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City Council Fills Vacancies

Westminster City Council in December appointed Sheela Mahnke to fill a vacancy and worked in January to fill two more vacancies.

With the resignation of former Mayor Pro Tem Maria De Cambra in December 2018, and former City Councillors Shannon

Bird and Emma Pinter in early January 2019, three vacancies were created on Westminster's City Council over two months.

Per Section 5.7(a) "Filling Vacancies in Elective Offices" of the Westminster City Charter, the City Council has 30 days to fill a vacancy. The charter states: (a)

Any vacancy which occurs in the Council shall be filled within thirty (30) days by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Council, said appointee to hold office for any balance of the unexpired term.

Maria De Cambra resigned on Dec. 3, to begin work as Gover-

nor Jared Polis's director of Communications and Community Engagement. To fill her position, applications were solicited and the City Council conducted public interviews of the candidates on Dec. 13, 14 and 16.

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Who's a good boy? It's Pipo, the new addition to the Westminster Police Department's K-9 unit. See the full story on page 7

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New Infrastructure Supports Safer Bicycling and Walking

WESTMINSTER BEING SUSTAINABLE

This spring, get ready to ride your bike or walk to your home, shopping, parks, RTD Park n Rides, City Hall and Downtown Westminster even more safely. In 2018, seven miles of bicycle facilities and improved crossings were striped on the streets in locations throughout Westminster. With the planned repaving of two major roads - Westminster Boulevard and Yates Street - new bike lanes, high visibility crosswalks and lots of green paint were added to help drivers know when to expect cyclists and pedestrians to be sharing the road.

Westminster Boulevard, from 92nd to 98th avenues, now pro-

vides an inviting way to ride to Downtown Westminster where so many fun events are being planned. Where possible, additional stripes on the road create a "buffer" zone between motorized and people-powered transportation options. The green bike symbols and lane markings tell us "look out for bikes!" The lanes connect to existing bike lanes on 98th Avenue and to the Big Dry Creek Trail making it possible to cycle safely to City Park and the Promenade.

On Yates Street, from Wagner Drive to 92nd Avenue, a combination of traditional bike lanes Please see **SAFETY** on page 7

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS HOME SAFETY CHECKS FOR RESIDENTS

Free home safety checks are available for older adults and those with special needs. Firefighters visit the residence to check for hazards, including checking smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, night lights, extension cords and other safety concerns. Schedule a home safety check for Saturday, Feb. 2, or Saturday, April 27. To inquire more about this program or to schedule your home safety check, contact Sherrie Guerrero at 303-658-4536.

Co-working Concepts On the Rise in Westminster

In 2007, there were only 14 co-working spaces in the entire country. Fast forward 10 years and the United States now has more than 4,000 co-working spaces. That number is forecasted to reach nearly 6,000 in 2021, taking up more than 27 million square feet of office space. But shared workspaces and alternative officing are not just a big city trend reserved for tech giants like Denver and Boulder. Westminster is home to several co-working spaces that provide productive and flexible work environments, while promoting community building.

And while co-working seems to offer universal benefits – including opportunities to socialize with other co-workers, increasing motivation, productivity and happiness – not all co-working spaces have a universal look and mission. Here’s a look at three distinct ones in Westminster.

DaVinci Institute

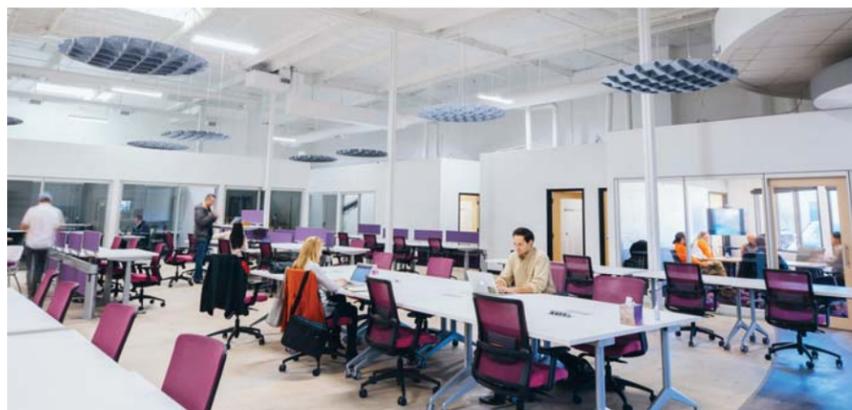
What started in 1997 as a futuristic think tank, DaVinci Institute expanded over the years to include a co-working operation. In 2015, the DaVinci Institute moved to its current 14,000-square-foot Westminster head-

quarters, and expanded to include 35-40 small businesses, flexibly housed in an idea-rich work environment.

Located at 9191 Sheridan Blvd., DaVinci Institute is a business pioneer, conducting research in 2004 that assisted in bringing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Denver, as well as establishing Colorado’s first coding bootcamp in 2012. Today DaVinci continues to build community through popular events, and offers advisory and training services with a futuristic bent. More information at www.davinciinstitute.com.

