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# Voters Elect Atchison for Mayor; Demott, Pinter and Skulley for City Council

In the Nov. 7 election, voters elected Herb Atchison (9,228 votes) for mayor, and David Demott (8,987 votes), incumbent Emma Pinter (9,979 votes) and Kathryn Skulley (8,667 votes) for city councillors.

All terms are for four years and

will expire in November 2021.

During the City Council meeting on Nov. 13, the mayor and council were formally seated and elected Maria De Cambra as mayor pro tem, replacing Alberto Garcia who did not run for re-election.

The remaining vote tallies for Mayor were Bruce Baker (5,105 votes) and Rich Seymour (5,094 votes).

The remaining vote tallies for City Council were Mark Clark (7,772 votes), Jackson Dreiling (7,319 votes) and Lindsey Smith

(7,800 votes).

These vote totals are unofficial since the final number of votes received per candidate was not official until the canvass was completed on Nov. 22, which was after print time for City Edition.



Volunteers are needed to remove snow from the public walkways of seniors and/or citizens with disabilities during the upcoming snow season. Contact the city's volunteer coordinator for an application, 303-658-2159.

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## Water Rates Support Safe Drinking Water

In survey after survey, citizens agree that high quality drinking water and excellent, reliable wastewater services are valued highly. Westminster has some of the best tasting water on the Front Range! But maintaining this level of service and quality is no accident. As our city's utility system ages, more and more repairs and replacements are required. Westminster's utility infrastructure is valued at over \$4 billion, and within that figure are some infrastructure components whose ages range from the 1950s (and earlier) to items that have been installed recently. Each component has a lifespan, and costs to replace aging infrastructure are significant.

In 2018, there will be an annual total increase of about \$60 per single family account. This should amount to an average winter increase of about \$3.60 per month, and an average summer increase (includes outdoor irrigation) of about \$7.55 per month. These amounts are a result of an 8 percent water and a 6 percent sewer rate increase.

Rate increases are never easy. The city understands that increases have a financial impact to residents. There are programs available for those needing assistance. Visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/waterbillassistance](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/waterbillassistance).

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### CITY NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX

Did you know you can sign up to receive a variety of informational emails from the city? Sign up to receive information about city or business news, as well as parks, recreation and libraries news and events.

Get city information delivered straight to your inbox and don't miss a thing.

Sign up today:  
[www.cityofwestminster.us/News/ConnectWithUs](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/News/ConnectWithUs).

# Road Construction Frustration?



We've heard from many of you about your frustrations with so many street projects going on at the same time in the city. We know you've been patient over the summer months and we thank you. Due to the complexity of these projects (repairing/replacing old water pipes and infrastructure) many of them must

continue for several more months and we ask for your patience.

Please visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/conezone](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/conezone) for the latest information about construction projects impacting our streets.

Each project will detail the timeline and when you can expect to see it completed. If infor-

mation/timelines change, this page will be updated. Contact information for each project manager is also listed on each page if you have additional questions. Thank you again for your patience during these much needed improvements.

# City Addresses Affordable Housing in Westminster

A strong economy bodes well for most communities, but can also expose the gaps that often accompany success. Access to affordable housing has emerged as a critical issue for the Denver metro area, as we have seen unprecedented population growth and rising housing costs in the last five years.

Unfortunately, Westminster is not immune to this issue.

Affordable housing impacts the overall prosperity of our entire community. It can provide a substantial economic development benefit by:

- Stabilizing the workforce
- Reinforcing smart growth patterns
- Revitalizing neighborhoods
- Attracting businesses

In short, affordable housing affects all of us in Westminster, and without a sufficient supply, an entire region can be at a

competitive disadvantage.

Earlier this year, Westminster established a task force of key city staff members and outside partners to examine and address specific affordable housing needs identified for our community. The Housing Task Force discussions began with an overview of the top affordable housing needs in Westminster.

### Current and future housing needs

- 3,500 Westminster residents need rental assistance to afford their rent payments without being cost burdened (i.e., they pay more than 30 percent of their income in rent and utilities).
- More than 4,000 renters are on waitlists for subsidized housing. These renters are hoping to access the 800 rent-restricted rentals in Westminster that currently exist, but are occupied by other low-income renters.

- 1,700 renters earning \$50,000 to \$75,000 want to buy in Westminster - yet there are only an average of 250 affordable homes for sale in their price range.

- The city will have 4,000 more seniors with disabilities in the next 10 to 15 years. Since most seniors choose to age in place, these residents will need affordable rental homes with supportive services, and for homeowners, assistance with home maintenance, repairs, and activities of daily living and home health care.

- An estimated 100 Westminster residents experience homelessness any given night. The majority of these - an estimated 70 percent - are families with children. The primary reasons for homelessness are lost jobs, rent increases and family breakups.

Since 2015, the city's Strategic Plan has articulated a goal of be-

coming a regional leader in the provision of affordable housing, and that has evolved into a vision that includes serving the lowest income residents, as well as meeting the needs of Westminster's workforce. It has grown to include diverse housing types and dispersion throughout the city.

