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# City Initiates Comprehensive Plan Update – Westminster Forward

The city is embarking on a significant update to the Westminster Comprehensive Plan. This update is titled “Westminster Forward.” The plan establishes land use and includes information regarding a variety of im-

pacts such as: economic vitality, water supply, sewer and drainage infrastructure, transportation improvements, parks and recreation opportunities and other development-related land use issues. Ensuring these

multiple considerations are coordinated is a primary goal of the update effort.

The last significant update to the plan was made in 2013 and considered the city’s vision for development through 2035. The

plan seeks to guide development at the citywide level, however it also incorporates strategic growth at specific locations identified as “Focus Areas” and Please see **FORWARD** on page 7



Get the latest on the progress at Downtown Westminster. Visit [www.downtownwestminster.us](http://www.downtownwestminster.us).

## Celebrating the Completion of Panorama Pointe: Affordable Housing for Seniors

September will mark the completion of the final phase of development and a grand opening at Panorama Pointe. The senior living community is located at 84th Avenue, between Zuni and Federal, on one of the highest points in the city.

The Panorama Pointe campus has been built in partnership with the City of Westminster over the past 20 years and serves senior residents at a range of affordability levels from Section 8 voucher assistance through market rate units. The completed property includes both cottage homes and apartments, and enjoys on-site access to a senior center.

The Cottages at Panorama Pointe were built in the first phase between 1996 and 2002. This market-rate development coincided with the city’s development of the on-site Senior Center, which was built with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and is operated by Panorama Pointe. The Senior Center is available for use by all residents of Westminster during normal business hours.

The second phase of the Panorama project created the 72-unit Residences at Panorama Pointe. These were funded with Please see **HOUSING** on page 2



### FILL THE BOOT

Over the Labor Day weekend, Westminster firefighters will be out in the community in support of the MDA Fill the Boot campaign. Along with firefighters across the nation, Westminster firefighters will solicit donations from their communities to raise funds for MDA, a nonprofit health agency dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases by funding worldwide research. Keep an eye out for your Westy firefighters at local retail areas over the holiday weekend and throw some spare change (or dollars) in the boot to help fight these diseases!

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# City Sign Code Getting Updated

The Planning Division is updating the city's Sign Code (Title 11, Chapter 11 of the city's Municipal Code). This code addresses signs as a means of visual communication for the public and enables the use of signs to identify businesses, services and other activities within the city.

Throughout this update, multiple factors will be kept in mind, including:

- The United States Supreme Court case from June 2015 (Reed v. Gilbert), that places strict limitations on local, state and federal governments as to what may and what may not be encompassed by sign regulation.

- Improving the organization of the document to eliminate any inconsistencies or contradictions.

- Updating information relative to current business practices related to sign design, purpose and scale, and looking at refinements to meet the needs of different neighborhood or district contexts within the community.

- Revising the code to make it more user-friendly and easier to administer.

The following goals have been established for the new code:

- Make it easier to read and understand; simple and highly visual in nature.

- Use tables, charts, definitions and graphics to promote ease of understanding for all sign types.

- Assure it's legally sound, defensible and enforceable.

- Create it with a straightforward, transparent process.

- Make sure it fairly balances the needs of the city's business community with the needs of the community at-large.

- A possible variation of standards based on different neighborhood contexts rather than a "one size fits all" approach.

Preliminary efforts for the Sign Code update effort began in December 2017. On March 1, 2018, the city put out a Request For

Proposals for a consultant to create the new code. At its public hearing on May 14, 2018, the Westminster City Council approved funding for the selected consultant group, White & Smith (partnered with Winter & Company and Kendig Keast Collaborative) to undertake the project. The project officially kicked-off with a series of meetings between June 11-14, and is expected to take 12-18 months to complete. For details, visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/signcodeupdate](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/signcodeupdate).

## HOUSING

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a mix of private and public support, including 9 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Use of LIHTC helps the developer limit the amount of debt on the property and ensures that units are made available to residents between 40

percent and 50 percent average median income. (AMI).

