



City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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Westminster Fiber Network

Phase 1 of the Westminster Fiber Network became operational in February 2017. All work in Phase One is complete, with the exception of the Bolton Hill area. The balance of the work in Bolton Hill will be addressed once BGE has completed its work in the area. By the end of September 2017, all Phase 2 construction was completed. Property restoration work will resume in the spring.

To date, the City has constructed about 66 miles of conduit, through which approximately 58.5 miles of fiber optic cable has been pulled. Approximately 1,200 drops have been installed. On December 22, 2017, the Mayor and Council approved a contract for construction of Phases 3 and 4 of the Westminster Fiber Network. The City has issued a Notice to Proceed to Southern Maryland Cable, Inc. for this work. Construction materials have been ordered, and construction work should begin in the near future. Construction is expected to take approximately one year.

You can still complete an Access Agreement online at AccessAgreement.com. If you have any questions about the Westminster Fiber Network, please call 410-848-4428.



Show Some Love Westminster

We are hosting our 3rd annual social media photo contest in the spirit of the upcoming holiday... Valentine's Day! Follow the City of Westminster Recreation & Parks Department Facebook page to submit a photo of yourself, family, and/or friends at places, events, or things you LOVE about Westminster and use #SSLWestminster18. Photos can be submitted beginning February 1 until 14 at 5pm. Online voting will take place from February 16 through 27. The winner will be announced on February 28 and will receive six \$25 gift cards from restaurants in the Downtown Westminster area. That's right, \$150 of dining on us!



7th Annual 5K Celtic Canter & Downtown Irish Celebration

Join us in Downtown Westminster on March 10 at 9am for the annual 5K run. Runners can register for \$32. For more information, visit CelticCanter.org.

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



Annual Easter Egg Hunts

Join us in Downtown Westminster on Saturday, March 24 for the **Easter Egg Hunts** in City Park at 10:30am (ages 1-4) and 11:30am (ages 5-8).

On Thursday, March 29 the **Twilight Egg Hunt** will be held in City Park at 8pm (ages 9-12) - remember to bring your flashlights!



7th Annual Downtown Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week kicks off on Friday, April 20 at our downtown eateries! Check out your favorite or a new local spot for great savings and specials through Sunday, April 29. While you're in the area, be sure to come to the Wine Stroll (see below).



4th Annual Wine Stroll

On Sunday, April 22, stroll through Downtown Westminster from 4-8pm while enjoying local wines, live music, artisans, and taste delicious food prepared by several local establishments.

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 or 410-848-7272

- * 1/8-2/24: Exhibit "Legacy: Celebrating 150 Years of the Fine Arts at McDaniel College"
- * 1/8-2/24: Exhibit "Metrics"
- * 1/8-2/24: Exhibit "There's a Monster in My Masterpiece!"
- * Friday, 2/2: Foreign Film Festival "Gloomy Sunday" (Germany/Hungary), 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Friday 2/9: Foreign Film Festival "The Handmaiden" (South Korea), 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Friday 2/16: Foreign Film Festival "Coming Home" (China), 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Saturday, 2/17: Westminster's Got Talent, 7pm
- * Monday, 2/19: Michael Rosman: Amazing Feats of Comedy, 11 am
- * Friday 2/23: Foreign Film Festival "Polina" (France), 1pm & 7:30pm

Carroll County Public Library Westminster Branch, 50 E Main Street, Library.carr.org or 410-386-4488

- * Thursday, 2/1 & 2/8: Avoid 2nd Sock Syndrome!, 7pm
- * Wednesday, 2/7: Love Your Heart, 1pm
- * Wednesday, 2/21: Make & Take Craft: Marble Magnets, 3pm
- * Monday, 2/26: #TrendingNow, 1pm

Historical Society of Carroll County, HSCCMD.org or 410-848-6494

- * 1/8-3/29: Exhibit "The Shellman House Garden: Ever Green, Ever Changing"
- * Saturday, 2/17: Past Times for Children—Games, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 2/20: Box Lunch Talk—New Windsor: The Small Town with a Big History, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