As we have sought to better understand the city's housing needs, the task force has continued to work closely with developers to deliver new affordable units that serve a range of incomes, ages and family sizes. We are taking a strategic approach toward making housing more accessible to everyone - whether you've lived in Westminster for years, or are a newcomer to the area. We want to ensure the quality of life that Westminster offers can be attained by all, making our city a more vibrant, diverse and resilient community.

## HOLIDAY FACILITY SCHEDULE

### Westminster Sports Center will close at 6 p.m.

- Friday, Dec. 22-Tuesday, Dec. 26
- Friday, Dec. 29-Monday, Jan. 1.

### Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24:

- Libraries, City Hall and the Municipal Court will be closed.
- All recreation facilities will close at 3 p.m.
- Standley Lake will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Golf courses will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (dependent on weather).

### Christmas, Monday, Dec. 25:

- All city facilities will be closed.

### New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31:

- Libraries will be closed.
- All other recreation facilities will close at 3 p.m.
- Standley Lake will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Golf courses will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (dependent on weather).

### New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1:

- Libraries, City Park Recreation Center, The MAC, Standley Lake, City Hall and the Municipal Court will be closed.
- City Park Fitness Center will be open 8 a.m. to noon
- West View Recreation Center will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Swim and Fitness Center will be open noon to 4 p.m.

- Golf courses will be open (dependent on weather).

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 15:

- Libraries, City Hall and the Municipal Court will be closed.
- All recreation centers and golf courses will be open.
- Standley Lake will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## 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



## 2018 Large Item Cleanup Program

Get rid of your large trash items! Registration for the 2018 Large Item Cleanup Program runs Monday, Dec. 4, through Tuesday, April 3. Pick up will take place Saturdays, April 21, April 28 and

May 5, depending on your area. The registration fee is \$30 and is non-refundable. Get complete details at [www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp).

## Shop/Celebrate in the Historic Westminster Arts District

Historic Westminster Arts District and SWAG @ The Rodeo Market want to remind you to visit 73rd Avenue this holiday season.

artists of 73rd Avenue to light the oldest living Christmas tree in Colorado.

**Tree Lighting**  
Fire Station 1,  
3948 W. 73rd Ave.,  
Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-8 p.m.  
Join the merchants and

Enjoy holiday gift shopping and the art market during the Second Saturday Art Walk on Dec. 9.

# HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

**Saturday, Dec. 2**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Westminster City Hall**

City Hall will be illuminated with thousands of lights! Enjoy musical performances, refreshments, hay rides, a bon fire and visits with Santa. Complimentary coffee will be provided by Zoe's Coffee.

Call 303-412-8761 for weather information

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[www.CityofWestminster.us](http://www.CityofWestminster.us)

# FREE FITNESS WEEK

**JAN. 1-7**

Start the new year off right! Westminster's recreation centers\* are free of charge, including **FREE FITNESS CLASSES** during the first week of the year!

\* City Park Rec Center is not included

**PLUS DISCOUNTED ANNUAL PASSES!**

- \$100 off All-Facility Annual Pass
- \$50 off any Single-Facility Annual Pass

New passes only, no renewals; must be purchased during Free Fitness Week.

**AGES 21+**

# Adult Egg Hunt

**\$35 individual**  
**\$60 pair**

**Saturday, March 24**  
**4-7 p.m.**

**Walnut Creek Golf Preserve**  
10555 Westmoor Dr., Westminster



## WINTER BREAK READING CHALLENGE

Winter break just got better. Pick up a reading log at College Hill or Irving Street libraries and read from Dec. 17-Jan. 7. Track your reading and return your completed log to the library and claim a prize, while supplies last. One log per person. Ages: 11 and younger.

## STOCKING STUFFERS

These stocking stuffers are available Nov. 25-Dec. 24 at all Westminster recreation centers and golf courses.

**\$15** – Five youth, child or senior admissions to any Westminster recreation center

**\$20** – Five adult admissions to any Westminster recreation center

**\$25** – Five visits to specialty fitness classes

**\$25** – Driving range key for Legacy Ridge or Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

**\$35** – One round of golf with a cart at Legacy Ridge or Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

## DEC.

### TOT TIME

Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, Westminster Sports Center

Play on our indoor turf fields. Bring your toys or use ours! Ages: 5 and younger. Fee: \$1 per child; adults are free.

### PRESCHOOL-KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays or Tuesdays, Thursdays, through May 11, City Park Recreation Center, Swim & Fitness Center, West View Recreation Center

This continuous, school-year program prepares your child for kindergarten while focusing on the "learning is fun" philosophy. Fees and times vary by days and location. Ages: 3-5 years as of Oct. 1, 2017. Children must be toilet trained.

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

- Mondays and Wednesdays, The MAC
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, West View Recreation Center

These monthly evening classes help increase your fitness, flexibility and confidence levels and help gain the ability to defend. Skills learned in class apply to other sports and everyday life.

### GENEALOGY: DNA AND YOU

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m., College Hill Library

A DNA test will tell you where in the world your ancestors came from and the test will also identify living people who share those same ancestors. Ages: 18 and older.

### WINTER'S MOON HIKE

Saturday, Dec. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Come strolling through the park during after-hours to see the full moon and how it

changes the entire park's scenery! Class is free. Ages 16+.

