The city’s Public Works and Utilities Department is investing $14 million to replace over 30,000 residential and small commercial city-owned water meters beginning with meter antenna and software upgrades in fall 2019. Meter replacements will begin in January 2020 and the project will take 12 to 15 months to complete. Because the city owns these meters, it is responsible for the maintenance.

The existing water meters are being replaced because they have reached the end of their designed life, requiring more resources to read and maintain the meters. Meters become less accurate as they age, typically under-registering consumption. The new meters will replace aging infrastructure, reduce maintenance costs and improve customer service by giving customers more timely information about their water usage. They will provide more accurate and timely readings giving customers the ability to track and receive automated notices about their water usage after the project is completed.

Residents will receive a post card a few weeks before the city’s contractor, Utility Metering Solutions (UMS), will begin working in their neighborhood. UMS Eight candidates are officially competing to fill three seats on Westminster City Council in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, election. The slate includes: Bruce Baker, Nick Dyer, Michele Haney, Sheela Mahnke, Patricia ‘Pat’ Moore, Anita Seitz, Rich Seymour and Lindsey Smith. Candidate profiles are listed on pages 6-8. The city is considered one ward and all candidates are elected on an at-large basis without regard to political affiliation. The three council candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to four-year terms to begin Monday, Nov. 11. More information about the candidates will be posted at www.cityofwestminster.us/ Elections by Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The Westminster Election Commission drew names for ballot order on Sept. 4. The ballot order for both Adams and Jefferson counties is identical.

Please see CANDIDATES on page 6.
Big Dry Creek Sewer Pipeline

Wastewater is out of sight and out of mind for most. You can flush a toilet and not think twice about where it goes. The city’s Public Works and Utilities Department (PW&U) is serious about wastewater, so you don’t have to be.

A $4 million project to rehabilitate a major sewer pipeline along the Big Dry Creek Open Space between 110th and 128th avenues is wrapping up this fall. Beginning in early 2019, this project used cured-in-place pipe technology to restore approximately four miles of 30-inch diameter pipe.

Cured-in-place pipe is a cost-effective and less intrusive alternative to digging up and replacing pipe.

Reconstruction activity will pause through the winter before a second phase of sewer pipe construction begins along the Big Dry Creek Open Space in 2020 and finishes with restorations in 2022. As sections of the second phase of construction are completed, permanent landscaping and trail restoration will begin.

PW&U is working closely with the city’s Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department (PRL) to assure that open space and parks lands are restored to the high standards the community expects. PRL is planning on additional improvements to the construction areas that will enhance public access.

The $30 million second phase of construction will include pipe lining, pipeline additions and replacement, and repairs to wastewater diverting structures along sections of the Big Dry Creek Open Space. Additional information about this project will be provided well before construction begins to make residents and trail users aware of any impacts. Information on trail and road closures can be found at www.cityofwestminster.us/ConeZone.

The Big Dry Creek Sewer Pipeline is a major artery for Westminster’s sewer system transporting nearly five million gallons of wastewater every day to the Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility in northeast Westminster. These important projects will improve aging infrastructure, maintain reliable service and protect our local waterways for current and future generations.

Creating Safer Roads in Westminster: Flashing Beacons at Pedestrian Crossings

The city’s transportation team continues to implement transportation improvements throughout the city aimed at helping make roads safer, more connected and more accessible for all users. In this article, we want to highlight one of the safety technologies the team is integrating into the community: flashing beacons.

If you’ve driven along Simms Street at 105th or 100th Avenues, Irving Street at 75th Avenue, or Wadsworth Boulevard at 107th Avenue in Westminster, you may have seen flashing yellow lights on poles at both ends of crosswalks. These lights, also known as flashing pedestrian crossings or flashing beacons, create visible street crossings to make drivers more aware of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the road.

Flashing beacons at crosswalks are activated by a pedestrian or bicyclist pushing a button. Flashing beacons in Westminster are solar-powered and use Light Emitting Diode technology which consumes less power, is longer-lasting and costs less to operate and maintain.

As the city’s transportation team continues to install more flashing beacons throughout the city, we want to make sure pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers understand what to do when you see these types of crossings.

