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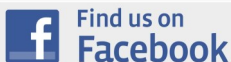
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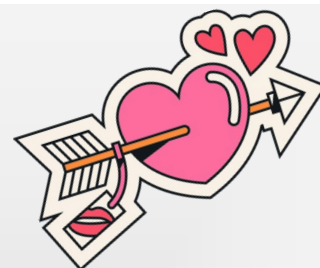
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February



Irish Celebration and Celtic Run Fest

Saturday, March 14 from 7 AM - 12 PM

Downtown Westminster

Join us in historic downtown Westminster for the annual Irish Celebration and Celtic Run Fest. 5K run, the 1-mile Leprechaun Chase, and the 0.5K (Don't Miss the Point!). After the 5K race, enjoy a post-race party and awards ceremony.



Not a runner? Come out to enjoy the Irish Festival from 8 AM – 12 PM, complete with live music, themed vendors, demonstrations, and free activities for children. This event benefits local charities.



For even more fun join the pub crawl from 12 – 4 PM! Hop on the trolley that is continuously circulating throughout the day from 12 – 5 PM, stopping at many of Westminster's excellent eateries. For more information and to register, visit www.celticcanter.org.

Egg-Citing Bunny Trail & Egg Hunt

March 28, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Wakefield Valley Park (1000 Fenby Farm Road)

Fee: FREE!

This fun, Easter-themed trail features children's activities and crafts as well as a traditional egg hunt: ages 1-4 at 1:30 PM and ages 5-8 at 2:30 PM. The egg hunt features over 20,000 treat-filled eggs, some of which are special prize eggs that can be redeemed for a surprise!



Run Your Fastest Mile Yet —

Join Us for the 43rd Annual Main Street Mile!

Wednesday, April 8 at 7 PM

Main Street, Westminster

We are excited to announce the **Westminster Road Runners Club 43rd Annual Main Street Mile**. This isn't just any mile — it's a **fast one**. From the starting line to the finish, the course features an exhilarating **144-foot vertical drop**, giving runners the perfect chance to **crush personal records**. Whether you're chasing your fastest mile yet or simply want to enjoy a lively run down Main Street, this is the race you don't want to miss.



Bring your friends, bring your energy, and get ready for a great evening in downtown Westminster. Let's fill Main Street with runners, cheers, and finish-line smiles. All runners receive a FREE ice cream sandwich at the finish.

Register today → <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Westminster/wrrcMainStreetMile>



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Wine Stroll

**Saturday, April 25 from 12 - 4 PM (Early VIP Ticket Holder Access at 10:30 AM)
Main Street, Westminster**

Sip, swirl, and savor your way through a day of pure wine-soaked fun! This stroll is bursting with bold flavors, good vibes, and unforgettable memories. From crisp whites to robust reds, explore a delicious lineup of local Maryland wines while enjoying live entertainment, great food, local artisans, and plenty of laughs. Grab your friends, raise a glass, and let the good times pour! VIP tickets go on sale February 2nd!



GIVE THE GIFT OF SUMMER FUN!

Westminster Municipal Pool (325 Royer Road)

It may be cold outside, but we're daydreaming of the summer 2026 pool season! Get ready to make a splash with 15% OFF pool memberships! This sunny deal ends March 31st, so dive in now and swim your way into summer fun! Call today to reserve your membership at 410-751-5501.



The Municipal Pool opens on Saturday, May 23, and remains open through Monday, September 7. Hours of operation are 12–7 PM daily, with weekend hours only while Carroll County Public Schools are in session. Memberships for residents in city limits are \$185 (Individual Membership) or \$360 (Family Membership). For more information, please visit: <https://www.westminstermd.gov/221/Pool>

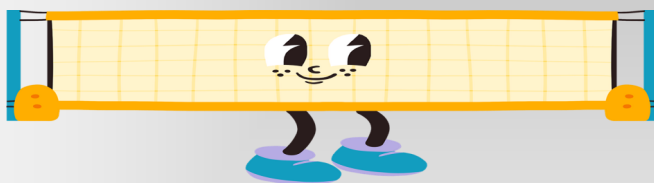


Drop-in Pickleball

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:15 – 2:15 PM & Fridays, 5 - 7 PM

Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue)

Drop-in play is just \$10 for Non-Members and FREE for Westminster Family Fitness Center members. Scan this QR code to reserve your space today!



Pickleball Lessons

Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue)

Pickleball lessons are offered throughout the month at the Westminster Family Fitness Center! If you are interested in learning how to play as a beginner or have experience and want to brush up on your skills and learn new strategies, we offer something for everyone. Our Pickleball coaching sessions are a great way to learn and improve your skillset. Check out the class offerings by scanning the QR code.





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Summer Camp June 15 - August 28 Wakefield Valley Park (1000 Fenby Farm Road)

Looking for a great summer day camp for your kids? Look no further! The City of Westminster's Summer Camp Program offers a fantastic summer camp experience for children ages 6-12. Camp begins June 15th and runs through August 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Activities include crafts, field trips, swimming, sports, games, movies, and more! Weekly Tuition: City Resident \$190/ Non-City Resident \$219. Before care (7 - 9 AM) & after care (4 - 6 PM) sessions are also available for an additional fee of \$20 per session/per week. For more information or to reserve your space, please call 410-751-5501.



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City of Westminster Recreation and Parks Facility Rentals



Are you looking for rental space for your next party or additional court space for your team? Look no further! Call 410-751-5501 for more information or to make your reservation today!

