



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.

UPCOMING DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER EVENTS

MARCH



The **7th Annual 5K Celtic Canter** and **Downtown Irish Celebration** will be held on Saturday, **March 10**. The run will begin at 9am, and runners can register for \$32. For more information, visit CelticCanter.org.

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



Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunts** will once again take place in City Park on Saturday, **March 24** 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 for ages 9-12 - remember to bring your flashlights!

APRIL

On Saturday, **April 7**, take a step back in time at the Corbit's Charge Dance from 7-10pm in the Westminster Family Center Gymnasium. This event is hosted in partnership with Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table.

The **7th Annual Downtown 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 **4th Annual Wine Stroll** on Sunday, **April 22**. Stroll through Downtown Westminster from 4-8pm while enjoying local wines, live music, artisans, and delicious food prepared by several local establishments.

MAY

Check out the **Flower & Jazz Festival** in Downtown on Saturday, **May 12** from 10am—4pm. Come find the perfect gift for Mom while enjoying music, food, and many great vendor offerings!



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the **Downtown Farmers' Market** opening day on Saturday, **May 19** at 8am. The Market is located on the Conaway Lot off of Rt 27 and will run every Saturday from 8am—Noon until November 17.

The Westminster Municipal Pool will be hosting its **Opening Weekend Events** on Saturday, **May 27!** Buy your yearly pass online or at the Westminster Family Center.



The **Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony** will be held at 10am on Monday, **May 29**. The parade will march down Main Street, concluding with the ceremony on Willis Street.

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 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, 1pm & 7:30pm
- * 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

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, 3/17: Past Times for Children, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 3/20: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, McDaniel.edu or 410-848-7000

- * Wednesday, 3/7: Guest Speaker: Holocaust Survivor, Decker Center Forum, 6pm
- * Tuesday, 3/27: Bothe Poetry Reading, McDaniel Lounge, 7:30pm

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

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

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- * 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)

McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, McDaniel.edu or 410-848-7000

- * Sunday, 4/22: College Choir Concert "Spirit: The 150th Anniversary Reunion," Baker Memorial Chapel, 7pm

Upcoming Events for May

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

- * 5/4-8/3: Exhibit "16th Annual Members Show"

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

- * Friday, 5/4: May the Fourth Be With You!, 2pm
- * Monday, 5/14: Catesby: Eyewitness to the Civil War, 1pm

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

- * Saturday, 5/5: Shenandoah Run, 7:30 pm
- * Friday, 5/18: FLICC film: Maudie, 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Friday, 5/25: Aladdin Kids, 7pm
- * Saturday, 5/26: Aladdin Kids, 1pm & 4pm
- * Sunday, 5/27: Aladdin Kids, 1pm

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

- * Tuesday, 5/15: Box Lunch Talk, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 5/19: Past Times for Children, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am

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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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

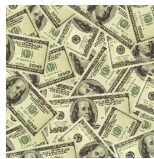
Tickets: \$10, includes dinner and soda/beer

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

FREE Historic Tax Credit Training Program

Thinking about renovating an older home or building? Learn about how local and state tax credits could help you defray the cost of your project at a FREE Historic Tax Credit program training at 7pm on Wednesday, May 2 at the Carroll County Public Library in Westminster.

The training is sponsored by the City of Westminster's Historic District Commission, whose role is to educate citizens about local history and the importance of preserving older homes and buildings.

Owners of properties located within the National Register District who undertake historically sensitive renovations projects may qualify for up to a 10% refund on the renovation cost on their City property taxes. Pre-approval of all proposed renovations is required before any work gets underway.

Representatives from the State will be in attendance to discuss the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, including the application process.

To sign up or for more information, call 410-751-5505 or email Westminster Comprehensive Planner Andrew Gray at agray@westgov.com.

MML Scholarships Available



THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

The Carroll County chapter of the Maryland Municipal League will offer three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college or university or

Carroll County students currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program. Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service.

More information, including qualifications and criteria can be found on our website at www.WestminsterMD.gov under "News Flash" on the homepage.

The application must be received at the address below by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Questions should be directed to Hampstead Council Member Unglesbee, 443-289-6009 or askdaveu@aol.com.

A Message from Carroll County: Plastic Bags No Longer Accepted for Recycling



Please recycle plastic bags at supermarkets, not in your household recycling bin.

The Carroll County Landfill no longer collects plastic bags for recycling. Retail locations across the county – such as large grocery chains, home improvement stores, Walmart, Target, etc. – provide collection bins for these plastic bags/wraps/film, usually in the storefront close to the main entrance. Since you picked up your grocery or shopping bags at these stores, why not just return them on your next trip? They will be recycled into products without going through the processing equipment.

Plastic bags clog up recycling processing equipment just like hair clogs up the rollers of a vacuum cleaner.