



# City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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## General Election Results

The City of Westminster conducted a general election on May 9, 2017 for the position of Mayor and two members of the Common Council. The total number of votes cast was 1,008! The results were:

### Mayor

Joe Dominick = 561

Kevin Utz = 404

The candidate who received the highest number of votes for Mayor was: **Joe Dominick**

### Common Council

Tony Chiavacci = 623

Anne Thomas Gilbert = 531

Benjamin Yingling = 619

The candidates who received the highest number of votes for Common Council were:

**Tony Chiavacci and Benjamin Yingling**

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**Congratulations to our newly-elected officials!**

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## Westminster Fiber Network

The following is a status report on the construction of the Westminster Fiber Network, which got underway in 2013. The take rate is defined as the number of customers divided by possible customers. By signing an Access Agreement, residents are requesting a fiber optic drop to be brought to their location, positioning them for connection to the Westminster Fiber Network at a future date of their choosing.

Some highlights of the Westminster Fiber Network project:

- 40 miles of conduit, through which approximately 27 miles of fiber optic cable has been pulled;
- Pilot Phase became operational in September 2015; includes commercial areas near Carroll County Airport and residential areas near Carroll Lutheran Village; take rate is 27%;
- Phase One became operational in February 2017; includes northwest part of city—Bolton Hill, Cliveden Reach, Village of Meadow Creek, Stoneridge Overlook, and Whispering Meadows; take rate is 11% and 52% of residents have elected to have fiber drops installed; and
- Phase Two construction is underway; includes the area generally bounded by MD 140, MD 31, Bell Road, and Old New Windsor Road, Avondale Ridge, Avondale Run, Eagleview Estates, Fenby Farm, Furnace Hills, The Greens, and Wakefield Valley; 40% of residents have elected to have fiber drops installed.

For updates, visit [WestminsterMD.gov/WestminsterFiberNetwork](http://WestminsterMD.gov/WestminsterFiberNetwork), and follow the Facebook and Twitter feeds, too!

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## FY2018 Budget Adoption

Westminster property owners will pay the same real property tax rate as they have for the last four years, after the Mayor and Common Council approved the Fiscal Year 2018 budget on May 8, 2017.

Westminster's FY 2018 operating and capital budgets total \$74.46 million. Budget highlights include funding for:

- A \$5.0 million bond issue for an expanded street overlay program;
- A survey to gather residents' opinions across a range of community issues;
- Consulting services to advise and assist City staff in updating the City's Sign Code; and
- A Main Street Speaker Series to help local merchants identify their needs and provide speakers to address those needs.

The real property tax rate will remain at \$0.56 per \$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2018. Personal property tax rates will remain unchanged as well.

The adopted budget for FY 2018 continues the existing water and sewer rates. Rate studies will be performed during the fiscal year, which will provide the basis for establishing rates in FY 2019 and subsequent years.

### Upcoming Events for June

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

- \* Saturday, 6/3: Art in the Park, Grounds of City Hall, 10am
- \* 6/12—8/5: The Art of the Story Exhibit
- \* 6/12—8/5: On the Road Exhibit
- \* Friday, 6/16: FLICC Film—The Danish Girl, 1pm & 7:30pm
- \* Saturday, 6/17: The Back Pages Band, 7:30pm
- \* Tuesday, 6/20: Free Family Movie “Finding Dory,” 7pm
- \* Tuesday, 6/27: Free Family Movie “An American Tail,” 7pm

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

- \* Wednesday, 6/7: Westminster Book Discussion Group, 6:30pm
- \* Friday, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30: Lunchtime Concert Series, 12:30pm
- \* Monday, 6/26: Summer Fun Day, 1pm
- \* Wednesday, 6/28: Cardboard Drive-in Movie, 5:30pm

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

- \* Saturday, 6/17: Past Times for Children, Cockey’s Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- \* Tuesday, 6/20: Box lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- \* 6/24—6/25: Corbit’s Charge, Emerald Hill—City Hall

### Upcoming Events for July

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

- \* 6/12—8/5: The Art of the Story Exhibit
- \* 6/12—8/5: On the Road Exhibit
- \* Friday, 7/7: FLICC Film – Hell or High Water, 1pm & 7:30pm
- \* Tuesday, 7/11: Free Family Movie “Kubo and the Two Strings,” 7pm
- \* Thursday, 7/13, Saturday, 7/15, and Wednesday, 7/19: Live Theatre “Junie B. Jones,” 10:30am
- \* Tuesday, 7/18: Free Family Movie “Babe: Pig in the City,” 7pm
- \* Tuesday, 7/25: Free Family Movie “Sing,” 7pm

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

- \* Friday, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28: Lunchtime Concert Series, 12:30pm
- \* Saturday, 7/15: Summertime Jazz in the Park, 12pm
- \* Monday, 7/17: #TrendingNow, 1pm
- \* Wednesday, 6/26: Make & Take Craft, 3pm