Facility Rentals	Features	Times & Fees
Community Building at the Westminster Municipal Pool	Tables, Chairs, Kitchen, Restroom, Meeting Room	Times vary. \$50/hr.
Dutterer Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Multipurpose Field, Brick Plaza, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms, 1/2 Basketball Court, Walking/Biking Path	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 <u>Field Reservation:</u> \$75/Hour
King Park	Basketball Court, Tennis/ Pickleball Court, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 <u>Court Reservation:</u> \$25/Hour
Westminster City Park	2 Baseball/Softball Fields, Basketball Court, 2 Pavilions, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Playground, 1/2 Basketball Court, Full Basketball Court	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 (Cost is per pavilion- 2 available) <u>Field Reservation:</u> \$75/Hour <u>Court Reservation:</u> \$25/Hour
Westminster Family Fitness Center Gymnasium	Gymnasium	<u>Reservation Cost</u> City Resident/ Gym Member \$50/hr. Non-City Resident/ Non-Member \$60/hr. <u>After-Hour Rates</u> , Mon.- Fri. after 8 PM, Sat-After 5pM Sun after 1 PM City Resident/ Gym member \$75/hr. Non-City Resident/ Non-Member \$85/hr.





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Volunteers

The City of Westminster's Recreation and Parks Department hosts events like the Irish Celebration & Celtic Run Fest, Wine Stroll, Fallfest, and many more! These events attract thousands of people to Downtown Westminster every year. To operate these fun and unique events, we need your help. We hope you will consider volunteering!



Visit our website at www.westminstermd.gov to check out our volunteer incentive program. Volunteer incentives include general admission tickets to a stroll, a show at the Carroll County Art's Council, Fallfest Ride Wristbands, a branded volunteer long-sleeve t-shirt, and more!

Please email westminsterrec@westminstermd.gov if you have any questions or are part of a team, organization, or business that would like to volunteer.



Calling All Vendors!

The City of Westminster Recreation and Parks Department is searching for vendors to set up during downtown special events!

Save the date for our 2026 vendor shows:

Irish Celebration & Celtic Run Fest – March 14

Wine Stroll – April 25

Flower and Jazz Festival – May 9

Beer and BBQ Stroll – June 20

A Toast to Italy – July 11

Westminster Fallfest – September 24 - 27

Oyster Stroll – October 10



For more information and to complete an application for consideration, visit www.westminstermd.gov/FormCenter



Events Happening at McDaniel College

Check out the McDaniel website or scan the QR Code for the most up-to-date information on events that are open to the public, including lectures, theatre performances, concerts and more.





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Important Notice: Convenience Fee for Credit/Debit Card Payments

Starting **April 1, 2026**, the City of Westminster will begin assessing a **convenience fee** for all transactions paid using a credit or debit card, except those charges for on going memberships fees, such as fitness center memberships and pool memberships.

Why is this change being made?

Currently, the costs associated with processing credit and debit card payments—including transaction fees charged by payment processors and card issuing banks—are absorbed by the City's general fund. This practice ultimately impacts the budget allocated for essential municipal services. By implementing a convenience fee, the City can ensure that the processing costs for these optional payment methods are covered by the users who elect to utilize them, allowing the City to redirect resources back into improving vital services for our residents.

Key Details

- **Fee Structure:** The convenience fee will be a percentage of the total transaction amount.
- **Transparency:** The exact fee amount will be clearly displayed before you finalize any credit or debit card payment, giving you the opportunity to choose an alternative payment method.

Alternative Payment Options

We understand that you may prefer to avoid this fee. With the exception of the Police Department, which can only accept check or money order, the City of Westminster will continue to accept the following payment methods at no additional cost:

- Cash
- Check or Money Order (in person or mailed)
- ACH (Electronic funds transfer from a bank account, where available)

We appreciate your understanding as we implement this change to manage administrative costs effectively. For questions, please call (410) 848-3255.



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.



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Household Trash Schedule for 2026

The following dates are recognized as holidays during 2026 and will result in altered schedules for household trash collection provided by Ecology Services.

- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas (December 25)
- New Years Day (2027)

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

- To schedule a pickup request for any of the below items, please call: **410-848-9077**
- 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.
- 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.
- Christmas tree pickup is available with tree limb and brush. Please call to schedule a pickup.

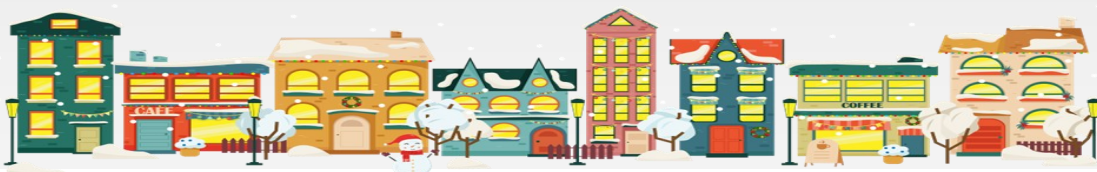
Winter Snow Removal

As a reminder to City residents, snow or ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after any snow or ice ceases to fall, in accordance with City of Westminster Code regulations as stated below:



City of Westminster Code §139-4(B)- “Owners and occupants of premises fronting any street with paved sidewalks shall remove snow and ice from the traveled portion of the sidewalk to a width of at least 30 inches within 24 hours after any snow or ice ceases to fall.”

Non-compliance with this Code provision could result in a fine of \$200 or more. Please be a good neighbor by maintaining your property in an appropriate condition. If you have a concern about possible non-compliance with this Code provision, please contact the City’s Code Enforcement Officer at 410-848-2261.





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2026 City of Westminster Bulk Trash Schedule (City Residents Only)

Call 410-848-9077 to schedule a pickup

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*Yellow indicates pickup days **Red indicates City of Westminster holidays