



# City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Cheers! 2017 is here!

May your resolutions be fulfilled, complete with Shopping Local, right here in Westminster! Featuring our new restaurants and amazing boutiques, shops and businesses. There's never been a better time to experience local, right here in town. We are busy planning a great year of events, bringing back your favorites and adding some new happenings. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest news on all that's hot, even in the coldest weather. Happy New Year!

### FEBRUARY

The **Show Some Love Westminster** social media photo contest will once again highlight what YOU love about Westminster! Follow the Westminster Recreation & Parks Facebook page to submit photos of yourself, family and/or friends at places, events or things you LOVE about Westminster. What will you WIN? Great question! The WINNER will receive \$25 gift cards from 6 restaurants in the Downtown Westminster area. That's right, \$150.00 of dining on us—that's 6 nights out on the town!

### MARCH

The **7th Annual Celtic Canter 5K** will take place on Saturday, March 11 at 9am. To register or for more information, visit [WestminsterMD.gov/Celtic](http://WestminsterMD.gov/Celtic).

Following the Celtic Canter will be the **Downtown Irish Celebration** from 10am 'til 2pm, bringing Irish-themed music, food, and vendors to East Main Street between Rt 27 and Longwell Avenue.

The **6th Annual Restaurant Week** kicks off on Friday, 3/31 at our downtown eateries! Visit [WestminsterMD.gov/RestaurantWeek](http://WestminsterMD.gov/RestaurantWeek) for participating restaurants and specials. For a limited time only, these deals only last until April 8!



### APRIL

**Restaurant Week** will be in full swing until April 8, so don't miss out!

Join us on Sunday, April 2 for the **3rd Annual Wine Stroll** downtown! This festival of wines, featuring nearly 20 Maryland wineries, live entertainment featuring the Kelly Bell Band, and vendors from 4 to 8pm, on East Main Street between Rt 27 and Longwell Avenue. Visit [WestminsterMD.gov/WineStroll](http://WestminsterMD.gov/WineStroll) for advanced ticket sales and more information.



WINE

Join us in downtown Westminster on Saturday, April 8 for the **Easter Egg Hunts** in City Park at 10:30am (ages 1-4) and 11:30am (ages 5-8). On Thursday, April 13 the **Twilight Egg Hunt** will be in City Park at 7:30pm (ages 9-12) - remember to bring your flashlights!

Sincerely,

Kevin Utz  
Mayor

#### Follow us on Facebook for the following information:

Westminster, Maryland: Holiday schedule changes, inclement weather and emergency information

City of Westminster Recreation & Parks Department: Events, parade information, fitness classes, park openings

Downtown Westminster, Maryland: News about Downtown Westminster, from business openings and specials to events and business news.



### Upcoming Events for February

#### **Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, [CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) or 410-848-7272**

1/10—3/4: Boldly Beautiful Exhibit  
1/10—3/4: Winter Warmer Exhibit  
Friday, 2/3: Foreign Film Festival “Mustang”, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Friday, 2/10: Foreign Film Festival “A Man Called Ove”, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Friday, 2/17: Foreign Film Festival “The Innocents”, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Monday, 2/20: Magician Dave Thomen, 11 am  
Friday, 2/24: Foreign Film Festival “Hunt for the Wilderpeople”, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Sunday, 2/26: Oscar Nominated Shorts, 1pm

#### **Carroll County Public Library Westminster Branch, 50 E Main Street, [Library.carr.org](http://Library.carr.org) or 410-386-4488**

Thursday, 2/2: Music—Create, Mix, & Master, 2:30pm  
Wednesday, 2/8: Virtual Reality Road Show, 10am-6pm  
Saturday, 2/11: Getting Started with Your Genealogy, 2pm  
Thursday, 2/16: Knitting Know-How: Fiddling with Fair Isle, 6pm  
Thursday, 2/23: Beyond the Sale, 7pm  
Sunday, 2/26: Black History Month: U.S. Colored Troops, 2pm

#### **Historical Society of Carroll County, [HSCCMD.org](http://HSCCMD.org) or 410-848-6494**

Saturday, 2/18: Past Times for Children, Shop at Cockey's 10am  
Tuesday, 2/21: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