SolderWorks

SolderWorks opened in 2017 as an innovation lab catering to technology entrepreneurs. Their massive space, located at 6060 W. 91st Ave., is what one pictures when talking about modern-day co-working spaces. Boasting high-end hardware prototype tools, and 100 MB of fiber internet, SolderWorks puts the “space” in co-working space, offering a cutting room, print room, solder room, phone rooms, conference rooms and training rooms, as well as a bar and café.



SolderWorks co-working space offers several amenities including phone rooms, conference rooms and training rooms.

SolderWorks also recently launched the M@S Innovation Fund to provide opportunities for startups to receive sponsored membership and industry mentorship. The fund’s mission is to “support the next wave of early stage entrepreneurs and innovators by providing a space where ideas accelerate from thought to thing.” More information at www.solderworks.com.

Intelligent Office

Currently, there are more than 38 million home-based businesses in the United States. And while some owners are content working from home, others quickly need to scale and ex-

pand, and require a more professional setting. Intelligent Office, located at 1499 W. 120th Ave., is ideal for businesses on this path. They bring big business infrastructure to any-sized business by offering a variety of space options – private, co-working, shared offices – along with on-demand administrative services. This can include phone answering, payroll distribution and scheduling appointments. This allows businesses to use both the space and services only when needed, encouraging them to grow wisely. More information at www.intelligentoffice.com

COUNCILLORS

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Sheela Mahnke was selected by the City Council and sworn in on Monday, Dec. 17, which was the last regular City Council meeting in 2018 before the Jan. 2, deadline. Mahnke will serve the rest of De Cambra’s term, which ends in November 2019.

In addition, Anita Seitz was appointed by City Council as the new Mayor Pro Tem during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 10.

Shannon Bird resigned on Jan. 3, to begin her term as State Representative, House District 35, and Emma Pinter resigned on Jan. 8, to begin her term as Adams County Commis-

sioner, District 3. To fill their positions within 30 days, applications were solicited and (as of print time for this City Edition) the City Council planned to conduct public interviews of the candidates on between Jan. 17 and Jan. 26.

As of print time, the two vacancies were expected to be filled at the Jan. 28 regular City

Council meeting. To see who the City Council chose to fill the two remaining seats, visit the city’s website www.cityofwestminster.us after Jan. 28.

The new councillors will serve out Bird’s term until November 2019, and Pinter’s term until November 2021.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	Monday, Feb. 18 – President’s Day	• City Hall and the Municipal Court will be closed.	• All recreation centers, golf courses and libraries will be open regular hours.	• Standley Lake will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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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.



HERB ATCHISON Mayor 303-915-5625 <small>hatchison@cityofwestminster.us</small> <small>Term Expires: Nov. 2021</small>	ANITA SEITZ Mayor Pro Tem 303-817-5237 <small>aseitz@cityofwestminster.us</small> <small>Term Expires: Nov. 2019</small>	DAVID DEMOTT Councillor 303-881-2728 <small>ddemott@cityofwestminster.us</small> <small>Term Expires: Nov. 2021</small>	SHEELA MAHNKE Councillor 303-563-9944 <small>smahnke@cityofwestminster.us</small> <small>Term Expires: Nov. 2019</small>	KATHRYN SKULLEY Councillor 720-255-5567 <small>kskulley@cityofwestminster.us</small> <small>Term Expires: Nov. 2021</small>	NEW COUNCILLOR Being sworn in Jan. 28 (after print deadline)	NEW COUNCILLOR Being sworn in Jan. 28 (after print deadline)
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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

The Value of Clean, Safe and Reliable Water

WESTMINSTER BEING SUSTAINABLE

Most of the water that you drink in Westminster starts at the Continental Divide, travels down Clear Creek and ends up in Standley Lake. From Standley Lake, the water is piped to one of the city's two water treatment plants: the Semper Water Treatment Facility (near Pierce Street and 90th Drive) or the Northwest Water Treatment Facility (near Wadsworth Parkway and 104th Avenue). These two facilities treat all of Westminster's drinking water.

The treatment process begins with the initial chemical assessment of the water coming into the facility from the lake. Since the quality of water changes constantly based on conditions in Standley Lake, it is critical that the process is monitored 24/7 by on-site staff. Certified treatment operators continuously adjust and balance treatment options

to provide consistent quality in the finished water that comes out of your faucet.

Here's how the process works:

- Chemicals are added during water treatment to remove impurities from the lake water and optimize the treatment process.
- The chemicals react with the impurities to form larger particles during the flocculation stage of the treatment process.
- These larger, heavier particles settle out of the water during the sedimentation stage and are filtered out during the filtration stage.
- Ammonia and chlorine are carefully added during the disinfection stage in just the right concentrations to make sure the water is free of harmful bacteria by the time it gets to your home.

It takes 31 employees to treat the water in Standley Lake for delivery to residents and businesses

in Westminster. Many of these folks work 24/7/365 to ensure that you receive safe and clean water, while making sure that we meet and exceed state and federal drinking water regulations.