Upcoming Events for March

Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or 410-848-7272

- * 3/1-3/15: Exhibit "Youth Art Month"
- * 3/29-4/10: PEEPshow
- * Sunday, 3/4: FLICC film: Oscar Nominated Shorts, 1pm
- * Friday, 3/9: FLICC film Zorba the Greek, 1 pm & 7:30 pm
- * Saturday, 3/10: Teelin Irish Dance, 3pm & 7pm
- * Friday, 3/16: Barleyjuice, 8pm
- * Saturday, 3/17: Barleyjuice, 8pm

Carroll County Public Library Westminster Branch, 50 E Main Street, Library.carr.org or 410-386-4488

- * Thursday, 3/22: What's Your Story? Writing Workshop, 6:30pm

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- * Tuesday, 3/20: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

Upcoming Events for April

Carroll County Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or 410-848-7272

- * 3/29-4/10: PEEPshow
- * Friday, 4/20: FLICC film: Loving Vincent, 1pm & 7:30pm

Historical Society of Carroll County, HSCCMD.org or 410-848-6494

- * 4/9-5/31: Exhibit "McDaniel at 150"
- * Tuesday, 4/17: Box Lunch Talk—New Windsor: The Small Town with a Big History, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 4/21: Past Times for Children—Games, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Saturday, 4/28: 2018 Legacy Gala: Come to the Circus (ticketed event)

Bulk Trash Schedule for 2018

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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29	30					

May						
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27	28	29	Y	31		

June						
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July						
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August						
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September						
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October						
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November						
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December						
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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, mulch, concrete, rock/stone, 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.**

Westminster Volunteer Fire Department Annual Spring Raffle

May 24, 2018, 6-9pm
28 John Street, Westminster, MD

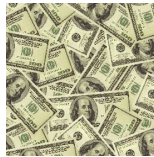
Tickets: \$10, includes dinner and soda/beer

Total cash giveaway \$15,000!

(need not be present to win)

14 DRAWINGS

- 1 = \$10,000
- 2 = \$2,000
- 3 = \$1,000
- 4 = \$500
- 5 = \$250
- 6 = \$250
- 7 = \$200
- 8 = \$200
- 9 = \$100
- 10 = \$100
- 11 = \$100
- 12 = \$100
- 13 = \$100
- 14 = \$100



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 OR 410-848-8004



WESTMINSTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Tax Credit Program

Thinking about renovating your historical home or business? Did you know that you could be eligible for up to a 10% refund on the expenses of your renovations from your City property taxes? This applies to properties located within the National Register District, which are renovated in a historically sensitive manner. But your proposed renovations have to be approved before you start any work.

The City of Westminster's Historic District Commission invites you to participate in the local Historic Tax Credit program. An important responsibility of the Historic District Commission is educating citizens about local history. This emphasizes the importance of preserving older homes and buildings, often with the help of historic tax credits.

The Commissioner's backgrounds include preservation, archaeology, architecture, history, and business. They have direct personal experience repairing, renovating, or modernizing their own homes or commercial buildings. The Commissioners have experience and expertise to share, and they want to learn from you, too.

The HDC will host a Tax Credit Training Program on 5/2/18 at the Carroll County Public Library at 7pm.

To sign up or for more information, call 410-848-5294 or email sanderson@westgov.com.

Winterizing Historic Structures

REUSE BUILDINGS.
REUSE ENERGY.



The greenest building is the one that's already built.



Image courtesy of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

As winter continues and cold winds howl around our historic streets and neighborhoods, thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays, anticipation of our first snowstorm, and the dreaded winter heating bills. If you live or work in one of the more than 1400 Historic buildings in our town, you may be reading this article next to an old wooden window, or a cast-iron radiator, sitting between un-insulated plaster walls, or behind an old, paneled hardwood front door. You're probably thinking about all the warm air escaping through all the cracks and crannies in those old features, and how you'll need to replace them to keep your house warm this winter.

If you're in this situation, the Westminster Historic District Commission urges you to peruse the National Trust for Historic Preservation's (NTHP) new web resource for winterizing historic structures: <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/weatherization/>

The agency's goal is to promote the preservation of historic buildings and their key features by presenting research and best practices related to renovating old buildings to handle the extreme of winter weather. You may be surprised to find that your old home or office building has built-in features that were intended to increase its performance. Many of the recommended upgrades found on this site are eligible for rebates from your energy supplier, and tax credits from the federal government.

So preserve your old home, reduce your heating and cooling costs, and reduce your carbon footprint by learning how to work with your old building to increase its performance.