For drivers:

• When the beacon/sign is flashing and a pedestrian or bicyclist is in the crosswalk, drivers must yield.
• Once the pedestrian or bicyclist has completely crossed the side of the street, the driver can proceed forward.
• If the lights are flashing and there are no pedestrians or bicyclists in the crosswalk, drivers should use caution and proceed forward.

For pedestrians/bicyclists:

• Push the button to activate the flashing beacon.
• Look both ways before crossing the street to ensure vehicles are yielding. After confirming vehicles are stopped or no vehicles are approaching, you can cross the street.
• Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

This fall, the transportation team will be installing additional flashing beacons at two crosswalk locations in the city. Flashing beacons will be installed at the existing east-west crosswalk on Yates Street at the Westminster City Hall entrance. This will improve bicycle and pedestrian access and connections between City Hall, the bike lanes on Yates Street, US 36 and Sheridan Station, and adjacent land uses.

Flashing beacons will also be part of the installation of a new east-west crosswalk across Lowell Boulevard at West 69th Place/Creekside Drive. This new crosswalk will provide an improved and safer connection between neighborhoods and Westminster Station. Little Dry Creek Trail, Little Dry Creek Dog Park and the future nature playground at Westminster Station Park. The city received a grant to purchase flashing beacons for this location.

CITY FACILITY THANKSGIVING CLOSURES

All facilities will be closed, including golf courses, on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Libraries will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will remain closed through Friday, Nov. 29.

Westminster Sports Center will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will remain closed through Friday, Nov. 29.

Standley Lake will have walk-in access only.

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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CITY EDITION

WESTMINSTER STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Visionary Leadership, Effective Governance and Proactive Regional Collaboration

Dynamic, Diverse Economy Financially Sustainable Government Providing Excellence in City Services

Vibrant, Inclusive and Engaged Community

Beautiful, Desirable, Safe and Environmentally Responsible City

Ease of Mobility

Herb Atchison Mayor

Anita Seitz Councillor

David Demott Councillor

Michele Haney Councillor

Sheila Mahneke Councillor

Kathryn Skulley Councillor

Jon Voelz Councillor

Westminster is the next urban center of the Colorado Front Range. It is a vibrant, creative and walkable 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 BEING SUSTAINABLE

CURED-IN-PLACE PIPELINE TECHNOLOGY

DEVICE TECHNOLOGY
WESTMINSTER Forward is Listening

The coordinated engagement process of the city’s six long-range plans and projects, Westminster Forward, listened to you this summer. We met you at ‘Movies in the Park,’ the Historic Westminster Summer Festival and at the Latino Festival. You may also have seen information kiosks at three of our city’s centers and both libraries.

We collected feedback at every turn through an online questionnaire, as well as through quick mobile polling. We hosted two sustainability workshops and brought together all city planning efforts at the Westminster Forward Forum in September.

But we aren’t done listening! Keep an eye out for us at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Downtown Westminster and check the website and future City Editions for more updates.

The input received during the summer will be used to guide policies and city operation actions, as well as to inform budget decisions to ensure implementation of the community’s priorities.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:
1. Sign up online at www.cityofwestminster.us/forward to be notified by email of Westminster Forward updates and events.
2. Find us at the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 19.
3. Review outreach summaries and draft plan documents online at www.cityofwestminster.us/forward.
4. Contact us at westminsterforward@cityofwestminster.us.

Westminster Forward – Transportation and Mobility Plan: Getting Started

Westminster’s Transportation and Mobility Plan is now underway. The project team has taken the first steps in creating the city’s first multimodal transportation plan, including gathering community input and analyzing data to understand the existing and future conditions of transportation and mobility in Westminster. We’re looking at the operations, infrastructure, access and connectivity of all transportation modes—walking, biking, rolling, driving and taking transit. The results of this analysis, in addition to community input, help to identify transportation needs of our community and develop near- and long-term actions and recommendations to improve the city’s transportation system.

Community input throughout the planning process is important to ensure the plan is created to address the transportation and mobility needs of Westminster residents, commuters and visitors. This summer the project team attended community events and hosted an online survey to ask the community: What are your biggest transportation and mobility challenges? How easy is it to get around Westminster? The top transportation challenges we heard from community members include traffic congestion/delays, vehicle speeding, traffic light timing, condition and maintenance of roads, and safe walking.