How much water does Westminster actually need in a day? It depends on the day, and especially on the season. In the winter, we treat about 10 million gallons each day, primarily for what customers are using inside their homes and businesses. In the peak of the summer, Westminster treats up to 40 million gallons a day.

Why the difference? In a word: irrigation. In the summer, up to three quarters of what our customers use is for landscape irrigation. Since our treatment plants need to be able to provide that amount of water in the summer, the plants must be large enough to meet that "peak" demand on the highest water use day of the year.

Providing high quality water reliably to everyone in Westminster is a huge responsibility. It also comes at a cost. The rate increases adopted by City Council for 2019 and 2020 are funding the operations and maintenance that these two plants, and the entire water system, require to maintain this level of service to you. This also includes the wastewater system. Get information about the increases at www.cityofwestminster.us/RateIncrease.

You have told us that you highly value this service, and it is with great pride that Westminster employees work to provide safe, clean and good-tasting water to you.

To learn more about our water treatment facilities and where your water comes from, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/watertreatmentfacilities.

City's 2018 Street Improvement Projects Completed

Westminster's Department of Public Works and Utilities completed \$5.8 million of street improvements in 2018. The Street Division utilized a computerized pavement management program, which identified 41 lane miles of paved roadways as priorities to receive pavement rehabilitation on 145 city streets.

Projects included:

• **Pavement Rehabilitation Project:** targeted 82 streets for resurfacing.

• **Concrete Replacement Project:** consisted of replacing 39,926 linear feet of deteriorated curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and installed or upgraded 221 ADA compliant curb ramps in conjunction with street improvements. In addition, 16 RTD bus stops were enhanced with a concrete pad for better accessibility.

• **Annual Crackseal Project:** consisted of 120 roadways scheduled for surface improvements.

• **Pavement Preservation Sealcoat Project:** constructed a new surface on 60 city streets.

• **Adopt-a-Street Program:** consisted of 78 groups collecting 1,872 bags of debris, putting in nearly 8,400 hours.

• **Striping and Pavement Markings Project:** repainted and/or restored 601,500 square feet of lane lines, 9,193 square feet of pavement markings, 43 additional bike symbols and 252 directional arrows, including a second rotation of lane line repainting on selected arterials and major collector roadways. This project also included new striping following pavement overlays, reconstructions and seal coatings.

To see the complete list of improvements, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/StreetOperationsDivision.



SILVERSNEAKERS® WELCOME MEETING

- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m., West View Recreation Center
- Thursday, March 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Discover all the fitness benefits offered by your SilverSneakers® membership. Recommended for all new members and open to all current members.



CHILLY CHILI BOWL LUNCHEON

Friday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Pick out your own hand-made pottery bowl and enjoy a tasty chili lunch, ice cream and festive activities! \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Please bring a can of soup for the Westminster Food Bank. RSVP to 303-658-2900 by Feb. 15.

FEB.

PRESCHOOL KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS OPENINGS

Register now for any remaining spots for the 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. Ages: 3-5.

SPORTS FIELD BIRTHDAY PARTIES Westminster Sports Center

\$70 residents/\$85 non-residents. Call 303-658-2217 for availability.

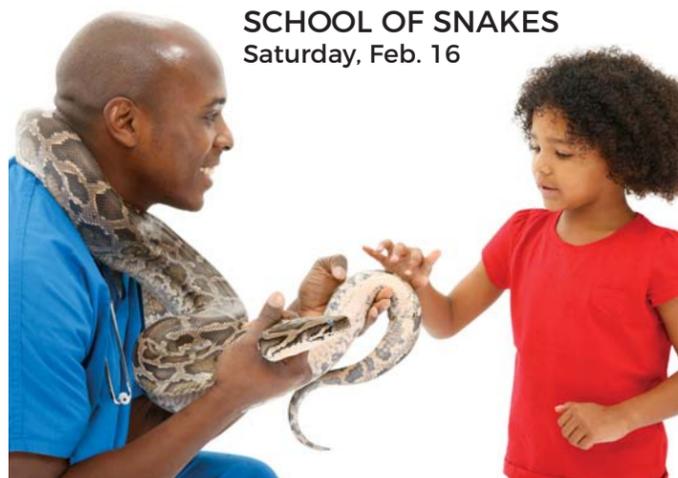
TOT TIME AT THE SPORTS CENTER Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, Westminster Sports Center

Come play on our indoor turf field with lots of toys! \$1/child up to age 5.

ADULT SPORTS

Adult Coed Volleyball Leagues: Tuesdays, Jan. 8-March 12, 6-10 p.m., City Park Rec Center.

Senior Coed Volleyball Leagues: Wednesdays, Jan. 2-March 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Park Rec Center.



SCHOOL OF SNAKES Saturday, Feb. 16

Senior Women's Volleyball Leagues: Mondays, Jan. 7-March 25, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., City Park Rec Center.

Pickleball Doubles Leagues: Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m., West View Rec Center.

Adult Racquetball Leagues: Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 21-March 11, 5-9:30 p.m., City Park Rec Center. Men's, women's, doubles and mixed leagues offered.