This fall, developer Neal Mendel will put the final touches on Vistas at Panorama Pointe, and complete the project his father started more than 20 years ago.

The Vistas at Panorama Pointe also leveraged the city partnership to include HUD HOME fi-

nancing that will offer 69 units available to senior residents between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI. The building is already half leased and is expected to be full by the time of the grand opening in October.

Neal expressed appreciation for the partnership and support he received from the City of Westminster to navigate and ne-

gotiate significant hurdles to make the project a reality. "The Mayor and the Economic Development staff really supported what we wanted to do and they worked incredibly hard to make the project happen."

To learn more about housing availability at the Vistas at Panorama Pointe, contact John Revels at 303-650-0979, or at [residencespamorama@elkco.net](mailto:residencespamorama@elkco.net).

## City Council Community Meeting Connects You to Your City

Your city is your home, your community, and the City Council Community Meeting to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, is an opportunity to connect with your city in a unique way. With free refreshments and childcare, the community meeting is a welcoming space to interact with your City Council members, learn about your city and give input on city issues and projects. We build a strong and vibrant future together, and we would love for you to be part of making your city great for generations to come!

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 26  
 6-8 p.m.  
 The MAC  
 3295 W. 72nd Ave.  
 Visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/counciloutreach](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/counciloutreach) for more information and to register.



**CITY HOLIDAY FACILITY SCHEDULE**

Following is the city's facility schedule for the Labor Day holiday:

<p><b>Sunday, Sept. 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed - Libraries</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday, Sept. 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal Hours - City Park Recreation Center, Golf Courses, Standley Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed - Libraries, Westminster Sports Center, City Hall, Municipal Court</li> <li>• Closes at 3 p.m. - City Park Fitness Center,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swim &amp; Fitness Center, West View Recreation Center and the MAC</li> <li>• Closes at 6 p.m. - Countryside Pool</li> </ul>
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## WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

The Westminster City Council is elected at-large. Councillors represent all residents of the city, not specific wards or districts.



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**VISION:** Westminster is the next urban center of the Colorado Front Range. It is a vibrant, inclusive, creative and well-connected city. People choose Westminster because it is a dynamic community with distinct neighborhoods, quality educational opportunities and a resilient local economy that includes: a spectrum of jobs; diverse, integrated housing; and shopping, cultural, entertainment and restaurant options. It embraces the outdoors and is one of the most sustainable cities in America.

- WESTMINSTER STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**
- > Visionary Leadership, Effective Governance and Proactive Regional Collaboration
  - > Vibrant, Inclusive and Engaged Community
  - > Beautiful, Desirable, Safe and Environmentally Responsible City
  - > Dynamic, Diverse Economy
  - > Financially Sustainable Government Providing Excellence in City Services
  - > Ease of Mobility

# Westy Fest Rolls Into Halloween Harvest Festival

Saturday, Oct. 20  
noon-8 p.m.

Downtown Westminster  
U.S. 36 and Sheridan Boulevard,  
between 88th and 92nd avenues

Mark your calendars for Westminster's new and improved Halloween Harvest Festival! This family-friendly event is bigger and better than ever this year, as it will now be combined with another one of Westminster's signature events – the annual Westy Fest that is usually held each August.

Last year's Halloween Harvest Festival had record attendance, drawing over 17,000 people during the three-hour event. To account for the large crowds, the city decided to pool resources and roll Westy Fest and the Harvest Festival into one big event, with more activities, more ven-

dors and more time to enjoy all of the fun!

Bring the whole family to kick off the fall season with free carnival games, trick-or-treating, a hot-air balloon glow, live musical performances by local bands, a beer garden, food trucks, arts and crafts, jumping castles, local vendors, a bonfire and a barbecue competition. You can even pick out the perfect pumpkin at the pumpkin patch!

