



City of Westminster, Maryland

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Downtown Halloween Party & Parade

Join us for a Spooky Saturday! Little ghouls and goblins come calling as downtown businesses and street vendors open up to trick-or-treaters on Saturday, October 22nd from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Parents and children alike can also delight in a variety of crafts, games, live entertainment, and a haunted house. Don't forget to sign up the whole family for the one-mile Spooky Sprint at 2:55 p.m.

Join us Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. for the Downtown Halloween Parade. The parade will be held on E. Main Street from S. Ralph Street to Longwell Avenue. For more information, visit the American Legion website at <https://www.carrollpost31.org/>

Trick-or-Treat

The Mayor has announced that Trick-or-Treating in Westminster City limits will be held on October 31st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please indicate your participation by turning on your front porch light.

Miracle on Main Street Holiday Electric Parade

Experience the annual Miracle on Main Street Holiday Electric Parade on Saturday, November 26! Lighted floats will travel on Pennsylvania Avenue, along Main Street to Longwell Avenue. The Parade will begin with the Jingle Bell Run at 4:55 p.m., and will conclude with the Tree Lighting on Locust Lane. Bring the kids to the Westminster Family Fitness Center afterward to check out Santa's Treat.

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.

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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National Night Out

National Night Out is a nationwide collaboration that promotes neighbor camaraderie, partnerships with law enforcement and their respective communities.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, The Westminster Police Department and six different neighborhoods participated showing unyielding support for their community. Each location had resource information, entertainment, refreshments, youth activities and McGruff the Crime Dog visited each location.

A special thank you to the following neighborhoods for hosting this well attended event: Bishop's Garth Apartments, Carroll Lutheran Village, Dutterer's Park, Eagle View/ Fenby Farm, Furnace Hills and 4 Ridge Road. With these dedicated partnerships, it makes Westminster one of the best places to visit, live and work.



Westminster Police Department Body Worn Camera Program

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 BWCs on a five-year contract and will purchase an additional nine 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/>.





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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**



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.