



City of Westminster, Maryland

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Miracle on Main Street Holiday Electric Parade

It's that time of year and you will not want to miss this one! Experience the "brightest" night on Main Street with your family and friends on Saturday, November 26th as we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Claus to Westminster, MD with the most anticipated event of the season, "Miracle on Main Street"!

Dash in the festive Jingle Bell 1-mile Run at 4:55 p.m., delight in the merriment of the "electric" holiday parade with lighted floats that will travel on Pennsylvania Avenue along Main Street to Longwell Avenue, gather for Christmas carols, and conclude with the ceremonial illumination of the Locust Lane Tree.

Bring the kids to the Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue) afterward to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Santa's Treat, plus, new this year, Polar Express Train Rides!

Saturdays with Santa

Visit Santa at the Carroll County Library - Westminster Branch (50 E Main Street) on December 3rd, 10th & 17th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

While Downtown, take advantage of a FREE, horse-drawn carriage ride through Historic Westminster! Carriage rides pick up behind Life is...Pizza (Locust Lane) beginning at 12:00 p.m. and run until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday visits with Santa and carriage rides are free of charge.

Holiday Farmers' Market

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market will open its Holiday Market at 29 West Main Street on Saturday, November 26th. The Holiday Market is open Saturday November 26th, December 3rd, December 10th, and December 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Happy Holidays from the
City of Westminster!*





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Municipal Government Works Month

The City of Westminster proclaimed November 2022 as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Westminster. Municipal Government represents the most responsive level of government, allowing citizens to have direct access to elected officials, in an effort to educate citizens about municipal government and the importance of their participation, the City of Westminster is proud to promote municipal government awareness.

Small Business Saturday – Saturday, November 26, 2022

The City of Westminster celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community. The City of Westminster proclaims Saturday, November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Westminster and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.



Westminster Leaf Vacuum Schedule Starts October 3, 2022

The City of Westminster Department of Public Works will once again provide leaf pickup during the fall season. Beginning on October 3, 2022. The City will collect leaves every week day on a set schedule. To find your pickup day, please visit <https://www.westminstermd.gov/176/Zones>.

Following the changes to the Bulk Trash Collection requirements, residents must call in and request a Leaf Vac pickup of their leaves. To schedule a pickup or find out your scheduled collection day, call 410-848-9077.

Leaves may be raked into the gutter area no more than 12 hours ahead of the scheduled pickup day, except in the case of inclement weather, as they block the storm drain system. Open burning is prohibited by law within the corporate limits of Westminster, since public collection of leaves and debris is provided.

Leaf Vac services will end December 9, 2022.



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Westminster Police Department Body Worn Camera Program (Update)

The Westminster Police Department applied for a grant through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and were awarded \$148,395 to purchase an additional twenty-eight (28) body-worn cameras for a five (5) year period and all related equipment and to fund a Body-Worn Camera Program Coordinator position for FY2023. This will allow the police department to equip the remainder of our uniformed police officers with body-worn cameras as they fulfill their law enforcement and investigative responsibilities.

Four of your Westminster Police Department (WPD) officers have been wearing a body worn camera (BWC) since last fall as part of a pilot program. We received two separate grants to purchase four (4) BWCs on a five-year contract and will purchase an additional nine (9) BWCs with budget funds over a five-year contract with Motorola. Once we determine the staffing workload associated with running our program with nine cameras during Fiscal Year 2023, we will plan to purchase BWCs for the remainder of our uniformed police officers. We continue to research and apply for grant funds for this purpose.

Administration of a BWC program requires significant work. There are many responsibilities regarding digital evidence and ensuring that we are doing things correctly. We have drafted our BWC policy, which satisfies all legal parameters and contains each element mandated by Maryland legislation. You can read our BWC policy, along with all of our policies, on the City website at <https://www.westminstermd.gov/BWC>.

Additionally, we are happy to provide a BWC demonstration for any interested community group. Please email Captain Nikki Heuer at nheuer@westminstermd.gov with your request. We have more exciting opportunities for citizens which we will announce in the near future!





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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!

Westminster Needs YOU!

Are you interested in serving on a City Board, Commission, and/or Committee? To see the current vacancy list for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees, or to find out more information, visit our website at: <https://www.westminstermd.gov/145/Boards-Commissions>.

Your community needs your involvement, so fill out the online application and upload your resume and letter of intent today!

Westminster Volunteer Fire Department Friday Night Weekly Bingo

Held every Friday at the John Street Quarters, 28 John Street. Doors and kitchen open at 5:30 p.m., with games begin at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$3 admission charge per person, and only players 18 and older can collect cash payout. Food available, cash only. For more information about this event, check the WVFD website at: <http://www.westminstervfd.org/westminster-firedepartment-bingo/>.



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.



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Household Trash Schedule Changes for 2022

The following dates are recognized as holidays during 2022 and will result in altered schedules for household trash collection provided by Ecology Services.

- Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25, 2022)
- New Years Day (January 1, 2023)

For these holiday weeks, if the collection day falls on the holiday, trash will be collected the next day. This includes Friday pick ups, which will be collected on Saturday.

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**