This input will help inform the development of the plan’s goals and recommendations. As the plan progresses over the next year, please watch for opportunities to provide your input at upcoming events, meetings and online engagement at www.cityofwestminster.us/forward. We want to hear from you!

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY PLAN?

The Transportation and Mobility Plan will address the near- and long-term multimodal transportation and mobility needs of residents, commuters and visitors traveling by all modes of transportation. The methods include walking, rolling, biking, driving and taking transit. The plan will include goals, objectives, guiding policies and recommendations for strategic actions and investments to provide safer and more efficient, connected, and accessible transportation options for all.

WESTMINSTER BEING SUSTAINABLE

- Parks, Recreation and Libraries Plan: Participants indicated that they use neighborhood parks and trails and open space much more regularly than parks and recreation facilities. When asked about additional amenities, participants were interested in seeing shaded facilities, gathering, and natural areas, trails and water features.
- Sustainability Plan: When asked how to encourage sustainability in the city, many respondents had ideas for improving and expanding recycling and composting, utilizing water-wise landscaping, limiting growth and preserving more natural landscapes. Other ideas focused on renewable energy, energy- and water-efficient fixtures, and providing incentives for residents and businesses.
- Transportation and Mobility Plan: Driving alone was indicated as the most common transportation mode, however up to 40 percent of respondents also indicated that they walk, roll, bike, carpool or use transit regularly (once or more each week). The biggest challenges to mobility were seen as traffic congestion/delays, vehicle speeding, road conditions and safe walking.
- Code Forward: Building safety, energy efficiency, access to sidewalks and transit, disability access and landscaping were ranked as the most important design elements to prioritize.
- Water Supply Plan: Most respondents accurately identified the uses and landscaping types that use more water. Reliable water supply was ranked as the most important consideration for the future of the city, while transportation and access ranked second.

In the meantime, here’s a snapshot of what we’ve heard so far through the summer and fall outreach:

- Comprehensive Plan: Ensuring long-term water availability, addressing sewer capacity and striving to be a sustainable/resilient city rose to the top as the most important issues. Participants were interested in seeing additional employment growth and new restaurants and bars, but raised concerns about the rate of multi-family and townhome development.

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2019 WPL CRAFT BEER TOUR
Aug. 31-Dec. 21, Westminster Public Library
The WPL Craft Beer Tour is back for a third round. Grab a BrewCard from either library location or any of our brewery partners. Purchase a beer at each brewery to validate your card and return completed BrewCards to the library to receive a limited edition pint glass. Age 21+.}

HALLOWEEN HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday, Oct. 19, Noon to 8 p.m., Downtown Westminster
Bring the whole family to kick off the fall season with free carnival games, trick-or-treating, a spectacular hot air balloon glow, live music, a beer garden, food trucks, arts and crafts, jumping castles, local vendors, a pumpkin patch, a bonfire and a BBQ competition. Presented by St. Anthony North Health Campus.

TAEWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS
Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 2-30, Nov. 4-27
WESTMINSTER DANCE
Fall dance classes are back in session. Choose from a variety of class options for ages 3-18. Let our skilled instructors help your child improve their technique, flexibility and fitness in fun and engaging classes. Check the Activity Guide for specific class dates, times and costs.

BOTTLE BOTTOM FLUID ACRYLIC PAINTING
Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Acrylic pouring is an abstract, non-brush approach where creativity flows onto canvas. Pour acrylic paints using fun techniques to create two beautiful, colorful, non-objective pieces of art. Great for beginners.

MIGRATORY BIRD WALK
Saturday, Oct. 5, 8-10 a.m., Walnut Creek Trailhead
Did you know Walnut Creek Golf Preserve is an internationally recognized Audubon area? Walk the Walnut Creek trail in search of the many migratory birds that make the open space a temporary home. Don’t forget your binoculars. Free. All ages welcome.

GUIDED WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
If you have taken a beginning watercolor class or workshop and have a paint kit, but want to further your skills, this is the workshop for you. Complete two paintings with at least one painted already. Register now for any remaining spots for the 2019-20 school year. This continuous school year program prepares your child for kindergarten while focusing on the “learning is fun” philosophy. Please call 303-658-2222 or 303-658-2215 for class times, days and fees. Age 3-5.

TAEWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS
Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 2-30, Nov. 4-27
RAPTORS IN THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m., College Hill Library
Learn about the Birds of Prey Foundation and meet some of the amazing raptors in their care. Live birds will be present during this show. One adult will be allowed to accompany each child. Register online. Age 6-12.

INSIGHTS INTO AFGHANISTAN AND SYRIA
Afghanistan – Friday, Oct. 11, 10-11:30 a.m., The MAC
Syria – Friday, Nov. 15, 10-11:30 a.m., The MAC
These lectures take a geographical and historical look at Afghanistan and Syria through some of the most pivotal events. Pre-registration required.

BARK IN THE PARK
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park
Join Standley Lake and local dog organizations at the Westminster Hills Dog Park to learn more about what the community has to offer you and your pooch. Free. All ages welcome.

THE GREAT BOOKSBY
Saturday, Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m., College Hill Library
Celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Westminster Public Library with a trip back to the Jazz Age. Enjoy live jazz, “casino” games and a silent auction. Shh, it’s a speakeasy.

JEWELRY – WIRE WRAPPED RINGS
Sunday, Oct. 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Learn how to make a delicate three-bead ring and a bold “huggie” ring from different types of jewelry wire.

ORIGAMI ENVELOPES AND GIFT BOXES
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9:30-11 a.m., The MAC
Learn to make your own envelopes and small holiday gift boxes using scrapbooking paper. Register by Oct. 15.

NATIVE LANDS
Saturday, Oct. 19, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park
Long before Colorado became an area recognized for an abundance of gold, it was a home to numerous Native American tribes. Discover the culture and traditions of the indigenous and how their descendents carry them on today. Free. All ages welcome.

THURSDAY TOT TIME
Thursday, Oct. 24, 10-10:45 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park
Nature programs designed for our youngest explorers. Tots discover the park using all their senses and hands-on activities to help these young explorers gain a better appreciation of their surroundings. Age 3-5.

PAINT SWIPE
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Similar to a paint pouring technique, paint swiping creates a beautiful art piece with acrylics on canvas. No experience is necessary.

A MOUNTAIN OF MYSTERIES: AUTHORS OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m., Front Range Community College, Bistro Café Rotunda
Follow Colorado mystery authors Emily Littlejohn, Margaret Mizushima, Barbara Nickless, Maggie Shayne and Carter Wilson through unique settings, characters and crime solving techniques. Titles for sale courtesy of Boulder Bookstore. Age 15+.
**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**
Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The MAC
Shop from 80 artisans selling unique, hand-made crafts and one-of-a-kind special gifts in all price ranges. Free admission and parking. Non-perishable food donations appreciated.

**HOLIDAY POTTERY SALE**
Saturday, Nov. 2, and Sunday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Start your holiday shopping for unique, hand-crafted pottery. Created by students and staff from the City Park Pottery Studio. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Westminster Food Bank. Be sure to register for a door prize.

**PRAIRIE DOG TOWN**
Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park
The prairie dogs are beloved wildlife at Standley Lake and they have learned to adapt to the often perilous prairie. Visit the largest prairie dog town on the north side of the park to observe the complex lifestyle of these intelligent rodents. Free. All ages welcome.

**FREE SAT PRACTICE TEST**
Saturday, Nov. 2, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Irving Street Library
Practicing for the SAT is key. Take a free, full length, diagnostic practice test. After the test, receive a detailed score report. Proctored by the Princeton Review. Age 12-18.

**MODEL TRAIN SHOW**
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 1-4 p.m., College Hill Library
- Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m., College Hill Library
Youth in Model Railroading club displays several operating model trains. See the trains. Ask questions. Learn railroad crossing safety. Enjoy train songs and stories by crossing safety, and enjoy trains. See the trains. Ask several operating model Railroading club displays.

**DROP-IN GAMES WEEK**
Monday-Sunday, Nov. 4-10, College Hill Library
Help us celebrate International Games Week with classic games like Rubik’s Cube, Mancala, Don’t Break the Ice, Yahtzee™. Drop-in any-time during regular library hours. All ages.