PUPS OF THE PRAIRIE
Saturday, Feb. 2, 11 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Explore the many ways prairie dogs are resourceful rodents and contribute to the ecosystem of Standley Lake! All ages. Free.

SAT/ACT STRATEGY SESSION

• Saturday, Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m., Irving Street Library

• Saturday, March 16, 2-4 p.m., College Hill Library

Learn everything there is to know about the SAT/ACT. Meet a Prince-

PUPS OF THE PRAIRIE Saturday, Feb. 2



ton Review expert who goes over test content, walks you through some sample questions, and shows you score-raising strategies. Ages 12-18.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2-3:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Yoga IS for everyone, but getting started can feel awkward. Instructors will start at the beginning and teach alignment, tips and tricks, modifications and safety. Registration required. \$5.

TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 4-27, March 4-20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and

6:30-8 p.m., West View Recreation Center; Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5-28, March 5-21, 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. Call 303-460-9530 or 303-426-4310 to register. Ages: 5-8 and 8-adult.

TREE LIMB RECYCLING AND FREE MULCH
Second Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to noon, 10001 Alkire St.

Westminster residents may recycle their tree limbs and get free mulch at this event. Limbs can be any length but no more than 10 inches in diameter.

THURSDAY TOT TIME
Thursday, Feb. 9, 10-10:45 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

A nature program for the youngest explorers! Programs include a tot-sized hike and a fun nature-based craft, game or story time. Ages: 2-5. Fee is \$1.

ART IN MOTION
Saturday, Feb. 9, 1:30-2 p.m., College Hill Library

Celebrate African-American heritage with a dance performance by the ensemble from Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. This internationally renowned group draws inspiration from ethnic and modern dance traditions worldwide with an emphasis on the African American experience. All ages.

STOP SHOULDER PAIN
Thursday, Feb. 7, 10-11 a.m., The MAC

Does a painful shoulder limit your ability to do simple tasks? Discover ways to stretch and strengthen the muscles of the shoulders, upper back and chest to increase shoulder mobility. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG'S BIRTHDAY PARTY
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Celebrate by enjoying stories, crafts, birthday treats and selfies with Clifford. All ages.

GALENTINE'S DAY - ROMANCE AUTHOR EVENT

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Rockstar Pole Fitness, 8841 N. Harlan St.

Romancelandia rejoice! We've invited our favorite Colorado romance authors to celebrate Galentine's Day with games, glitter and goodies. Ages: 21 and older.

MAC SOUP & SALAD WINTER SOCIAL
Thursday, Feb. 14, noon to 1:15 p.m., The MAC

Enjoy a warm breadstick, minestrone soup, mixed green salad, dessert, drink and entertainment. Space is limited. Register by Feb. 7. Fee \$8.

SCHOOL OF SNAKES
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Turn your fear into fascination as you discover what makes snakes powerful predators of the grassland. Ages: 4-8. Free.

MACROS 101
Saturday, Feb. 16, 10-11:30 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

The foundation of a healthy diet begins with understanding macronutrients: protein, fat and carbohydrates. Learn how each functions in your body and why it is important to include all three for an optimal diet. Registration required.

BUDDY BINGO CHALLENGE
Feb. 18-March 31

Looking for accountability and a way to stay motivated? Take the Bingo Card Fitness Challenge! Participation is FREE! Pick up a Bingo Card at any recreation center. Fill in your card and turn it in to be entered in prize drawings!

DIY DOGGY TOYS AND TREATS
Saturday, Feb. 23, 2-3:30 p.m., College Hill Library

Create dog treats and fun toys for your furry friend. Make and take a toy and a dog snack home, or for a local animal shelter. READog therapy teams will be in attendance. All ages.

ADULT SPORTS Volleyball, Pickleball & Racquetball leagues



SPRING BREAK CAMP

March 25-29, 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Let us show your kids a great time over Spring Break! We go on fun and exciting trips each day. Check the activity guide for details on where we will go and what we will do. Fee is \$35 for residents, \$45 for non-resident per day.



SEASONAL JOB FAIR

Saturday, March 30, 1:30-4:30 p.m., College Hill Library

Looking for a summer job? A seasonal position with the City of Westminster might be the perfect fit. More than 200 outdoor seasonal positions are available. Find out about different positions, fill out an application and get an on-the-spot interview. Ages: 16+.

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THE GREAT BEE

Saturday, March 2, 1-2:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Join Bee Guru Gregg McMahan as he reveals the importance of bees in our world. Prepare to be inspired to help bees survive in the wild or your own hive! Ages: 8+. Free.

RESULTS GROUP TRAINING

- Mondays/Wednesdays, March 4-April 24, 9-10 a.m., City Park Fitness Center
- Mondays/Wednesdays, March 4-April 24, 7-8 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Do you sweat best in the comradery of others? Join this group for seven weeks, plus one private session with a personal trainer; gain tools to lose weight, build muscle and move toward a healthier you. Eight-week session \$129.

WALK WITH EASE

Mondays/Wednesdays, March 4-May 1, 2-3 p.m., West View Recreation Center

Whether you need relief from arthritis pain or just want to increase your activity, the Arthritis Foundation's six-week program can teach you to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. Studies show that this program is proven to reduce arthritis pain, increase balance, strength and walking pace, build



THE GREAT BEE
Saturday, March 2

confidence and improve overall health. Registration required.

