



City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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FY 2019 Budget

On May 14, the Mayor and Common Council are scheduled to adopt the City's budget for fiscal year (FY) 2019, which begins July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019. For the sixth year in a row, the real property tax rate of \$0.56 per \$100 of assessed valuation will remain the same for FY 2019. Personal property tax rates will also remain unchanged.

The budget was prepared with a focus on the long-term financial health of the City and the recently adopted City of Westminster Strategic Plan 2018-2021. Guiding financial principles include the following:

- Maintenance of adequate financial reserves to address timing differences in the City's receipt of monies and to avoid any disruptions in services caused by a decline in a significant revenue source; and,
- Maintenance of Westminster's infrastructure, the City's vehicle and equipment fleet, and City facilities.

The FY 2019 budget also focuses on implementing the results of the Compensation and Classification Study. The City undertook this assessment of its salary and benefit structure in early FY 2018 to ensure the City's ability to attract and retain a quality workforce. The Study results will be phased in over multiple fiscal years.

Other FY 2019 budget initiatives include the following:

- A survey of approximately 1,500 residents using The National Citizen Survey;
- The purchase and installation of bike racks in downtown Westminster;
- A marketing analysis and branding initiative to guide the City's economic development efforts;
- Pursuit of new, allocatable water from the Gesell Well;
- Reduction of inflow and infiltration into the City's sewer system; and,
- Renovation of 45 West Main, the property recently acquired by the City to house Westminster's administrative offices.

Make Your Voice Heard: Help Us Keep Westminster Safe!

In early 2017, the Westminster Mayor and Common Council established the Westminster Public Safety Advisory Council to more actively engage and collaborate with the community on issues relating to public safety. In keeping with this mission, the Advisory Council is asking for your feedback on various safety matters in Westminster. The group developed a simple online survey to gain your perspective on safety that will take only 2-3 minutes to complete. By providing your email address at the end of the survey, you'll also have a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a downtown Westminster restaurant.



You can access the survey at the following link:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4310769/2018-Westminster-Public-Safety>

or utilize the QR code which appears to the left.

Changes to Bulk Trash Removal Services

Westminster City residents currently enjoy year-round, biweekly curbside collection of tree limbs and brush and large household items, such as TVs, furniture, and appliances. Beginning July 1, 2018 citizens can request a pick-up by filing an online request via the City's website (WestminsterMD.gov). Upon receipt of the pick-up request, a ticket will be generated that includes verification of when the item was collected. Citizens can also call 410-848-9000 to request a pick-up. All requests for pick-ups must be received at least 24 hours in advance of the next scheduled collection date.

The schedule for pick-ups will continue to follow the following days of the week (biweekly):

- Monday—Tree limbs and brush
- Tuesday—Metal, large appliances, tires, and large batteries
- Wednesday—Yard waste in brown paper bags or bushel-sized containers
- Thursday—Bulk pick up east of Rt 31
- Friday—Bulk pick up west of Rt 31

This more efficient bulk waste removal system will allow the City's Street Department staff to attend to other service needs such as streetlight repair, signage problems, pothole patching, and other street maintenance issues.

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"
- * Saturday, 5/5: Shenandoah Run, 7:30 pm
- * Saturday, 5/12: Joe D. Cares Rock Orchestra, 2-4pm (free concert during Flower & Jazz Festival)
- * 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

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

- * Wednesday, 5/2: Westminster Book Discussion Group, 6:30pm
- * Friday, 5/4: May the Fourth Be With You!, 2pm
- * Monday, 5/14: Catesby: Eyewitness to the Civil War, 1pm
- * Monday, 5/14: Parrot Rescue and Rehab, 6:30pm
- * Saturday, 5/19: Preakness in the Park (for ages 5-12), 11am

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

- * 4/9-5/31: Exhibit "McDaniel at 150"
- * Tuesday, 5/15: Box Lunch Talk—From Humble Beginnings: A 150-Year History of GLC, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 5/19: Past Times for Children—Memorial Day Parade, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am

Upcoming Events for June

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

- * 5/4-8/3: Exhibit "16th Annual Members Show"
- * Saturday, 6/2: Art in the Park, 10am – 4pm
- * Friday, 6/15: FLICC film: Call Me By Your Name, 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Tuesday, 6/19: Free Family Movie "Boss Baby," 7pm
- * Tuesday, 6/26: Free Family Movie "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," 7pm

