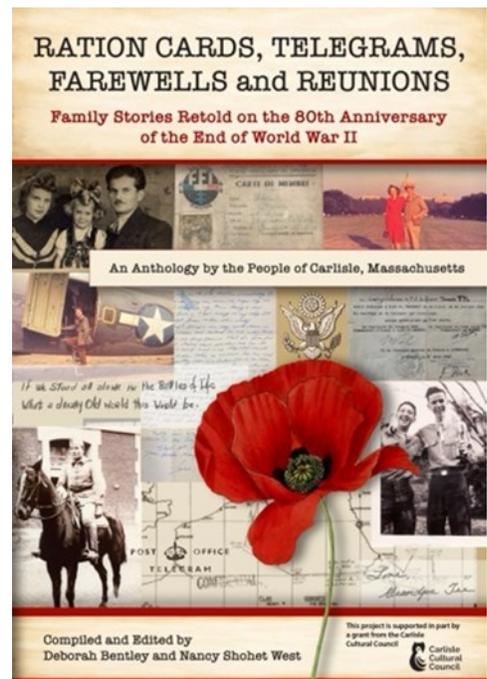


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WW2 ANTHOLOGY PROJECT

Among the projects supported by the Carlisle Cultural Council this year was "Ration Cards, Telegrams, Farewells, and Reunions: Family Stories Retold on the 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II," an anthology of wartime stories passed down within Carlisle families. To create the anthology, co-editors Deborah Bentley and Nancy Shohet West invited all Carlisle residents to share their families' stories and were gratified by the response: nearly fifty

participants of all ages and with origins in all corners of the earth took part in this project. The book is scheduled for publication in late summer of 2025 and will be available to the general public.



KEEP THE MUSIC, ARTS AND CULTURE COMING

Your donations directly fund the Cultural Council and other events, so please donate to our secure online fund, to ensure that we can help provide more events in Carlisle.

THE CONCORD CARLISLE FOUNDATION PRESENTS



OCTOBER 4, 2025  CLARK FARM MARKET

SAVE THE DATE



From the Gleason Public Library

Martha Feeney-Patten, Director

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

Summer reading is in full swing at the Gleason Public Library! If you haven't gotten a chance yet, make sure you stop by to pick up your Book Bingo board, or [visit our website](#) to print one out at home. Also make sure you check out our [summer brochure](#) to see all of the programs we have in store celebrating this year's theme, Level Up at Your Library. All information on our Summer Reading program, our reading challenges, or any of the exciting programs we have on offer is available 24/7 [on our website!](#)

Thank you to the [Friends of the Gleason Public Library](#) for their support of the summer reading program!

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Summer Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be in effect at the Gleason starting on Saturday, July 12th. Weekday hours remain the same year-round: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday 1 to 9 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STUFFY SLEEPOVERS

We hosed some stuffies for a sleepover in June, and they had a lot of fun - [click here for a slideshow of what they got up to!](#)

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Sat. 7/12, 11 a.m.: [Super Mario Story Time with Strega Mama](#)

Mon. 7/14, 1 p.m.: [A Walk Across the Solar System](#)

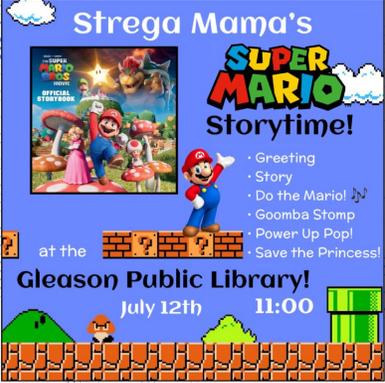
Wed. 7/16, 4 p.m. [Felted Pikachu Hoops \(ages 10+\)](#)

Wed. 7/16, 6:30 p.m. [Dragon Eye Box \(teens and adults\)](#)

Thurs. 7/17, 4 to 6 p.m.: [Henna on the Lawn](#)

Fri. 7/18, 10:30 a.m. [Bicycle Safety Story Time](#)

Fri. 7/18-Mon. 7/21: [Teen Weekend Reading Kit](#)



Strega Mama's
SUPER MARIO
Storytime!

- Greeting
- Story
- Do the Mario! 🎵
- Goomba Stomp
- Power Up Pop!
- Save the Princess!

at the **Gleason Public Library!**
July 12th 11:00

3rd Floor Hollis Room
Join us for a special Saturday story time featuring performer, Strega Mama. This program is geared for children ages 3 to 7. If you have questions, email Jenn at childrens@gleasonlibrary.org
[Register online at \[gleasonlibrary.org/events\]\(http://gleasonlibrary.org/events\)](#)

This delightful program is supported by our wonderful Friends of the Gleason Public Library



Gleason Public Library
Henna on the Lawn
with Mandy Roberge
for all ages!

Thursday, July 17th | 4:00–6:00 PM
Front Lawn | Gleason Public Library



Henna artist Mandy Roberge will be giving henna tattoos on the Library Lawn for all ages! Mandy uses fresh, natural handmade henna that is safe for all skin types and is recommended for ages 6 and up. Stop by anytime during the event.