BETTER BRAIN, BETTER LIFE

Tuesdays, March 5-26, 9:30-10:30 a.m., The MAC

The brain responds to being exercised just as the body does. Build a stronger and quicker brain by a variety of mind games to sharpen your mental machinery. Enjoy socializing with others while you stretch and strengthen your brain. Register by March 1. Resident \$18; non-resident \$20.

BOOST YOUR ENERGY LEVEL

Wednesday, March 6, 1-2 p.m., The MAC

Do you feel like you don't have the energy you used to? A registered dietitian gives tried and true nutrition, exercise and lifestyle methods to make you feel more energized throughout the day. Register by March 1. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

HEALTH COACHING

Wednesdays, March 6-April 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Your health coach and registered dietitian will lead you past your obsta-

cles, whatever they are – dietary confusion, physical activity, sleep, relationships, stress management – and tie together how these factors influence your food choices. Eight-week group class \$49. Registration required.

BONJOUR! LET'S SPEAK FRENCH!

Thursdays, March 7-April 11, 6-7:45 p.m., The MAC

This six-week beginner class covers the French alphabet, basic greetings, introductions, days of the week, numbers, how to ask for directions and simple conversation. Register by March 4. Resident \$75; non-resident \$80.

THURSDAY TOT TIME

Thursday, March 9, 10-10:45 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

A nature program for the youngest explorers! Programs include a tot-sized hike and a fun nature-based craft, game or story time. Ages 2-5. Fee is \$1.

2019-2020 KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin with priority regis-

tration for existing 2018-19 Tiny Tots students getting first opportunity for Kinder Kids classes. Priority registration begins March 11 for existing Tiny Tots preschool students. Registration for Westminster residents not already enrolled as of March 4, 2019 will begin April 1, and April 8 for non-residents. All registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis for any open spots. Ages: 3-5.

SPRING BIRDS

Saturday, March 16, 8-9 a.m., West View Recreation Center

Say hello to the incoming migratory birds of Walnut Creek Golf Preserve on this bird walk. Grab your binoculars and hit the trail alongside the Park Naturalist. All ages. Fee is \$1.

PODCAST CLUB

Third Saturday every month, 2-3 p.m., College Hill Library

Discover and discuss fun new podcast episodes each month. Pizza provided. Ages: 12-18.

MEAL PLANNING 101

Saturday, March 16, 10-11:30 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

Break down meal plan-

ning into simple steps, learn to stock a pantry for success, and focus on keeping it healthy while sticking to a budget. Registration required.

HUMAN LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Front Range Community College

Open your mind to other perspectives by "checking out" our human books. Their diverse experiences range from homelessness to living as a Muslim in America. Participants have one-on-one conversations with volunteers for 15 minutes.

BUG SAFARI

Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Join the Butterfly Pavilion to discover the invertebrates from all over the globe! Meet Rosie the tarantula and explore why these critters are important. All ages. Fee is \$3.

ROOT TO RISE YOGA RETREAT

Saturday, March 23, 2:30-5:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Transfer yoga principles from your mat and into your life. Ground and root before acting, using the physical practice to remind you in life how to move. This retreat invites each participant to practice real-life yoga and includes yoga poses, diving into the gifts of yoga, and a meditative practice. Registration required. Fee \$25.

LEGO® AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday-Thursday, March 26-28, 1-5 p.m., College Hill Library

It's drop-in Lego®-building time! Discover a new theme each day. Ages: 5-12.

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

Sign Up for the Fire Citizen Academy by Feb. 21



The next Fire Citizen Academy takes place Feb. 28-May 23.

There is still time to sign up for the Westminster Fire Department Citizen Academy. This free, 13-week course is to learn about the wide range of services WFD provides as well as the logic behind the emergency services system.

Each session covers an aspect of the fire department such as fire prevention, hazardous materials or fire extinguishers, and includes classroom time and hands-on activities. The course is geared to inform citizens about WFD operations as well as teach residents fire and life safety. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6-10 p.m., Feb. 28 through May 23. Applicants must be at least

18 years of age and are subject to a background check. There is no fee for the course unless CPR certification is desired; CPR certification is \$25. The class size 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. Applications are due Feb. 21.

For more information contact Public Education Officer Sherrie L. Guerrero at 303-658-4536 or sguerrero@cityofwestminster.us.

Taste a Brew, Make a Bid, Get the T-shirt

SUPPORT WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARITIES

Join the Westminster Fire Department as they team with Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery for Fire Chief Ale events again this year! All Rock Bottom locations brew up Fire Chief Ale for consumption March 12 through April 10, with a portion of the proceeds from ale sales going to local fire department-related charities.

In Westminster there are two tapping events and two chili cook-offs that raise funds (emphasis on FUN) for two charitable groups – the Westminster Firefighters Fire Victims Benefit Fund (Westminster Burn Fund) and the Westminster Citizens for Fire Department Improvement, Recognition and Education (Westy CFIRE).