### SENSORY STORY TIME

First and third Tuesdays of the month, 10:30-11 a.m., College Hill Library, L107

Designed for children who are sensitive to sensory overload. Enjoy preschool-level books, songs and activities in a supportive environment. Attendance is limited to 10 families. Register online. Ages: 7 and younger.

### IRVING STREET NOON BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, noon to 1 p.m., Irving Street Library

Participate in a guided, small group discussion of the book of the month. Brown bag your lunch if you like. Drops-ins and new members welcome. Ages: 18 and older.

### IRVING STREET ARCADE

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 2-4:30 p.m., Irving Street Library

Game on! Race around a dark and rainy track, hold the goal line on fourth down and use the Force to conquer the Empire. Put your gaming skills to the test at the Irving Street Arcade. Ages: 12-17.

### HOLIDAY CRAFT MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT

- Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-3 p.m., Irving Street Library
- Monday, Dec. 11, 3-5 p.m., College Hill Library, L107
- Monday, Dec. 18, 3-5 p.m., College Hill Library, L107
- Saturday, Dec. 23, 1-3 p.m., College Hill Library, L107

Bring the whole family. All ages welcome.

### TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Saturdays, Dec. 9 and Jan. 13, 1-4 p.m., College Hill Library

Drop in and try your hand at role-play adventuring! Drop-ins welcome. Ages: 12-17.

### HOBBY HAVEN

Sundays, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m., College Hill Library

Meet other crafters and spend an afternoon working on your portable

### FAMILY GAME & MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sundays, Dec. 17 and Jan. 28



projects. Bring your own project and supplies. Drop-ins welcome. Ages: 9-99.

### EVENING BOOK CLUB

Mondays, Dec. 11 and Jan. 8, 6-7:30 p.m., College Hill Library, L167

Read and discuss hot new titles and old favorites. New members always welcome. Ages: 18 and older.

### WORKOUT WITH FOAM ROLLERS

Monday, Dec. 11, 1-2 p.m., The MAC

Foam rollers are a great fitness tool to use to enhance balance, improve strength, increase flexibility and massage tight muscles using this versatile, fun piece of equipment in your workout. Wear comfortable clothes for doing exercise. Register by Dec. 7. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

### FREE ADMISSION AT THE MAC!

Tuesday, Dec. 12, The MAC

You asked and we listened! Now you can try it for free! One day each month, the City of Westminster offers a free day at one of its facilities. On Dec. 12, explore The MAC and enjoy the weight room, indoor walking track, aerobics and dance studio, and billiards room for free!

### FICTION WRITERS' GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6-7:30 p.m., College Hill Library, L107

Each month, write for 45 minutes and participate in a themed discussion on writing-related topics. All short story writers and novelists are welcome. This group is facilitated by Fiction Unbound. Drop-ins welcome. Ages: 18 and older.

### COOKING CLUB

Tuesdays, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 6:30-7:45 p.m., College Hill Library, L167

Love to cook, share recipes and talk about cooking in Colorado? Each month you'll make a themed dish and bring it in for everyone to share. Find monthly themes on the library website. Drop-ins welcome. Questions? Call 303-658-2603. Ages: 18 and older.

### COLLEGE HILL BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., College Hill Library, L200

Join us for a lively discussion of fiction and nonfiction. Drops-ins and new members welcome. Ages: 18 and older.

### WINTER SOLSTICE ICE LANTERN

Saturday, Dec. 16, noon to 1:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

You will be staying warm around a campfire and creating your own ice lanterns! Bring your own mug to sip on some hot chocolate! \$3 per person. Ages 8-11.

### KIDS AND FAMILY ART SUNDAY

Sundays, Dec. 17 and Jan. 21, 2-3:30 pm, Irving Street Library

South Westminster Arts Group (SWAG) offers free art activities for children and their families. All ages.

### FAMILY GAME AND MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sundays, Dec. 17 and Jan. 28, 2-4 p.m., College Hill Library, L107

Watch a movie, play card games or checkers, put together a puzzle and eat some popcorn. All ages.

### TEEN MAKERS

Tuesdays, Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 4-6 p.m., College Hill Library

Drop in to discover, explore, build, create, tinker and share ideas using Sparkfun electronic circuits, Sphero robots, stop-motion animation, button making, Perler Beads and more. Ages: 12-17.

### DRIVE-THRU BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 6-7 p.m., College Hill Library, L200

Don't have time for a book club? What if there was no prep time and no book to find and read? During each session, we read a sample of an author's work, learn about them through videos and discuss their writing. Bring a drive-thru dinner too, if you like! Ages: 18 and older.

### YOUTH/TEEN WINTER CAMP

Dec. 21-Jan. 5. No program Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1. 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Beat the winter break blues by signing up for the Youth/Teen Winter Camp. Each day brings a new theme and activity including field trips. Ages 6-13; must be currently enrolled in kindergarten. Fee: \$35 resident/\$42 non-resident per day.

### PAJAMA PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1-4 p.m., College Hill Library, L107

Bring the family for a pajama party to celebrate the coziness of a good book this winter. Take a picture with a famous book character, read to your stuffed animal by a glowing fir, and cuddle up for some movie magic. Movie starts at 2 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Dec. 25-Jan. 21, City Park Fitness Center

Residents may recycle their Christmas trees at the lower parking lot of City Park Fitness Center. Remove ornaments and plastic bags. Boy Scout Troop 484 provides curb-side pickup on Saturdays, Dec. 30, and Jan. 6, as their annual fundraiser. Call 303-706-3389 to schedule a tree pick up.