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

- \* Friday, 7/9: Rock ‘Round the Block, Kimmey & Shellman House Gardens, 1pm-4pm
- \* Saturday, 7/15: Past Times for Children—Mary Shellman, a Westminster Icon, Cockey’s Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- \* Sunday, 7/18: BLT—Woodland Warrior, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

### Upcoming Events for August

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

- \* 6/12—8/5: The Art of the Story Exhibit
- \* 6/12—8/5: On the Road Exhibit
- \* Tuesday, 8/1: Free Family Movie “The Secret of Nimh,” 7pm
- \* Tuesday, 8/8: Free Family Movie “The LEGO Batman Movie,” 7pm
- \* Friday, 8/18: FLICC film “Captain Fantastic,” 1pm & 7:30pm
- \* Saturday, 8/19: yART Sale Fundraiser, 8am to 4pm

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

- \* Thursday, 8/3: Music - Create, Mix, & Master, 3pm
- \* Thursday, 8/17: Building a Better World, One House at a Time, 6pm
- \* Monday, 8/21: #TrendingNow, 1pm
- \* Tuesday, 8/22: Hand Lettering Art, 6pm
- \* Tuesday, 8/29: Virtual Reality Open House, 3pm

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

- \* Saturday, 8/12: Summer Saturdays at the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30am
- \* Tuesday, 8/15: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- \* Saturday, 8/19: Past Times for Children—Country Fair, Cockey’s Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- \* Saturday, 8/26: Summer Saturdays at the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30am

# Bulk Trash Schedule for 2017

## Reminder

This standard bulk trash collection schedule will be followed **WITHOUT THE NEED TO CALL FOR A PICKUP**. All bulk waste will be collected from residences throughout the City on this every-other-week schedule. Residents are required to place bulk pickup items out by 7a.m. on the pickup day to ensure collection.

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### Pickup Schedule Key

- T** Tree limbs/Brush (no longer than 4 feet, no larger than 6 inches diameter)
- M** Metal, Tires, Batteries, Large Appliances (excluding dishwashers, TVs, microwaves)
- Y** Yard waste – brown paper bags or containers less than 50 lbs, bushel-size or smaller; no plastic bags, dirt or sod, concrete, rock or brick
- E** Bulk Trash East of MD Rt31 \*including Village of Meadow Creek, excluding Carroll Meadows
- W** Bulk Trash West of MD Rt31 \*including Carroll Meadows, excluding Village of Meadow Creek
- N** NO PICKUP, City offices closed for Holiday

**\*NOTE: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a City holiday, bulk trash items will be collected on the next scheduled date.**

# Featured Events

## June

The **Downtown Farmers' Market** will continue to run every Saturday morning, from 10am—Noon. Each week, find different selections from our local producers! The **Pop-UP Art Market** will be held alongside the 6/10 Farmers' Market.

Be sure to check out the **2nd Annual BBQ Stroll** in downtown on Saturday, 6/10! The Stroll will run from Noon—4pm and will feature BBQ selections from our downtown restaurants.



## July

#GetYourPlayOn this July with **Recreation & Parks Month!** The event kicks off on 7/1 and runs through 7/31 with something different every day! Keep watch on the City's website for the schedule of events and activities that will be going on throughout the month.

**Common Ground on the Town Concerts** will be held at various downtown locations on Saturday, 7/8—keep an eye on our website for details.

The **Month of Sundays Concert Series** begins on 7/9 with Endless Summer, a Beach Boys Tribute! Then, on 7/16 comes Gringo Jingo, an Ultimate Santana Tribute. 7/23 will feature Ja Works, a Reggae band. Closing out the series on 7/30 will be the Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute.



## Save the Date for FallFest: September 21—24!

The annual **FallFest Parade** will kick off with a Fun Run at 6:55pm on Thursday, 9/21 and begins a weekend of fun at the County's largest community event.



### 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



### The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market opens May 20!

Saturdays from 8am to Noon  
May 20—Nov 18

Located on the Conaway Parking Lot off of Rt. 27

Check out the vendors and products listed below offered at the area's largest producer-only Farmers' Market!

- ◆ Fresh vegetables
  - ◆ Fresh fruits
  - ◆ Cheese
  - ◆ Pickles
- ◆ Coffee and tea
  - ◆ Mushrooms
- ◆ Handmade body products

#### What can I find at the Farmers' Market?

- ◆ Pasture and organically raised meats
- ◆ Jams, jellies and spreads
- ◆ Naturally grown flowers

- ◆ Fresh-made soups, dips, packaged foods
  - ◆ Baked goods
- ◆ Certified organic produce
  - ◆ Herbs and plants
  - ◆ Wool and yarn
- ◆ Wine and distilled spirits