This event is expected to have high attendance, so please plan accordingly. There will be parking on site, as well as free shuttle stops throughout the city (stops to be announced at a later date). This year's Halloween Harvest Festival is sponsored by RE/MAX Alliance, Milender White, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, JCPenney and NMAA/SCFD.



## Family Camping Night Coming Sept. 8-9



Westy Family Camp Night gives you a reason to get excited for the end of summer! Standley Lake welcomes you and your family to enjoy a full day of activities. With both nature and recreational activities, there is something to please everyone in the family! Paddleboard, kayak or canoe around Standley Lake and get an up-close view of the wildlife that calls the park home. Grab some friends and hit the slacklines or volleyball court,

while soaking up the September sun. In the evening, dive into learning about critters that are active at night with Nature's Educators. This nature program features live animals to enhance your learning experience. At the end of the day, gaze up at the stars while enjoying your s'mores around the campfire, and discover what's in the sky above you. Seeing the lake glimmer under the stars will give you and your family a whole new per-

spective of Standley Lake, and have you eager for your next camping experience at the park!

Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m. to Sunday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. \$9 for residents/\$12 for non-residents. Register online today. For more information, call 303-658-2796 or email [lbmartin@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:lbmartin@cityofwestminster.us).

## Public Safety Banquet Honors Local Heroes

The Westminster Public Safety Recognition Foundation will host its 15th annual awards banquet on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Westminster Marriott, 7000 Church Ranch Blvd. The event begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., then dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the award presentations. The event honors Westminster police officers, fire-

fighters, citizens and businesses that have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the name of public safety in the last year. Individual tickets are \$40/person. Tickets are available starting in mid-August and may be purchased online at [www.wpsrf.org](http://www.wpsrf.org) or in person at the Westminster Public Safety Center, 9110 Yates St.



## Fire Station 6 Open House and Hero's Day

Come join the Westminster Fire Department on Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon to 3 p.m. for an open house with firefighters, food and fun at Fire Station 6, 999 W. 124th Ave. Bring the family to see the fire engines and ambulances, visit with firefighters, play some games, grab some grub, take a ride on the

vintage 1958 Seagraves fire engine and much more at this neighborhood gathering.

Along with the open house, the station will host Hero's Day geared toward individuals with special needs and their families. This event is free. Be sure to bring your camera! Call 303-658-4500 for more information.



## CULT MOVIE CLASSICS – MOVIES IN THE PARK

- Saturday, Aug. 25, "Napoleon Dynamite," 6-10 p.m., City Park
- Saturday, Sept. 8, "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure," 6-10 p.m., City Park
- Saturday, Sept. 22, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," 6-10 p.m., City Park

It's better than going to a drive-in movie! Watch your favorite cult movies on a giant, outdoor screen. Enjoy food vendors, beer and laughs during these interactive screenings – audience participation is highly encouraged! Activities and food concessions begin at 6 p.m. and the movies start at dusk. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy the show!

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### MOVIE IN THE PARK – STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI

Friday, Aug. 24, 7-10 p.m., City Park

It's better than going to a drive-in movie! Watch your favorite family movies on a giant, outdoor screen. Bring the whole family – it's FREE! Activities and concessions begin at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy the show!

### TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

• Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 1-29 (no class Aug. 6-8), 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., West View Recreation Center  
 • Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 2-30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., The MAC

These monthly evening classes help increase your fitness, flexibility and confidence levels and allow you to gain the ability to defend. Skills learned in class apply to other sports and everyday life. Fees vary month to month based on total number of classes that month. Ages 5-8 and 8-adult.

### ADULT SPORTS

**Fall Softball** – Registration is open and league games will start the week of Aug. 20. Info: 303-658-2225.

**Indoor Soccer** – Dates and times listed on [www.teamsideline.com/westminster](http://www.teamsideline.com/westminster). Games take place at Westminster Sports Center.

**Pickleball** – Moves back indoors for fall. Games will be played Thursday nights at West View Recreation Center. Info: 303-658-2207.