## RELEAF WESTY TREE PURCHASE PROGRAM

Trees are for sale through the ReLeaf Westy Tree Sale for only \$60, plus tax. Orders can be placed starting Feb. 1 by calling 303-658-2192. This year's tree species include Sensation Maple, Hot Wings Maple, Serviceberry, Catalpa, Redbud, Turkish Filbert, Kentucky Coffeetree, London Planetree, Chanticleer Pear, Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak and Glenleven Linden.

## JAN.

### NEW, EXPANDED HOURS AT CITY PARK FITNESS CENTER

Starting in January, the City Park Fitness Center will now open at 5 a.m. Monday-Friday! Even more time to meet your wellness goals!

### WESTMINSTER SPORTS CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Home School Sports Program:** starts Mondays in January.

**Tot Sports:** Tuesday – Soccer, Wednesday – T-ball, Thursday – Sports and More.

Visit the city's website for registration and information.

### FREE TREE LIMB RECYCLING

Second Saturday of the month, January-December., 8 a.m. to noon, Brauch Property, 10001 Alkire St.

Westminster residents, turn your tree limbs into useful mulch at this free event! All loads must be tied down or covered. Bring only Westminster limbs to reduce the possibility of invasive species infestations. Mulch is available while supply lasts. Bring a driver's license or utility bill to verify Westminster residency. Event is dependent upon weather.

### FROZEN FROGS

Saturday, Jan. 6, 1-2 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Children will learn how frogs survive the cold

winter by creating a frog's winter home using delicious ingredients and having the option of eating it! \$7 per person. Ages: 5-8. Register online.

### TOTALLY TERRIFIC TALES

Monday, Jan. 8, 4-5 p.m., College Hill Library

Read one or two longer stories with a themed craft. Register online. Ages: 6-8.

### COUPLES BALLROOM DANCE – CHA CHA AND FOXTROT

Tuesdays, Jan. 9-30, 7-8:30 p.m., West View Recreation Center

Learn dance moves and patterns. No experience necessary. Beginners learn basic steps while advanced dancers refine their skills. A partner is required and must register individually. Register by Jan. 7. Resident \$30; non-resident \$35.

### INTRO TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT

Wednesdays, Jan. 10-31, 2-3:30 p.m., The MAC

Refresh your senses as we begin the new year. Learn simple mindfulness practices under the guidance of a qualified MBSR teacher. Awaken your inner resources to support physical and mental health and overall well-being. Register by Jan. 7. Resident \$80; non-resident \$85.

### CHUNKY CHICKADEE

Saturday, Jan. 13, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

We will explore adaptations that birds have to survive the winter, and creating a winter bird feeder to help keep those chickadees chunky. \$3 per person. All ages. Register online.

### WHAT IS THE CLOUD AND HOW DO I USE IT?

Thursday, Jan. 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

Cloud computing services provide seamless access to all your important data from wherever you are. Find out how cloud applications work to allow you to create and share files and folders and see your text docs, PDFs and photos anywhere. Demonstration-style class. Handout provided. Register by Jan. 15. Resident \$28; non-resident \$30.

### TRUE STORIES AND FRESH PERSPECTIVES: NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

Monday, Jan. 22, 3:30-5 p.m., College Hill Library, L167

Reading nonfiction and biographies is a great way to expand one's knowledge of a subject and shift one's thinking. Join us as we read insightful books about important issues and people of our time. Ages: 18 and older.

### TWEEN TIMES

Monday, Jan. 22, 4-5 p.m., College Hill Library

Projects, acting and cooking. Register online. Ages: 9-11.

### CHILI LUNCH & COUNTRY MUSIC

Tuesday, Jan. 23, noon to 1:30 p.m., The MAC

Come in out of the cold for a tasty bowl of homemade beef chili, cornbread, side salad and dessert. Local singer and guitarist, Gregg Green, performs a variety of country music favorites. Register by Jan. 19. Resident \$8; non-resident \$9.

### THE LAB: DIY FOOD

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 3-4 p.m., Irving Street Library

Create. Make. Demolish. Repurpose. At the LAB, anything is possible. Ages: 12-17.

### BATTLE CELLULITE'S BULGE

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6-7 p.m., The MAC

Cellulite is that dimply deposit of fat found on hips, thighs and buttocks. Discover strategies that may work to reduce or eliminate cellulite and learn what products are really too good to be true. Register by Jan. 22. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

### GREAT DECISIONS (FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION GROUP)

Fridays, Jan. 26-April 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., College Hill Library, L211

Are you interested in international affairs but don't know where to find like-minded people? Great Decisions meets once a week to talk about the global issues. Booklet cost (approx. \$30) payable to group leader. Ages: 18 and older.

### WE DIG DINOSAURS!

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Participate in a mini archeological dig, enjoy stories, fun facts and dinosaur snacks. Learn how to use your library card to go to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for free.