This fun event is sponsored by the Friends of the Gleason Public Library



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Wed. 7/23, 11 a.m.: [Peter and the Wolf with the Storytime Quintet](#)

Thurs. 7/24, 1 p.m.: [Trevor the Games Man](#)

Wed. 7/30, 7 p.m.: [VIRTUAL: History of New England Sweets](#)

Gleason Public Library



Summer Family Story Time: Bicycles & Bicycle Safety for Children

Friday, July 18th 10:30–11:15 AM
Front Lawn | Gleason Public Library

Join us for this special story time on bicycle safety. We will read fun picture books about bicycles and then we will meet Sarah Ashebir, from the [Massachusetts Safe Routes to School](#)—A Program of MassDOT, to talk with us about bicycle safety for children. For ages 3 to 7.

Register online at gleasonlibrary.org/events

This program is supported by our Friends of the Gleason Public Library



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Gleason Library Building Committee

Space is opening on the committee overseeing the library renovation project.

Read about the building committee at gleasonlibrary.org/building or contact director@gleasonlibrary.org with any questions.



Trevor “the Games Man”



JOIN THE FUN!
FOR CHILDREN
AGES 5 AND UP

This program is sponsored by our Carlisle Recreation Department, the Carlisle Council on Aging and Human Services, and the Friends of the Gleason Public Library



Trevor “the Games Man” will lead the audience through many unusual, interactive, cooperative, and participatory activities! We'll have fun watching Trevor walk on stilts, play cooperative games together, and complete the Project Ribbon Dancer craft as a large group. This program is geared toward children ages 5 and up. If it rains, we will relocate to the Carlisle School Gym. If you have any questions, please email Holly at hmansfield@carlislema.gov or Jenn at childrens@gleasonlibrary.org.

Spalding Field • Thursday, July 24th 1:00PM- 2:30PM

A Summer Concert with the RIVERBOAT STOMPERS



Tuesday, August 5th 6:00PM | All Ages
Front Lawn | Gleason Public Library

The Riverboat Stompers Jazz Band is a vibrant seven-piece ensemble celebrated for its rich harmonies and engaging stage presence. The band specializes in traditional Dixieland jazz, showcasing a lively blend of cornet, clarinet, trombone, piano, banjo, tuba, and drums. This concert promises a fun, toe-tapping experience for all ages, bringing together families and seniors for a joyful, multi-generational community event.

Please bring a blanket or low chairs to sit on; feel free to bring along a picnic dinner as well! This concert is presented by the [Carlisle Council on Aging and Human Services](#), the [Carlisle Recreation Department](#) and the [Friends of the Gleason Public Library](#).

This program is supported by our wonderful Carlisle Cultural Council



MBTA COMMUNITIES

ZONING FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING



The Carlisle Planning Board
is seeking your feedback on
zoning approaches & sites
for compliance with the
MBTA Communities
housing law.



TAKE OUR SURVEY!

WHAT IS THIS?

As an Adjacent Small Town, Carlisle must create zoning that allows for the possibility of 95 units of multi-family housing at a minimum density of 15 units per acre.



<http://tiny.cc/aran001>

More Information: <https://www.carlislema.gov/1195/MBTA-Communities>

GET INVOLVED

- Planning Board meetings (Monday nights)
- Cast your Vote at Town Meeting:
Sunday, November 2nd
- Questions? Contact Julie Mercier, Town Planner: jmercier@carlislema.gov



JOIN US FOR OUR **WATER CHESTNUT PULL**

*Mark Your
Calendars*



Saturday, July 19th | 9:00–12:00 PM

Bedford Boat Ramp, 285–305 Carlisle Rd, Bedford

Water chestnut is a fast-growing, aquatic invasive species that can quickly overtake water bodies. Your help is crucial in removing these invasive species and supporting the health of our river ecosystems!

WHY JOIN US?

- Explore the natural beauty of the Concord River
- Meet new friends and fellow nature enthusiasts
- Help make a positive impact on our environment

REQUIREMENTS

- Participants must be proficient swimmers
- Minors & dependent adults must be accompanied by an adult

Paddle Boston is generously providing boats, PFDs, and paddles!

**REGISTRATION IS FREE! SCAN THE QR CODE
OR USE THE LINK TO SIGN UP**

oars3rivers.org/events/event/community-water-chestnut-pull-bedford/



From the Town Administrator

Ryan McLane, Town Administrator

One of the most common questions we hear as Town Officials is: *What can you do about my road?* In fact, for many residents, the condition of their road is their most frequent and visible interaction with local government.

The Select Board takes infrastructure planning seriously and is working to develop a long-term plan that balances fiscal responsibility with the need for reliable, high-quality services. This report aims to give residents a transparent overview of the road and infrastructure projects the Town plans to address over the next five years.

To make this a truly collaborative effort, the Select Board invites residents to attend the **Road and Infrastructure Community Feedback Forum on Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to share your concerns and help the Town prioritize the many infrastructure projects under consideration.

Residents are also encouraged to submit written comments in advance [by using this link](#) or emailing the Town Administrator. All written comments will be delivered to the Select Board during the Forum for consideration.

Infrastructure is just one piece of a much larger capital planning effort that the Select Board and Finance Committee are undertaking this summer. In addition to roads, bridges, and culverts, Town officials are reviewing building maintenance needs and department equipment to ensure we can continue delivering high-quality services.

To learn more about the Town’s capital planning process, please explore the links below. You can also meet with me directly—join an upcoming Coffee Hour, invite me to your neighborhood for a discussion, or schedule a virtual meeting to share your questions and concerns.



[Five-Year Capital Plan](#)

[Current Road Maintenance Plan](#)

[Town Culvert Assessment](#)

[Town Road Report](#)





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