Ale Taps in March

The tapping events celebrate the roll out of the 2019 batch of Fire Chief Ale. Attendees can sample the medium-bodied, auburn-colored ale that gets its sweetness and lightly toasted

character from caramel and crystal malts; hand-selected hops from the Pacific Northwest lend a crisp and satisfying citrus finish. Other festivities include a bagpipe and drum band, silent auction and T-shirt sales.

The first Fire Chief Ale Tapping is at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 at the Orchard Town Center Rock Bottom, 14694 Orchard Parkway, #400. The second Fire Chief Ale Tapping is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 13 at the Westminster Promenade Rock Bottom, 10633 Westminster Blvd.

Chili Tasting in March/April

As the Fire Chief Ale season draws to a close, both locations host a firehouse chili cook-off. Westminster firefighters invite other north area departments to cook up some spicy red and green chilis for a tasty competition. Attendees sample all the entries and vote for a favorite for a small donation; the silent auction and T-shirt sales return as well.

The red chili cook-off is 6-7:30



The annual tapping events and chili cook-offs raise funds for the Westminster Burn Fund and the Westminster Citizens for Fire Department Improvement, Recognition and Education.

p.m., Wednesday, March 27 at the Orchard Town Center Rock Bottom and the green chili cook-off is 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10 at the Westminster Promenade Rock Bottom.

Charities

The Westminster Burn Fund offers immediate financial assistance to Westminster families

displaced from their home because of a fire or other emergency. Westy CFIRE supports community programs like fire and life safety educational items, the Santa program, fire station open houses and more.

Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/fire for more information or call 303-658-4500.

Be Aware of Indoor Winter Hazards



Most home fires occur in the winter months. The Westminster Fire Department has tips to help you stay safe.

In Colorado, winter storms are heavier during the end of winter and into early spring. The largest snowstorms tend to occur in March. These storms can produce large amounts of snow in a short period of time and can cause several problems. Not only are there potential hazards outside, but there could be some hazards in your home as well. Did you know that there are more home fires in the winter months than any other season?

The Westminster Fire Department wants to keep you safe

and recommends these tips to get you through the next major snow storm.

- Plan two ways out of your home in case of an emergency. Clear your driveways and front walk ways of ice and snow. This also provides easier access to your home.

- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street so first responders can find your home easier in case of an emergency.

- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television

or radio for updates or check online bulletins.

- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.

- Turn off portable heaters when you leave a room and always turn them off when you go to bed. Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

If you want to get more information about winter storms and safety, call 303-658-4500.

Visioning Begins for Harris Park

The start of 2019 kicks off the creation of a plan for the Harris Park neighborhood. City staff will work with urban design consultants from Winter & Company in a series of neighborhood meetings resulting in a grassroots, implementation-oriented plan that will hone in on a vision for the future. The Harris Park Plan will also inform the ongoing update to the city's comprehensive land use plan and development code re-write.

Harris Park is located between 72nd and 78th avenues, from Lowell Boulevard to the BNSF

HARRIS PARK PLAN, COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 6-8 p.m.
Westminster Grange Hall
3935 W. 73rd Ave.

rail line.

Planning efforts began with the first focus group session, held on Jan. 16. The group consists of local business and resident stakeholders tasked with helping to identify the community's unique assets and challenges. The focus group will meet several times throughout the project to ensure

that the final product lays out a practical, neighborhood-supported approach that builds upon the vitality of the Harris Park community.

In addition to the focus group sessions, two community workshops are planned to allow the greater Westminster community to provide input. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and will consist of a short presentation followed by a series of interactive exercises. One additional workshop will be held in late spring. Opportunities for public comment will be

made available throughout the planning process, which will conclude in fall 2019. More information will be posted city's website (www.cityofwestminster.us) and in the next City Edition.

You are invited to participate in the first community workshop, as your input is vital as we shape the future of this historic neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the project, contact Nathan Lawrence, at 303-803-4849 or nlawrence@cityofwestminster.us.

K-9 Pipo is in Pursuit for the PD

Who's a good boy? Pipo is a good boy! Good at tracking, searching a building for explosives and apprehending suspects fleeing police officers. Pipo joined the Westminster Police Department's K-9 unit in October and is excited to be on the job.

Weighing in at 60 pounds and 1 ½ years old, Pipo is a Belgian Malinois dog. He was assigned to Sergeant Brian Hempelmann after K-9 Diesel retired last this year.

"Pipo came to us from Slovakia in central Europe, where they have some of the best trainers and kennels for K-9 unit dogs," said Hempelmann. "Once we choose a dog, they're shipped to the U.S. where we do additional training."

Pipo had earned a Schutzhund Level One title already when he arrived in America, which is a method for evaluating temperament, character, trainability for dogs. At this level, Pipo had been trained in bite work, tracking and obedience. Hempelmann and

Senior Police Officer Damian Perez then put Pipo through the city's eight-week K-9 academy where he learned additional tracking skills, evidence recovery, apprehension and the ability to identify 16 odors, such as explosive chemicals and gun powders.