### IPAD BASICS

Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 29 and 31, 9-11 a.m., The MAC

Make the most of your iPad with more than 700,000 apps that do everything from learning

about your iPad to reading a book on it. Contemplating purchasing one? Learn more about it. Bring your charged iPad to class if you have one. Register by Jan. 25. Resident \$48; non-resident \$55.

### BEAT WINTER BLUES WITH AROMATHERAPY

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

Discover how Aromatherapy can transform low energy and low spirits into joy and renewed health. Explore the role of essential oils in rejuvenation and make winter a time of aromatic healing. Register by Jan. 28. Resident \$25; non-resident \$27.

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4:30-6 p.m., College Hill Library, L167

Want to have a say in the Westminster Public Library? Join TAB to create programming, post reviews on the Teen Underground blog and promote library teen services. Snacks and shenanigans all while earning volunteer hours! Ages: 12-17.

### SCRUMPTIOUS SOUPS AND STEWS

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6-7 p.m., The MAC

Soups and stews are a great way to provide a healthy meal for a cold winter night. Health benefits of soups, as well as unique recipes for soups and stews, are shared during this class. Samples provided. Register by Jan. 28. Resident \$14; non-resident \$16.

## FACILITY LOCATIONS/REGISTRATION

### RECREATION

[www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation)

#### Register:

[www.cityofwestminster.us/activityguides](http://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](http://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



## Citizen Fire Academy Applications Now Being Accepted

How many calls do Westminster firefighters respond to in a year? Does the ladder on the fire truck reach to the top of the Westin? What kind of training do firefighter/paramedics have? What do firefighters do when there are no fires?

If you've ever wondered about things like this, you should check out the Westminster Fire Department Citizen Academy!

Learn about fire and medical response in our community, emergency preparedness, water rescue, urban search and rescue, extrication and more. Participants get the chance to ride along with a fire crew and try on the gear, and learn some practical tips to use at home.

Each session of this free, 13-week course covers an aspect of the Fire Department - such as fire prevention, hazardous materials or fire extinguishers - and includes classroom time and hands-on activities.

Classes are held on Thursday evenings, 6-10 p.m., March 1 through May 24.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and are subject to a background check. Please note that this course is simply to gain community knowledge - it's not a precursor to a career in fire or emergency services.

There is no fee for the course unless CPR certification is desired; CPR certification is \$25.

The session is limited to 20 participants and preference is given to Westminster residents. Applications are considered in the order they are received.

Registration forms are available at the Westminster Fire Department, 9110 Yates St., or on the city website, [www.cityofwestminster.us/fire](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/fire).

For more information contact Public Education Officer Sherrie L. Guerrero at 303-658-4536 or [sguerrero@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:sguerrero@cityofwestminster.us).

Applications are due Thursday, Feb. 22.

## There's Still Time to Give a Little and Help a Lot!

The Westminster Fire Department is collecting items through Monday, Dec. 11, to distribute to several local charities this holiday season. New (preferred) or gently-used clothes and toys, and non-perishable food items may be dropped off at Westminster fire stations, recreation centers,

libraries, City Hall and other city facilities, just look for the big green bins. Donations will be sorted for the Have a Heart Project, Jeffco Foster Care, Westminster FISH Food Bank and the Westminster Police Santa Cops program. Call 303-658-4500 for more information.

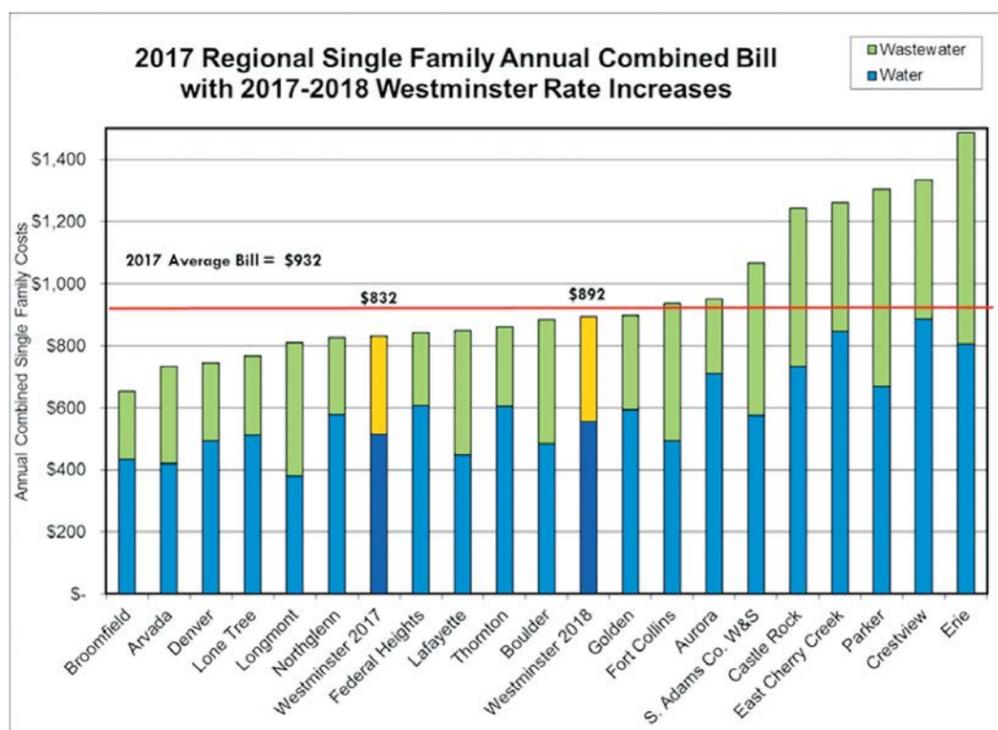


### WATER

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The city's goal is to deliver high quality drinking water and reliable wastewater service to every resident and business. Developing rates is a complex process, and the city works to ensure that the rates are sufficient to keep the \$4 billion water and sewer system running at the level our customers deserve and expect.

