



FY 2019 Budget

On May 14, the Mayor and Common Council adopted the City's budget for fiscal year (FY) 2019, which began July 1, 2018 and will end June 30, 2019. For the sixth year in a row, Westminster's real property tax rate will remain the same, at \$0.56 per \$100 of assessed valuation. 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.

Westminster's FY 2019 budget also focuses on implementing the results of the recent 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 purchased by the City, to house Westminster's administrative offices.

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 must request a special pick-up for those items. Upon receipt of the pick-up request, a ticket will be generated that includes verification of when the item was collected. Citizens can 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 remain unchanged and will be made on 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

Page 3 of this newsletter includes a calendar reflecting this schedule in full.

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 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
- * Saturday, 7/21: Cheryl Wheeler, 8pm
- * Sunday, 7/22: Blue Moon Big Band, 4pm
- * Tuesday, 7/24: Free Family Movie "The Princess Bride," 7pm
- * Tuesday, 7/31: Free Family Movie "Captain Underpants," 7pm

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

- * Maker Mondays: A different project every Monday at 2pm, *pre-registration required*
- * Fridays at Noon: Lunchtime Summer Concert Series
- * Monday, 7/2: Teen Advisory Board, 6pm
- * Saturday, 7/7: Common Ground on the Town: Eastman String Band, 8pm
- * Thursday, 7/26: Meet and Greet the Miniature Horse, 1pm
- * Friday, 7/27: ScienceTellers Present—Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano, 10am
- * Friday, 7/27: Teen After-Hours: Wet, Wild, and Wonderful, 6:30pm

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

- * Sunday, 7/8: Rock 'Round the Block Party, Kimmey House & Shellman House Grounds, 1-4pm
- * Saturday, 7/14: Saturdays at Shellman, tours of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30 & 11:30am
- * Tuesday, 7/17: Box Lunch Talk—The Shipleys of Maryland and Family History, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 7/21: Past Times for Children—Doctors and Their Medicines, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Saturday, 7/18: Saturdays at Shellman, tours of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30 & 11:30am

Upcoming Events for August

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

- * 5/4-8/3: Exhibit "16th Annual Members Show"
- * Tuesday, 8/7: Free Family Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," 7pm
- * Friday, 8/17: FLICC film: "Casablanca," 1pm & 7:30pm
- * Saturday, 8/18: yART Sale," 8 am – 4 pm

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- * Saturday, 8/11: Saturdays at Shellman, tours of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30 & 11:30am
- * Saturday, 8/18: Past Times for Children—Towns, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 8/21: Box Lunch Talk—Carroll County's First Settlers: The Susquehannocks?, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon
- * Saturday, 8/25: Saturdays at Shellman, tours of the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, 10:30 & 11:30am

Upcoming Events for September

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

- * Friday, 9/7: North Sea Gas, 8 pm
- * Friday, 9/14: FLICC film: Baby Driver, 1pm & 7:30 pm
- * Sunday, 9/16: Bailes de mi Tierra, 3 pm
- * Saturday, 9/29: Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon, 3 pm & 8 pm

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- * Saturday, 9/8: Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Day, Grace Lutheran Church, 9am—3pm
- * Wednesday, 9/12: Journey, Bus Trip to George Washington's Mount Vernon (call for more information)
- * Saturday, 9/15: Past Times for Children—Businesses, Cockey's Koontz-Yingling Learning Center, 10am
- * Tuesday, 9/18: Box Lunch Talk—Historic Westminster Cemetery, Grace Lutheran Church, Noon

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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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.**



Downtown Westminister Farmers' Market

Come check out the Downtown Westminister Farmers' Market, running throughout the summer on Saturdays from 8am—Noon. The Market is located off of Route 27, in the Conaway Parking Lot. You'll find everything you need to make fresh, farm-to-table meals with seasonal produce. Also look for plants and flowers, ready-made food, chocolate, baked goods, body products, milk, cheese, meat, coffee, local distilleries, and more! There's always something new to find at the County's longest-running, open air, producer-only farmers' market.



Westminister Fiber Network

Crazy fast fiber Internet has arrived in Downtown Westminister! Construction of Phase 3 of the Westminister 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 WestministerMD.gov/FiberNetwork.

To get your connection drop, complete an Access Agreement online at AccessAgreement.com. If you have any questions about the Westminister Fiber Network, please call us at 410-848-4428.



Carroll County Community Mediation Center

The Carroll County Community Mediation Center (255 Clifton Blvd, Suite 311) is proud to offer no cost mediation services. We all experience conflicts, sometimes daily, and probably never consider taking them to mediation. Consider how different the outcomes could be if we used mediation before taking an issue to court. After all, we still have to live next door to one another after the court decides who is right and who is wrong. Please help us increase the opportunity for more conflicts to be resolved in the Carroll County community. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, contact the Center by calling 410-848-1764; or email CCCMC@Carrollcc.edu.

UPCOMING DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER EVENTS

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 Westminister 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! **July 15** will feature Jah Works, a Reggae band. On **July 22** the ever-popular Kelly Bell Band will take the stage. Closing out the series on **July 29** will be the Dave Matthews Tribute Band. We hope you can join us for these fantastic groups!

AUGUST



There is still lots of swimming to do... and starting August 1st you can join at 50% off. Both family and individual memberships are 50% off. Call 410-751-5501 for more information.



SEPTEMBER

FallFest is returning **September 27—30!** The FallFest parade will kick off with the Fun Run at 6:55pm, starting at Monroe Street. The parade will follow along Pennsylvania Avenue to West Main Street, and conclude on Longwell Avenue to start the festivities in City Park and the North Longwell Parking Lot. Festival hours are 6-10pm on Thursday, 2-10pm on Friday, 10am-10pm on Saturday, and 12-6pm on Sunday. Look for more information coming soon on our website!

Follow us on Facebook for the following information:

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

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

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

Westminister Fiber Network: Keep up to date with the WFN