**Volleyball** – is back in September! Monday mornings: Senior Women at West View Recreation Center. Tuesday evenings: Adult Coed at West View. Wednesday afternoons: Senior Coed at West View. Info: 303-658-2207.

### NATURE'S BEAUTY HIKE

Saturday, Aug. 5



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Saturday, Aug. 5, 8-10 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

View the season's abundance of colorful wildflowers, foliage and gorgeous vistas! Enjoy the summer air while learning about the flora and fauna surrounding us. Dress appropriately. Bring sunscreen and water. All ages welcome. Class is free! Limited to 12 spaces.

### FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE

Watch for the new 2018 Fall Parks, Recreation and Libraries Activity Guide in your mail after Aug. 6. Continue your summer fun all through the fall! Registration begins for hundreds of programs offered throughout Westminster starting in September. The Activity Guide can also be found online, Aug. 6, at [www.cityofwestminster.us/ActivityGuides](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/ActivityGuides).



**GROW A GARDEN**  
Saturday, Aug. 18

### S'MORE STORIES

Sunday, Aug. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Gather around the campfire for delicious s'mores and storytelling. Westminster Public Library and Standley Lake want to share their appreciation for nature, wellness and literacy with you! All ages welcome.

### PUT YOUR BEST FACE FORWARD

Thursday, Aug. 16, 6-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Get glowing skin with a DIY facial using kitchen cupboard ingredients. Learn how to make and apply facials, and discover how they work. A 10-minute facial exercise component is included. Register by Aug. 13. Resident \$18/ Non-resident \$20.

### GROW A GARDEN

Saturday, Aug. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Irving Street Library

Join us for a garden scavenger hunt, sunflower planting and garden-themed crafts. Meet in the Irving Street Library Children's Room to walk two blocks to the Windmill Community Gardens. Register online. All ages.

### WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ?

Sunday, Aug. 19, 1-2:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Buzz on over to discover the ins and outs of beekeeping with Bee Guru Gregg McMahan. "Bee" ready to explore the importance of these incredible insects and see a live hive! All ages welcome. Class is free! Park pass required.

### GETTING TO KNOW GOOGLE

Thursday, Aug. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

In addition to being a search engine, Google provides services such as Gmail, Calendar, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Photos and Maps that can help you perform a wide variety of personal and work-related tasks. Handouts are provided at this demonstration-style class. Register by Aug. 20. Resident \$24/ Non-resident \$26.

### FITNESS FOR YOUR FEET

Thursday, Aug. 23, 6-7 p.m., The MAC

Sometimes discomfort that is felt in our bodies, such as knee and hip pain, may actually start with the feet. Discover stretching and strengthening exercise you can do for your feet. Participants will remove socks and shoes in class. Register by Aug. 21. Resident \$11/Non-resident \$13.

### FACEBOOK 101

Thursday, Aug. 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

Learn how Facebook works, how to set up a personal account, posting, making/accepting friend requests, commenting on posts and managing your privacy settings. Handout provided in this demonstration-style class. Register by Aug. 27. Resident \$24/Non-resident \$26.



**WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ?**  
Sunday, Aug. 19



**S'MORE STORIES**  
Sunday, Aug. 12

## LIBRARY MINI-CON '18

Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Irving Street Library and Park

Experience the excitement of Westminster Public Library's first mini-comic con! Enjoy the work of local artists, attend presentations and demonstrations, make comic book-themed crafts and more! All ages.



## SELF-CARE RETREAT

Saturday, Sept. 8, noon to 3 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Self-care is essential to enhancing one's quality of life. This retreat will provide you with lifelong holistic self-care tools: nutrition, exercise, sleep, detox and living a mindful life that serves you. \$25.

## SEPT.

### BIRDS OF PREY

Saturday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Fierce falcons, hovering hawks and enchanting eagles. Discover the adaptations that make these raptors the harrowing hunters of the sky. Ages 8-12. Class is free!