If you have driven around Westminster over the past year, you have seen that the city has been very busy with water and wastewater projects. While these projects can cause traffic delays and other issues, they are critical to providing our residents and businesses with water and sewer utilities at a reasonable cost. Below are some examples of utility infrastructure projects that you may have seen in 2017:



- **95th Avenue and Federal Boulevard** - about 1,200 feet of 6-inch sewer main from 1969 is being replaced (project cost: \$1 million).
- **88th Avenue** - water line built in 1969 being replaced

(project cost: approximately \$4 million).

- **Sunset Ridge Water Tank** - This tank, originally built in 1963, was removed and will be replaced (project cost: \$16.5 million).

- **Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant on North Huron Street** - Improvements are being made to the treatment process (project cost: approximately \$23 million).

- **Sheridan Boulevard** - replacement of about six miles of sewer main (project cost: \$25 million).

There were many more projects that occurred in 2017, and more are planned for 2018 and beyond. Maintaining aging systems is expensive, though Westminster is able to do it and keep water and sewer rates at about average for the region. Westminster experiences some of the same increases in costs that homeowners do. Power, labor and supply costs increase each year; these are all major components of the city's overall water and wastewater costs.

# The Importance of Standley Lake

Not only is Standley Lake one of the city's great recreational assets, but it is a vital water storage reservoir.

Westminster's water from snow pack is stored in Standley Lake, which was built in the early 1900s, and was enlarged in 1967. Standley Lake holds about 14 billion gallons of water, which is the equivalent of filling the Denver Broncos' football field with water over eight miles high.

While Westminster owns about half of the water in Standley Lake when full, the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company and the cities of Thornton and Northglenn share the rest for agricultural and municipal uses.

When the lake is full, the city has about one full year of water supply storage. That water lasts more than one year since even in the worst drought year, new water still flows into the lake. The primary purpose of Standley Lake is as a reservoir, so it is normal for the height of the lake to go up and down over the year as it fills more in the spring and releases water throughout the year.

Water quality in the lake is the city's highest priority. To keep the water clean, the city can turn off the intake when needed. This is only done for emergency situations, such as when there's a gasoline spill or a mine blow-out upstream in Clear Creek. Staff



Not only is Standley Lake a popular regional recreational area, but it is a key part of the city's drinking water system. Photo courtesy: Rachel Algra

also perform water tests year-round using permanent testing buoys and a pontoon boat. The city is so concerned about water quality that it invested in wastewater plant upgrades for cities in the Clear Creek watershed upstream of Standley to ensure the highest quality of water entering the lake.

This key part of the city's drinking water system is also a regional recreational asset. In the 2,000 acres of open space around the lake, you can see an

amazing variety of wild animals. Prairie dogs, coyotes, deer, beavers and even an occasional moose! Bird watchers can observe many water birds including white pelicans, great blue herons, western grebes, cormorants, gulls, Canada goose and mallard ducks. One of the park's most famous residents for over 20 years is a pair of nesting bald eagles. During the summer, they can be seen fishing in the lake. During the winter, when the lake freezes over, they can

be seen hunting on the ice. Some of the other birds of prey, or raptors, seen at the park include great horned owls, Swainson's hawks, prairie falcons and red-tailed hawks.

