



# City of Westminster, Maryland

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[City of Westminster Recreation & Parks Department](#): Events, parade information, fitness classes, park openings

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## Happy New Year from the City of Westminster!

### Westminster Family Fitness Center

Are you looking for a gym to call home? Look no further than the Westminster Family Fitness Center! All the classes you want at no extra cost, led by amazing instructors. Our welcoming classes will challenge you to move smarter, push harder, and show up inspired day after day. With everything you want, from cardio and yoga to spinning and Barre, it's easy to find a class that fits you. Join our fitness family with special membership rates for City residents!

### 12th Annual 5K Celtic Canter and Downtown Irish Festival

Join us in Downtown Westminster on March 11th for the annual Celtic Canter 5K run at 9 AM, the kids 1-Mile Leprechaun Chase, and the 0.5K (Don't Miss the Point!) at 11 AM. For more information and to register, visit [CelticCanter.org](#).

Not a runner? Come out to enjoy the Downtown Irish Festival from 8:00 AM until 12 PM, bringing live music, food, and vendors to East Main Street between Rt 27 and Longwell Avenue. For even more fun, hop on the trolley continuously circulating throughout the day, stopping at many of Westminster's amazing eateries. Sláinte!

### Downtown Westminster Wine Stroll

Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 12 PM to 4 PM. Stroll through Downtown Westminster while enjoying local wines, live music, artisans, and delicious food prepared by several local establishments. Tickets go on sale in February!

### Flower & Jazz Festival

Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 10 AM to 4 PM. An annual event held in Downtown Westminster the Saturday before Mother's Day. Main Street will be filled with craft and commercial vendors, delectable food vendors, and nursery/flower vendors. It is a great event for the entire family with special appeal to moms, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters.

### Westminster Volunteer Fire Department Friday Night Bingo

Held every Friday at the John Street Quarters, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD. Doors and kitchen open at 5:30 PM, games begin at 7 PM. \$3 admission charge; only players 18 and older can collect cash payout. Dinners are \$14 each, cash only (weekly preorders welcome); food provided by Kountry Kafe and Catering.

For more information, email [bingo@westminstervfd.org](mailto:bingo@westminstervfd.org) or check the WVFD website:

<http://www.westminstervfd.org/westminster-fire-department-bingo/>.



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## Summer Camp

Summer Camp will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Before & after care available for an additional fee. Ages 6 to 12 (children must have completed kindergarten). Weekly Tuition: City Resident \$135 and Non-City Resident \$145. Activities include: crafts, field trips, swimming, sports, games, movies and more!

## Westminster Municipal Pool

The Westminster Municipal Pool, home to the Westminster Stingrays swim team, aims to serve the recreational needs of the residents of Westminster and the surrounding area. The Municipal Pool opens on Saturday, May 27, and remains open through Monday, September 4. The Municipal Pool will be open 12-7 PM, weekends only while Carroll County Public Schools are in session. Season passes will go on sale in February!

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## Municipal Election Notice

On Tuesday, May 9, 2023 there are Three (3) Councilmember seats open for the 2023 Municipal Election, each to serve a Four-year term (expiring in 2027). Candidate Information Packets, which include official required paperwork to become a candidate, will be available on January 3, 2023, at the City of Westminster Administration Building (45 West Main Street). If you have any questions please contact City Clerk Doug Barber at (410) 848-4938 or [dabarber@westminstermd.gov](mailto:dabarber@westminstermd.gov). For more information, please visit the City of Westminster’s website at [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov) , “Elections”.

## Register to Vote by Visiting the Carroll County Board of Elections Website

- Never a registered voter in Maryland? Register to vote [here!](#)
- Update your name, address or party affiliation [here.](#)

For additional information, the Carroll County Board of Election staff is available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact the office by calling 410-386-2080, by faxing 410-876-3925 or by e-mailing [ccboe@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:ccboe@carrollcountymd.gov).



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## WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Westminster Police Department continues to implement both problem-oriented and community-oriented policing strategies. Problem-oriented policing in a “nutshell” means diagnosing and solving problems that are increasing crime risks. Community-Oriented Policing is a community-based strategic approach where your police department works with you to develop information-sharing, crime fighting, and crime prevention strategies that are consistent with community values.



The Westminster Police Department continues to seek community members to participate in our monthly Community Focus Group meetings. We have held these virtually but would like to start back with “in-person” collaborations. The Community Focus Group is an all-inclusive group that assists YOUR police department in identifying community issues and developing community-based solutions. We also discuss a different topic each month based on your input. You will be introduced to one of our Police Lieutenants who has liaison

responsibilities in your neighborhood. If you are interested in joining our Community Focus Group, please contact Major Richard Gibson at [rgibson@westminstermd.gov](mailto:rgibson@westminstermd.gov) for more information.

Some of our recent community-oriented policing initiatives have included our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Shop with a Cop Holiday Event,” the “Faith and Blue Weekend” with St. John Catholic Church, our “9PM Routine,” and our “Let’s Shine a Light on Crime” prevention initiative. We have continued collaborations with “Find Your Purpose” and the Westminster Boys and Girls Club to invest in our community youth. Finally, your police officers spend a great deal of time on bike patrol and foot patrol to interact with you more.

You may always contact either Chief Thomas Ledwell at [tedwell@westminstermd.gov](mailto:tedwell@westminstermd.gov) or Major Gibson at [rgibson@westminstermd.gov](mailto:rgibson@westminstermd.gov) to request a police officer to attend your HOA or other community meeting, to ask questions, or to request another form of community engagement. We look forward to partnering with you!



### **LET’S SHINE A LIGHT ON CRIME !!!**

The Westminster Police Department recently started a crime prevention campaign named the 9pm Routine. This program encourages community members to take steps that would prevent them from being victims of property crimes. One of those steps is turning on your exterior lights at sundown. The

Westminster Police Department has partnered with Lowe’s to provide light bulbs to community members who need them. If you need a light bulb, please come by the Westminster Police Department which is located at 36 Locust Street or email Major Gibson at [rgibson@westgov.com](mailto:rgibson@westgov.com) and we will deliver a bulb to you. Stay safe Westminster and thank you for being such great community partners.





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## Scheduled Yard Waste and Bulk Trash Curbside Collections

- Weekly curbside collection of yard waste continues every Wednesday. Yard waste must be in paper bags or bushel containers, and pickups must be scheduled to ensure collection.
- Bi-weekly curbside collection of tree limbs and brush, metal and tires, and other bulk trash also continues. Pickup requests must be scheduled in order to guarantee collection on the appropriate date.
- To schedule a pickup request for any of the above items, please call: **410-848-9077**



## Sign up to receive alerts!

Do you receive alerts from the City of Westminster? If you would like to receive them, sign up for an account on the City's website at <http://www.westminstermd.gov/>. The City uses Notify Me®, a mass notification system, to inform residents of emergency and general notifications such as changes to the refuse schedule.

Once signed in, you may select to receive information by phone text message or email. If you want to receive text messages, enter your phone number and select Save. Then, click the Email icon and/or SMS icon next to the requested subscription lists.

The data collected is not shared with anyone else. The system ensures that timely, informative alerts go out to residents to keep them aware of the latest events impacting the community.



### Alert Center

Alert Center allows you to view all alerts and emergencies in your area. If there are alerts or emergencies, they will be listed below by category. To be instantly notified of alerts and emergencies subscribe to [Notify Me](#) or [RSS](#).