#### **McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, [McDaniel.edu](http://McDaniel.edu) or 410-848-7000**

Wednesday, 2/22: SmartTalk – Dr. Nicki Pesik, a leader of the CDC's response to Ebola and Zika, Decker Forum, 7pm

### Upcoming Events for March

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1/10—3/4: Boldly Beautiful Exhibit  
1/10—3/4: Winter Warmer Exhibit  
3/13-28: Youth Art Month  
Friday, 3/10: Film “Queen of Katwe”, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Saturday, 3/11: Teelin Irish Dance Co, 3 pm & 7 pm  
Friday, 3/17 & Saturday, 3/18: Barleyjuice, 8 pm  
Friday, 3/24: Disney's Aristocats Kids, 7 pm  
Saturday, 3/25: Disney's Aristocats Kids, 3 pm & 7 pm  
Sunday, 3/26: Disney's Aristocats Kids, 3 pm

#### **Carroll County Public Library Westminster Branch, 50 E Main Street, [Library.carr.org](http://Library.carr.org) or 410-386-4488**

Wednesday, 3/1: Exploring Homelessness in Carroll County: A Town Hall Forum, 6:30pm  
Thursday, 3/23: Free Preschool Vision Screening, 9:30am

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#### **McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, [McDaniel.edu](http://McDaniel.edu) or 410-848-7000**

3/2–3/17: Art on View: Art and Art History Student Honors Exhibition, Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall  
Wednesday, 3/22: SmartTalk—David Moskowitz, business attorney who helped build DISH Network, Decker Forum, 7pm

### Upcoming Events for April

#### **Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, [CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) or 410-848-7272**

4/7—4/19: 10th Annual PEEPshow, 10am—7pm daily, FREE admission  
4/27—6/2: Lasting Impression: Photography by the Carroll County Camera Club Exhibit  
4/27—6/2: The Fine Art of the Quilt Exhibit

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Saturday, 4/11: Shellman House Tour, 206 East Main Street, 10am—2pm  
Tuesday, 4/18: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

#### **McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, [McDaniel.edu](http://McDaniel.edu) or 410-848-7000**

Sunday, 4/23: College Choir Concert: “I’ll Remember you in a Song”, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7pm  
Sunday, 4/30: Children’s Chorus of Carroll County, Baker Memorial Chapel, 3pm

# Bulk Schedule 2017

## PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION

If you are concerned about the release of pollutants or possible illegal dumping (chemicals, motor oil, paint, sewage, etc.) into a storm drain system, please contact the **non-emergency Carroll County Stormwater Pollution Phone Line (410) 386-2210**. Non-emergency response will occur Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The link to the Protecting Carroll County Waters webpage (NPDES webpage) is <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>.

### Free Public Workshop to Help Homeowners with Stormwater Pollution Prevention

The Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is partnering with the Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council to host a free public workshop on **March 18, 2017**, in the Great Hall at Carroll Community College to provide homeowners with information on how to prevent stormwater pollution and minimize stormwater runoff from their properties.

Experts will be available to provide helpful materials and answers to individual questions on the topics listed below. Each expert will briefly present on a topic (see webpage for approximate times). Come for the entire time or just drop-in for specific sessions and talk directly to the experts.

More details and information on the Homeowners & Stormwater Workshop can be found on the website at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/homeowners/> or by contacting Brenda Dinne @ [bdinne@ccg.carr.org](mailto:bdinne@ccg.carr.org) or 410-386-2140.

- ✓ General Homeowner Best Management Practices
- ✓ Lawn Care and Landscape Management
- ✓ Septic Maintenance
- ✓ Permeable Pavement
- ✓ Rain Gardens
- ✓ Composting (Yard and Food Waste)
- ✓ Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!
- ✓ Tree Planting
- ✓ Stream Corridor Assessments & Stream Buffer Initiative

**No registration is necessary.** The workshop will be held in the **Great Hall** from **10:00AM-12:00PM**.

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## **Westminster Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Spring Raffle** **May 25, 2017, 6-9pm**

28 John Street, Westminster, MD



**Total Cash Giveaway \$15,000 (need not be present to win)**  
**14 chances to win prizes \$100 to \$10,000!**



**Tickets: \$10, includes dinner and soda/beer**

Proceeds benefit the Capital Improvement Projects for  
the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department

For tickets, visit the fire station (address above) and ask for  
**Bob Ruby or Jennifer White**  
**410-848-1800**