### HEALTH COACHING

• Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to noon, City Park Fitness Center  
• Wednesdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Join us for this 8-week group health coaching program. Your health coach and registered dietitian will lead discussions on topics such as dietary confusion, physical activity, sleep and stress management. Fee: \$49.

### 2018-19 PRESCHOOL - KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 5-May 10; Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4-May 9

Two and three hour morning or afternoon classes. Please call 303-658-2222 or 303-658-2215 for class times, days and fees. Register now for any remaining spots for the 2018-19 school year. This continuous school-year program prepares your child for kindergarten while focusing on the "learning is fun" philosophy. Class emphasizes

social, emotional and cognitive development along with teaching pre-kindergarten and creative skills. Age: 3-5 years.

### BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY

Wednesdays, Sept. 5-26, 9-11 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

Focus on digital photography as a fine art medium and develop basic camera operation skills. Create sharp, properly exposed photos using various settings. Requires a working digital camera, preferably a DSLR with manual adjustments. Includes outdoor field trips. Age: 15+.

### TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

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• Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4-27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., The MAC

These monthly evening classes help increase your fitness, flexibility and confidence levels, and allow you to gain the ability to defend. Ages 5-8 and 8-adult.

### BONJOUR! LET'S SPEAK FRENCH!

Thursdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11, 6-7:45 p.m., The MAC

This 6-week beginner class covers the French alphabet, basic greetings, introductions, days of the week, numbers, how to ask for directions and simple conversation. Resident \$75/non-resident \$80.

### MEAL PLANNING 101

Saturday, Sept. 8, 10-11:30 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

Our registered dietitians break down meal planning into simple

### UKULELE I

Mondays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22



steps, teaching you how to stock a pantry for success, and focus on keeping it healthy while sticking to a budget. Fee: \$5.

### SCIENCE STORIES

Sunday, Sept. 9, 3-4 p.m., College Hill Library, Room L107

Grab your lab coat and head to the library for some scientific fun! Read a book, learn something new and experiment with the monthly theme. Parents are welcome to join in the fun. Ages: 6-9.

### UKULELE I

Mondays, Sept. 10-Oct. 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Geared toward players with some ukulele experience. Learn to read chord charts and melodic tablature. Age 12+. Residents \$75/non-residents \$80.

### SISTERS FOR COURAGE

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m., The MAC

In the late 1800s, the Harbison sisters homesteaded and operated a dairy ranch where the Grand Lake entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park is located today. Dis-

cover how their unique journey was anything but ordinary. Presented by Dave Lively, RMNP tour guide and speaker. Register by Sept. 4. Resident \$75/non-resident \$80.

### DRAWING - BEGINNERS ONLY

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

See how basic shapes are combined with line and texture. Learn about blending, cross hatching and contrasts in value. Age: 15+.

### BEGINNING ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Buongiorno! Acquire basic language skills for meeting and greeting, getting directions and transportation info, shopping and ordering in a restaurant. Resident \$75/non-resident \$80.

### GUITAR I

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Geared toward players

with some guitar experience. Learn to finger pick melodies and strum basic simple chords. Age 14+. Residents \$75/non-resident \$80.

### BRIGHT IDEAS: COSMIC QUEST

Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., Broomfield Auditorium

Bright Ideas goes galactic! Westminster Public Library and Broomfield Library host a night of exploration. Industry experts bring their expertise to inspire our creativity and feed our curiosity.

### GLASS FUSING - ASPEN SCENE

Saturday, Sept. 22, 1-3 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Create an 8x8" aspen scene using fusible glass and glass elements. Project options include a food-safe platter or window hanging. \$25 materials fee due at class. Age: 15+.

### BEGINNING SEWING

Saturdays, Sept. 29-Oct. 13, 2-5 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Learn to fill a bobbin, thread the machine, change a needle, select stitches and more. Sewing machine required. Age: 15+.

### FINDING YOUR DREAM COLLEGE

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2-3 p.m., College Hill Library, Room L107

Planning for college is fun and exciting, and The Princeton Review can tell you everything you need to know about the college admission process and finding the school of your dreams. Ages: 12+.