"It's not all training for Pipo, though" said Hempelmann. "He lives with me and he likes to go for walks and play when we're not on shift. He enjoys fetching and chewing on these oversized tennis balls we have."

Officers in the K-9 unit are on-call 24-7 with Pipo and Hempelmann working 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The two are on patrol during this time and are available to answer any type of call that comes in, with Pipo being deployed as needed.

"Pipo is great with kids has been a great addition to our unit, so we're excited for him to help keep our residents safe," said Hempelmann.



Sergeant Hempelmann and Pipo take a little break to play some ball. Pipo joined the K-9 unit in the Police Department in October.



Please make a donation or join our team at www.stbaldricks.org/events/westminster as we raise money to fight the number one disease killer of children in the U.S. and Canada.

Join the City in Raising Money for Childhood Cancer Research

Sunday, March 10, 1-2:30 p.m.
Salon StEller, 12034 Melody Drive, Westminster.

Join the City of Westminster team as we raise money for childhood cancer research. Every year, thousands of men, women and children have joined the St. Baldrick's Foundation by making a donation or shaving their heads to support childhood cancer research.

This is the city's eighth annual event in honor of former Mayor McNally's grandson, Shea, who passed away in the summer of

2016 of neuroblastoma cancer at the age of 16. Each year the city has raised more than \$16,000 (for a total of \$125,432 in the last seven years) and this year we hope to raise even more.

Please sign up to join our team or make a donation at www.stbaldricks.org/events/westminster and help us raise funds to fight the number one disease killer of children in the U.S. and Canada.

To learn more about the St. Baldrick's Foundation, visit www.stbaldricks.org.

SAFETY

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and buffered bike lanes provide a great connection to City Center Drive and Westminster Center Park, and to existing bike lanes east of Wagner Drive. Westminster partnered with

nonprofit Commuting Solutions and the neighboring communities of Broomfield, Superior, Louisville, Boulder and Boulder County to install 40 way finding signs to make it easier for residents and visitors to navigate our region with ease. Next time

you are heading northbound on Yates at 92nd, look for the blue signs.

We've heard you! And city staff will be working hard in 2019 to add even more bike lanes and improved walking connections.



New way finding signs make it easier for residents and visitors to navigate the region with ease while biking and walking.

2019 Large Item Cleanup Program

WESTMINSTER BEING SUSTAINABLE

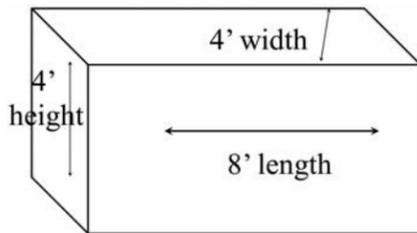
The city is offering a program to pick up large trash items at your curb.

This year's pick up dates:

- Area 1 - Saturday, April 20**
- Area 2 - Saturday, April 27**
- Area 3 - Saturday, May 4**

Program Requirements/ Guidelines

- Registration is required on-line through Tuesday, April 2: www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp
- Fee: \$30 per household.
- Debris piles cannot be larger than 4-feet wide, by 8-feet long,



by 4-feet high. Debris in excess of standardized size will not be removed.