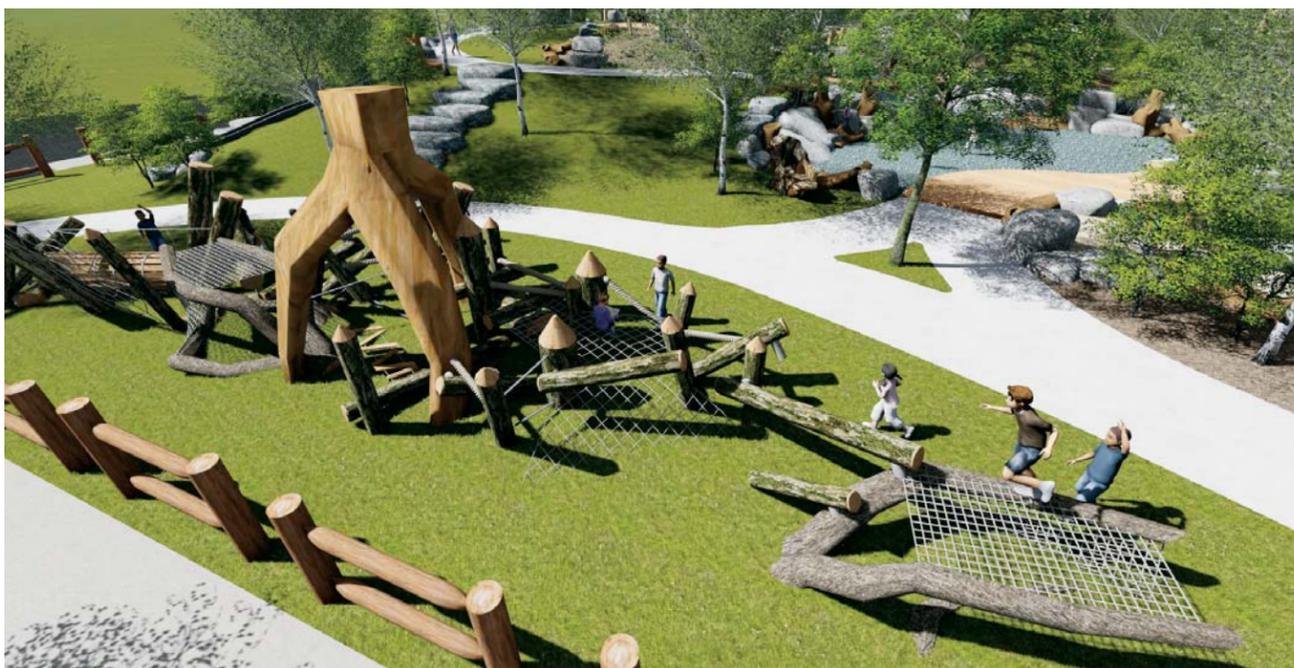
Though it looks like a park, Standley Lake is one of the jewels in Westminster's water infrastructure. Being able to maintain high water quality and adequate water storage has allowed Westminster to maximize its ability to get the most out of the water rights the city owns.

## Projects in the Westminster Station Area Win State Awards

The Westminster Station project was recently awarded 2017 Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association, Colorado Chapter. This prestigious award recognizes the project team for their innovation, cooperation and vision in creating a regional amenity that includes a safe and attractive transit environment for patrons and sets the stage for future development.

On the heels of this award, the Little Dry Creek Drainage and Flood Control Project (at Westminster Station) won the 2017 Excellence in Engineering Award from the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Flood Plain Managers. The project realigned Little Dry Creek, created a 2.3-acre pond and lowered the flood plain by 5 feet to keep the commuter rail tracks above water during significant storms. The project created an inviting and quiet space that complements the emerging transit oriented development area around Westminster Station.

Twelve years in the making, these projects utilized talent from all city departments and laid the groundwork for forthcoming development at Westminster Station Park. The hard work of many talented employ-



Proposed rendering of the nature playground coming to Westminster Station Park next summer.

ees, both past and present, helped make the planning and vision of this project a reality.

In addition to city staff, these projects represent the results of strong public partnerships with many regional partners, including Adams County, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Great Outdoors Colorado,

the Westminster Legacy Foundation, and Crestview Water and Sanitation District. Private partners on the project include Martin and Martin, Norris Design, Concrete Express, Mueller Engineering, the Matrix Design Group and the Beck Group.

Current and future private projects in the area include residential and mixed-use developments by Alto, REgeneration and Sherman and Associates. Early phases of these projects include

over 440 residential units and 63,000 square feet of commercial space. Gemini Beer Company has been announced as an anchor for REgeneration's "wrap" around the parking garage.

Future public projects include the installation of a playground and pavilion as part of the new Westminster Station Park with construction anticipated to commence in 2018.

# Westminster Snow and Ice Control Policy

Westminster's goal during any snowstorm is to keep primary and secondary streets open and safe for motorists. In addition to primary and secondary streets, priorities are given to streets adjacent to hospitals, police, fire/rescue squad stations, schools, RTD bus routes and dangerous intersections, hills or curves on residential streets.

All remaining residential streets only receive service after the above priorities are attended to and snow accumulations are greater than 8 inches.

Please refer to the map for an outline of primary and secondary routes, as well as streets that are not maintained by the City of Westminster.

## PRIORITY 1

**Primary Routes** - All arterials and major collector streets considered to be the minimum network that must be kept open to provide a transportation system covering the major traffic volume and provide access to hospitals, police stations, fire stations and rescue squads.

## PRIORITY 2

**Secondary Routes** - Collector streets and select residential streets providing access to emergency stations, schools and bus routes.

## PRIORITY 3

**Residential Areas** - Dangerous intersections, hills and curves.

## STORM CATEGORIES

**Category 1** (One inch or less of snow resulting in icy conditions throughout the city) - All primary, secondary, hazardous stops, hills and emergency facilities are salted/sanded.

**Category 2** (Two inches of snow resulting in slick, slushy conditions throughout the city) - Primary and secondary streets, plus hazardous stops, hills and all emergency facilities are salt/sanded and plowed.

**Category 3** (Greater than 2 inches of snow with wind causing blizzard conditions) - All primaries are plowed, salted/sanded until the storm subsides, then secondary and residential streets affected by drifting snow are plowed and salted/sanded.