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- * Thursday, 6/21: Life-Sized Candy Land, 2pm
- * Thursday, 6/21: Summer Discovery Celebration, 1pm
- * Friday Lunchtime Concert Series returns on June 22!
- * Saturday, 6/23: The Honorable Frederick Douglass, 11am
- * Friday, 6/29: The Thrilling Tale of Peter Rabbit Puppet Show, 10am & 2pm

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- * Saturday, 6/16: Past Times for Children—Limestone Quarries, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 6/19: Box Lunch Talk—German P.O.W.s in Carroll County, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

Upcoming Events for July

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

- * 5/4-8/3: Exhibit "16th Annual Members Show"
- * Tuesday, 7/3: Free Family Movie "Coco," 7pm
- * Saturday, 7/7: The Back Pages Band, 7:30pm
- * Tuesday, 7/10: Free Family Movie "The Sound of Music," 7pm
- * Friday, 7/13: FLICC film: Lady Bird, 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Tuesday, 7/17: Free Family Movie "Ferdinand," 7pm
- * Sunday, 7/24: Blue Moon Big Band, 4pm
- * Tuesday, 7/24: Free Family Movie "The Princess Bride," 7pm
- * Tuesday, 7/31: Free Family Movie "Captain Underpants," 7pm

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- * *Please check the online calendar at the website above*

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- * Sunday, 7/8: Rock 'Round the Block Party, Kimmey House & Shellman House Grounds, 1-4pm
- * Tuesday, 6/17: Box Lunch Talk—Hail to the Chiefs: Presidential Visits to Carroll County, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 6/21: Past Times for Children—Doctors and Their Medicines, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am

Bulk Trash Schedule for 2018

Reminder

This standard bulk trash collection schedule will be followed in accordance with the call-in procedure. Please request a pickup using the online system (or call) at least 24 hours prior to next scheduled collection date. Residents are required to place bulk pickup items out by 7a.m. on the correct pickup day.

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April						
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May						
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July						
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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 Fiber Network

Crazy fast fiber Internet is coming to Downtown Westminster! Construction of Phase 3 of the Westminster Fiber Network is currently underway, with completion anticipated this summer. Construction of Phase 4 will follow completion of Phase 3 and should be operational near the end of 2018. A phase map and construction updates can be found at WestminsterMD.gov/FiberNetwork.

To get your connection drop, complete an Access Agreement online at AccessAgreement.com. Once you pre-order service with Ting, your drop will be installed. If you have any questions about the Westminster Fiber Network, please call us at 410-848-4428.

UPCOMING DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER EVENTS

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 opening day of the **Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market** 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 26!** Buy your yearly pass at the Westminster Family Center.



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

JUNE



The Carroll County Arts Council has partnered with the City of Westminster for three decades to present **Art in the Park!** The annual outdoor cultural festival will be held Saturday, **June 2** on the beautiful grounds of Westminster City Hall from 10am–2pm. This juried event features fine art and craft displays by accomplished regional artists. It attracts a loyal and large audience of arts enthusiasts. Bring the kids for a free craft activity to inspire artists of the future! A small food court and live music round out this family friendly outdoor festival!



The annual **Beer & BBQ Stroll** returns to Downtown Westminster on Saturday, **June 16** from Noon–4pm. Join us for amazing BBQ from our local restaurants, and beer from Maryland brewers, while enjoying live music and more! This is a can't miss event.

JULY



Recreation & Parks Month kicks off on **July 1** and runs through **July 31!** Check 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 six Downtown Westminster locations on Saturday, **July 7** —keep an eye on our website for details.



The **Month of Sundays Concert Series** "Summer Roadtrip" begins on **July 8** with Big Wheeley and the Whitewalls! Then on **July 15** the ever-popular Kelly Bell Band will take the stage. **July 22** will feature Ja Works, a Reggae band. Closing out the series on **July 29** will be the Dave Matthews Tribute Band. We hope you can join us for these fantastic groups!

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

Westminster Fiber Network: Keep up to date with the WFN