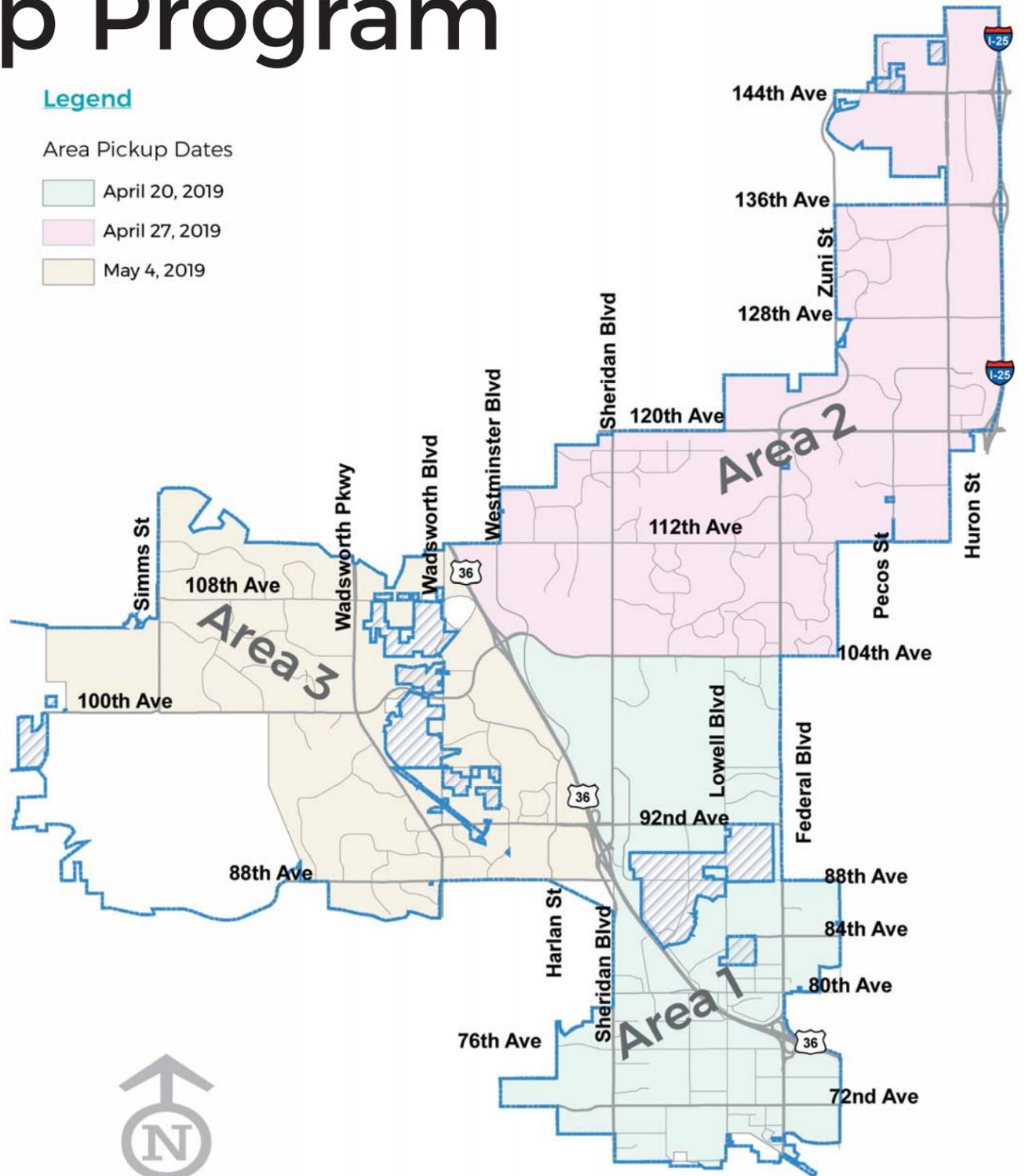
- All items must be marked for "Westminster Clean-Up".
- Items must be placed parallel with the sidewalk and at the curb. NOT on the driveway.
- Items must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your designated pick-up day
 - Normal household trash will not be removed.
 - Items that are too heavy for two men to lift will not be removed.
 - Secure doors on items that may pose a safety hazard to small children.
- Only Westminster resident household debris will be picked up. Business debris, large quantities of construction debris or debris items transported in from outside the city limits will not be picked up.

When is your pick-up day?

- Residential neighborhoods will be divided into three areas (unincorporated areas of the city are not picked up).
- View the area map to find your pick up day or use the on-line map to type in your address and find what area you are in: www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp.

Legend

- Area Pickup Dates
- April 20, 2019
 - April 27, 2019
 - May 4, 2019



- All items should be placed at the curb, separate from your normal weekly household trash, no later than 7 a.m.
- Items will be picked up for each area ONLY on the area specific date.
- Items stacked in the driveway or in the yard will not be removed.

Registration

- Registration \$30 fee is non-refundable.
- Registration is online: www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp.
- Registration is open online through midnight on Tuesday, April 2.

Acceptable Items

Mattresses, washers, dryers, ranges, dishwashers, microwave ovens, water heaters, bathtubs, toilets, lumber, furniture, bicycles, carpet, doors, swing sets, lawn mowers (fluids must be drained), railroad ties, sections of fencing, auto parts (fluids must be drained), lawn furniture, bed frames, cabinets, and tree limbs over 8 inches in diameter. All items must be able to be lifted by two men. Oversize items need to be disassembled to 6 feet or less. Engines must be drained.

Unacceptable Items

Household waste that would be picked up with normal weekly trash service, appliances with Freon units (such as refrig-

erators, freezers and air conditioners), pesticides, paint, commercial waste, car bodies, televisions, computer monitors, tires, concrete, soil or sod, tree limbs less than 8 inches in diameter, tree stumps, shrubs, grass clippings, sealed containers or drums, bricks, batteries, corrosives, flammable or combustible liquids or any items listed as a hazardous material.

To dispose of hazardous waste, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/Residents/TrashRecycling/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste. Information: streets@cityofwestminster.us or 303-658-2501.

What are your Property Maintenance Responsibilities?

With the closing of one season and the transition into another, living in Colorado brings a variety of property maintenance responsibilities. From summer lawn mowing to winter snow removal, there are many things to be aware of as a property owner/occupant. For example, did you know

there are laws regarding bringing in trash cans from the street, long-term parking on streets and clearing sidewalk obstruction? Whether you are a commercial business operation, a renter or a property owner, ordinances that cover lawn and home care, ice and snow removal, and parking are in place to preserve

the safety and quality of life for our citizens. Westminster Code Enforcement invites you to visit the city's website to ensure that your property is maintained within compliance. Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/Government, then click on City

Code and view the following:

- Municipal Code: 8-1-1 through 8-1-16- Health and Sanitation
- Municipal Code: 10-1-12 - Parking Restrictions

 Thank you for your help in making the City of Westminster the best place to work and live.