## FACILITY LOCATIONS/REGISTRATION

### RECREATION

www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation

#### Register:

www.cityofwestminster.us/activityguides or call any recreation center

**City Park Fitness Center**  
10475 Sheridan Blvd.  
303-460-9691

**City Park Recreation Center & City Park**  
10455 Sheridan Blvd.  
303-460-9690

### Countryside Outdoor Pool

10470 Oak St.  
303-466-1738

### Ice Centre at The Promenade

10710 Westminster Blvd.  
303-469-2100

**Legacy Ridge Golf Course**  
10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway  
303-438-8997

### The MAC

Programs to suit your active adult lifestyle. Ages 18 and older.  
3295 W. 72nd Ave.  
303-426-4310

### Standley Lake Regional Park

100th Avenue and Simms Street  
303-425-1097

### Swim & Fitness Center

3290 W. 76th Ave.  
303-427-2217

### Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

10555 Westmoor Drive  
303-469-2974

### Westminster Sports Center

6051 W. 95th Ave.  
303-658-2393

### West View Recreation Center

10747 W. 108th Ave.  
303-460-9530

### LIBRARIES

Register:  
http://tinyurl.com/wplsignup  
www.westminsterlibrary.org

**College Hill Library**  
3705 W. 112th Ave.  
303-658-2603

**Irving Street Library & Park**  
7392 Irving St.  
303-658-2303

### ADMIN

**City Hall**  
4800 W. 92nd Ave.  
303-658-2400

**Westminster Public Safety Center**  
9110 Yates St.  
303-658-2400

Emergency: 911

# Wastewater – Where Does It Go When It Leaves Your House?

Have you ever stood at the kitchen sink, wondering where that dishwasher is going? What happens to your wastewater after it leaves your house? You probably know that it leaves your house through sewer pipes that head out to the street. What you may not know is the incredible system of transmission pipes and lift stations that help transport your wastewater to one of two wastewater treatment plants used by the city. In a later article, you'll learn about these two separate wastewater treatment plants.

One of the most important utilities for any modern city is a reliable wastewater transportation and treatment system. Even in its early days, Westminster was working to develop this mostly

unseen yet vital component of its public utility system. Today, Westminster's wastewater utility system includes a total of 411 miles of sanitary sewer piping. This system is completely separated from the stormwater pipe system and is designed to contain and transport wastewater.

One of the only visible components of this underground system is the manholes found in the streets. These provide access for maintenance crews if there are any blockages or problems with the buried pipes. Westminster's sanitary sewer system currently has about 11,000 manholes.

Generally, the sanitary sewer system is designed to flow by gravity. However, there are some locations where the sewer flow needs to go upward to reach its

destination. The city has six lift stations that do exactly as their name implies, they lift the wastewater so that it can continue its journey to the wastewater treatment plant.

Another important part of the city's wastewater conveyance system, and one that helps to protect the utility from clogs and other unwanted contaminants that could negatively affect the performance of the collection system, is the FOGG program. Short for "Fats, Oil, Grease and Grit," this program mandates a series of FOGG retention devices that are installed at specific locations, such as grease traps for restaurants. Grease, oil and other unwanted waste can collect inside the pipes and cause extra mainte-

nance, overflows and blockages in the system that translate into additional treatment costs.

Each resident of Westminster is an important component of our overall wastewater conveyance system. Knowing that the city's sanitary sewer system is designed to handle our wastewater flows, we can all help keep this system running smoothly by not using our toilets as trash cans. Facial wipes, sanitary napkins, Kleenex and other household waste can quickly block up the pipes, combining with grease and oils to create "fatbergs"! Keeping our wastewater system free of debris will ensure that this incredible system continues to function for years to come.