**Category 4** (A major snowstorm greater than 8 inches of snow, possible closures due to drifting snow and blizzard conditions) - Concentration is given to primary routes and emergency facilities. Priorities to secondary routes and residential streets are plowed and salted/sanded as soon as possible thereafter. The acceptable level of service for residential roadways is to provide a navigable surface; the street may have snow or packed ice on it, but plowing and material application allows a vehicle to travel the street safely on at least one center lane. When plowing is required, barriers of snow across driveways are created. Opening of driveways are the responsibility of the property owner.

## MAJOR SNOW EMERGENCY (CATEGORY 4) DECLARED

### STAGE 1

**Blizzard conditions** - average duration 12-18 hours

- City Hall Emergency Coordination Center is opened.
- Municipal Service Center Street Operations Emergency Center (MSC EOC) is opened.
- Call Center at MSC EOC is staffed 24 hours a day until post storm operations are completed.
- Contractual assistance is deployed.
- Primary roadways and emergency facilities maintained.

### STAGE 2

**Snow/Wind ends** - average duration 12 hours

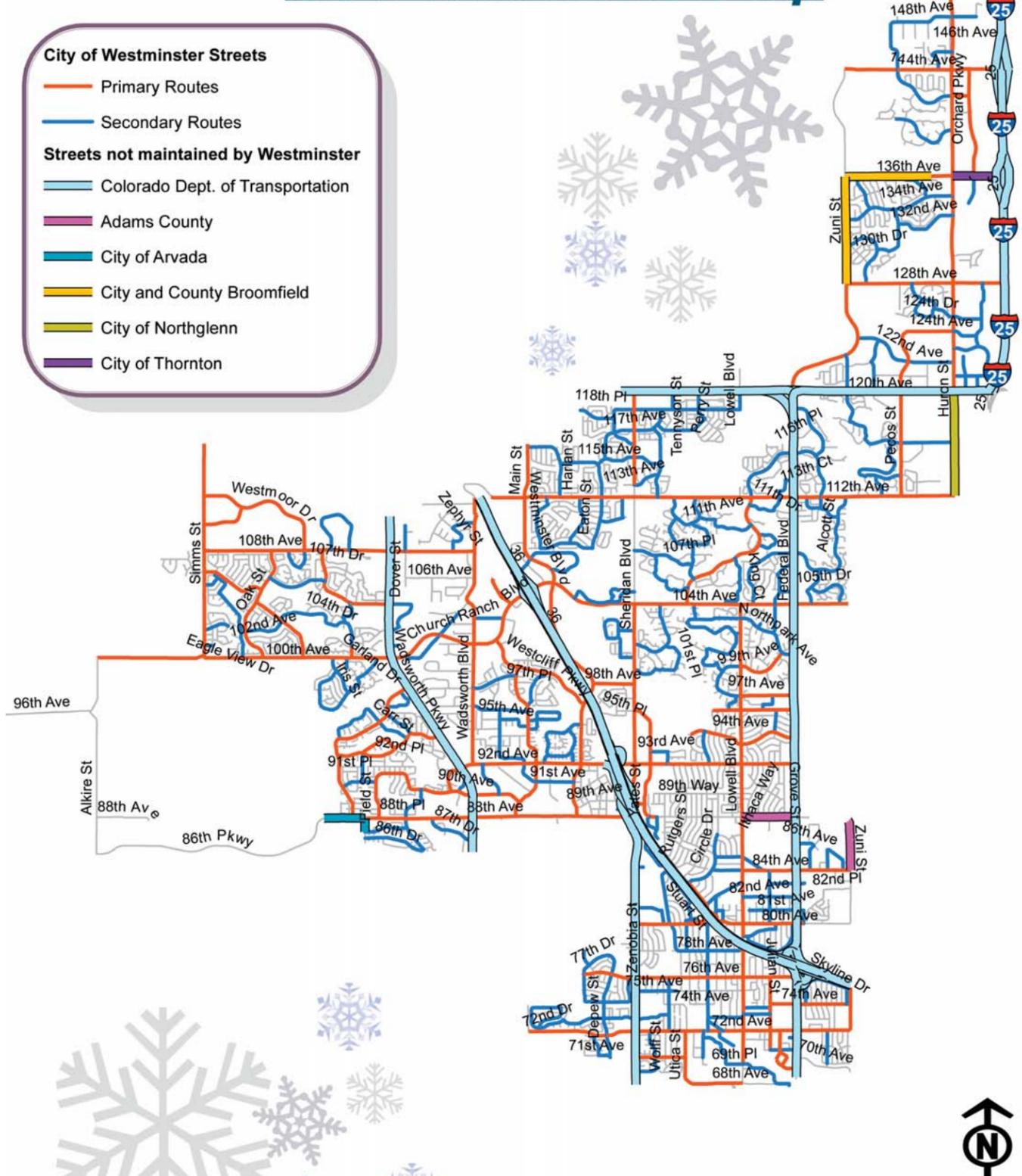
- Primary routes are widened.
- Secondary routes are serviced.
- Plow/De-ice residential streets.
- Residential streets may remain hard packed, but accessible until snow melts.

### STAGE 3

**Post Storm (simultaneous with Stage 2)** - average duration 12 hours

- Hauling operations begin.
- Intersection cleanup begins.
- Bus shelters and cluster mailbox areas are cleaned.
- Storm drains are serviced as necessary.

## Snow & Ice Control Map



Date: 11/14/2017