# Stormwater Protection: Help Keep Our Rivers and Streams Clean

Stormwater pollution is untreated, contaminated water that drains from local streets into the storm drain system. Anytime it rains or snow melts, water that doesn't soak into the ground runs into street curbs, storm sewers, ditches and ponds, taking everything in its path, including grass clippings, leaves, fertilizers, pesticides, oil, pet waste and more.

The city's street sweeping program aides in the reduction of debris that ends up in the storm sewers. Volunteer groups recently painted some storm inlets around the city to bring attention to this matter. There may be one in your neighborhood.

## How does it affect me?

Stormwater does not get treated like the water from bathrooms and kitchens. Instead, stormwater and the contaminants it carries winds up in rivers and lakes.

## What can you do?

Some every day actions could be contributing to stormwater pollution. Changing your current behaviors and adopting the following will help protect waterways:

- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Sweep grass clippings onto grass and off driveways, sidewalks and roads.
- Sweep and dispose of leaves from the street, sidewalks and gutters in front of your home. Raking or blowing leaves or grass clippings into the street is not allowed by the city. The street sweepers will sweep around piles or a row of leaves or grass in the street.
- If you use fertilizer, use phosphorous-free brands.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.



The city's Stormwater Program team is bringing a nationwide trend to Westminster: integrating public art with public outreach and education about clean water.

- Clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly.
- Take note of open, unattended manhole covers in streets, parks and open spaces. Contact the city at 303-658-2500

to report open manhole covers.

For more information on stormwater protection in Westminster, visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/stormwater](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/stormwater).

# Use Caution Around Water Meter Pits



Residents should be aware of possible loose water meter pit lids and treat these as trip/fall hazards. Although staff does everything to ensure the water meter pits are safe and secure, accidents do happen.

Help reduce the potential for injury by periodically checking your meter pit lids to assure they are fastened tightly. They are typically located in the city's public right-of-way (near the

street) and they have a 12-inch circular lid covering a 4-foot pit.

Use caution around meter pits at all times and do not mow over, step on or allow children to play around the device. Please keep landscape, sod and shrubs away from the pit lid.

If you see anything wrong with these devices, call the Department of Public Works and Utilities at 303-658-2500.

# Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department Debuts New Buses

In May 2018, the Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department received two new buses to use for adult field trips, youth activities and summer camp excursions.

After years of paying to use a bus owned by Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District, the city approved the purchase of buses in the 2017/2018 budget.

"We were using two 15-passenger vans and one 30-passenger for these trips," said Recreation Specialist Jennifer Jensen. "However, we wanted to bring the ownership and maintenance of the buses under the city's umbrella."

After completing extensive research and receiving resident input, the city purchased a 24-passenger bus and a 14-passenger bus. The 24-passenger bus is a Ford F550 and is equipped with a wheelchair lift, trunk storage, seat handles, lap seat belts, a speaker system, two AEDs and a skid-proof floor. The 14-passenger bus is a Ford E450 and is equipped with a wheelchair lift, two AEDs, trunk storage space large enough for two wheelchairs and seats that can slide into the aisle for extra elbow room.



**City receives two new buses to use for adult field trips, youth activities and summer camp excursions. New amenities add accessibility, comfort and safety.**

Because of the new additions to the city's fleet, registration for day trips has increased.

"As our residents get older, they want to sightsee or just

don't want to drive anymore," said Jensen. "These new vans are a comfortable way for them to go on day trips. People are really excited to get on the buses!"

Visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation/ProgramsClasses/Adult](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation/ProgramsClasses/Adult) to sign up for an adult field trip and experience the new buses for yourself!

## Sewer Lines: The Daily Grind

Over the years, in several neighborhoods, the wastewater system has been slowly choked by minerals growing in the sewer lines. For years, the Wastewater Field Operations staff had tried to find a way to deal with this issue. Ultimately, the Utilities

Engineering division had to dig up the wastewater lines and replace them. But as the industry evolved, a new camera cutter system was developed.

The cutter grinds the minerals and restores the pipe to full capacity. This is a trenchless

process to renew the sewer main instead of digging up and replacing all of the lines. The new cutter system and process improves infrastructure maintenance and helps avoid more costly capital investments.

The city began using this cutter system at the first of the year, and the Wastewater Field Operations staff has been successful in cutting the minerals from two streets so far. Customers will benefit through cost avoidance and fewer sewer main replacements.

### FORWARD

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includes Westminster Station, Downtown Westminster, Brookhill, Church Ranch and I-25 North. Since 2013, there have been many changes to the physical character of Westminster. Notable projects include:

- opening Westminster Station;
- groundbreaking of the first privately-funded projects in Downtown Westminster;
- expansion of primary employers including Trimble, Ball Aerospace and Maxar;
- revitalization of the Westminster Promenade with many new businesses and adjacent residential development to support future commercial development;
- expansion of the city's role in the regional hospitality sector with several new hotels in the Church Ranch area; and
- addition of new retail development and the St. Anthony North Health Campus at 144th Avenue and I-25.

### GET INVOLVED WITH WESTMINSTER FORWARD

#### Open House

Tuesday, Aug. 14  
City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room  
8-10 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. or  
5-7 p.m.

See what the community has answered so far in regard to what they love and what they would improve about Westminster; help identify areas to be focused on with the update; and identify what improvements and opportunities should look like through a visual preference survey.

The city will build upon the existing plan, taking these changes into consideration to identify challenges, service needs and opportunities. The update will also develop new areas for the plan by creating a housing element and incorporating sustainability initiatives.

The plan update will work to-

#### Online Survey #1

Available through mid-August at [www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4419989/](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4419989/) Westminster-Forward.

#### Email Notifications

Get notified about Westminster Forward updates and events at [www.cityofwestminster.us/Forward](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/Forward).

#### Contact us:

[westminsterforward@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:westminsterforward@cityofwestminster.us)

ward defining and illustrating the intent behind the city's vision, and draft goals and policies that reflect this vision. The vision for the city is: "Westminster is the next Urban Center of the Colorado Front Range. It is a vibrant inclusive, creative and well-connected city. People choose Westminster because it

is a dynamic community with distinct neighborhoods, quality educational opportunities and a resilient local economy that includes: a spectrum of jobs; diverse, integrated housing; and shopping, cultural, entertainment, and restaurant options. It embraces the outdoors and is one of the most sustainable cities in America."

Changes to the community demographics will also factor into the update of the plan, such as aging of the population, changes in household size and employment trends. The update will extend the planning horizon to 2040 to align with Denver Regional Council of Governments programs that provide technical and financial resources to Front Range communities.

The process to update the plan will continue through 2019 and will include many opportunities to solicit ideas and comments from Westminster residents and businesses.

For more information, visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/forward](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/forward).

We hope you will attend these exciting special events coming soon. Please check [www.cityofwestminster.us/specialevents](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/specialevents) for complete details.

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A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT!

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SATURDAY, NOV. 3  
2-5 P.M.

Westminister Sports Center  
6051 W 95th Ave., Westminister

Fun competition with amazing Prizes!

REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT:  
[www.CityofWestminister.us/BallerinaDodgeball](http://www.CityofWestminister.us/BallerinaDodgeball)

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# HALLOWEEN HARVEST Festival

Saturday Oct. 20, Noon-8 p.m.  
Downtown Westminister  
(5453 W. 88th Ave)

Associated with:

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- Trick-or-Treating
- Beer Garden
- Live Music

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMA PRESENTS

# FREE Cult Movie Classics

Pre-movie activities start at **6 p.m.** Westminister City Park  
10455 Sheridan Blvd.  
Movie begins at dusk.

Relive these great experiences on our 40-foot outdoor movie screen! Enjoy food vendors, beer, fun activities and laughs during these interactive screenings. Audience participation is encouraged!

**VOTE FOR PEDRO**

**AUGUST 25**  
Napoleon Dynamite

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
Pee-Wee's Big Adventure

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
Monty Python and the Holy Grail

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