**PALETTE KNIFE ABSTRACT ART**
Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Experiment with a palette knife as you learn to create lavender flowers on an abstract background using acrylic paint. No experience is necessary.

**DAILY JOURNAL WORKSHOP – MEDITATION THROUGH THE ARTS**
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Park Recreation Center
Stop, reflect, observe, draw and write. Learn how to create a meditative daily journal to help you focus, reduce stress and set goals. This artful relaxation tool will prove invaluable during the holiday season as well as throughout the year.

**FROZEN FEATHERS**
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:10:30 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park
Fly into this program to discover the winter residents of the park and the adaptations they have to help them survive the frigid temperatures. Don’t forget your binoculars. Free. All ages.

**HEALTHY HOLIDAY SIDES**
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:730 p.m., The MAC
By incorporating a few food substitutes, you can transform traditional, calorie-laden holiday side dishes into healthier options. Register by Nov. 10.

**MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR IPHONE**
Thursday, Nov. 14, noon to 1 p.m., The MAC
Enable voice dial, set up touch ID, change the settings and more! Bring your own iPhone. Register by Nov. 11.

**THURSDAY TOT TIME**
Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, Westminster Sports Center
Meet up with your friends and come play with all of our great toys on our indoor turf field. Ages 5 and under.

**RECREATION**
www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation
Register: www.cityofwestminster.us/activitieguides 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
Countrywide Outdoor Pool
10470 Oak St.
303-466-1758
Ice Centre at The Promenade
10710 Westminster Blvd.
303-469-2100
Legacy Ridge Golf Course
10381 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
1000 Avenue and Simms Street
303-425-1097
Swim & Fitness Center
3200 W. 76th Ave.
303-427-2217
Westminster College Golf Preserve
1059 Westminster Drive
303-469-2974
Westminster Sports Center
6050 W. 95th Ave.
303-658-2393
West View Recreation Center
10747 W. 108th Ave.
303-460-9530
Libraries
Register: http://tinyurl.com/wplsignup
College Hill Library
3705 W. 112th Ave.
303-658-2603
Irving Street Library & Park
7392 Irving St.
303-658-2503

**ADMIN**
City Hall
4800 W. 92nd Ave.
303-658-2400
Westminster Public Safety Center
9110 Yates St.
303-638-2400
Emergency: 911

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**FACILITY LOCATIONS/REGISTRATION**
CANDIDATES

Meet the Candidates

The November 2019 election will be a coordinated election conducted by the Adams County and Jefferson County clerks with mail ballots. Ballots will be sent to eligible voters residing in Westminster beginning Oct. 14. Ballots cannot be forwarded and will be mailed to your last known address of record. To verify your voter information, visit www.govotecolorado.com. If you do not receive a ballot by Wednesday, Oct. 23, contact your County Clerk Jefferson County Elections Office, 303-271-8111; Adams County Elections Office, 720-523-6500.

Electoral questions (except those about voter registration) should be directed to the Westminster City Clerk’s Office at 303-658-2161.

Name: Bruce Baker
Occupation: Retired Pharmacist
Past elected offices: Westminster City Council 2013 to 2017

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
City Council does NOT act as Stewards/Trustees of the public assets that Westminster owns, to benefit our citizens. The incumbent council members standing for election are using city assets to advance their own agendas that do not benefit the majority of citizens. Examples are:
1. The predatory increase in our water rates. The Council deems this an increase, when it is a dishonest act by a council that claims to honor diversity and inclusion.
2. Our development councilors have been given huge taxpayer subsidies.
3. The failure of the New Downtown. The only developers to build there have been given huge taxpayer subsidies.
4. Some incumbents support mandatory, monopoly trash collection for Westminster. Our citizens vigorously rejected this idea, yet council could impose regulations that would drive out lower priced trash haulers.
5. After the November 2018 election when two councilors were elected to higher office, a third councilor left. Instead of honoring the City Charter and holding an election, council chose three like-minded candidates that do not reflect the diversity of Westminster. A dishonest act by a council that claims to honor diversity and promote inclusion.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
We do most services well and we can improve them.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
My home, neighbors and your vote.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
Weighing growth and development against supporting the current residents and businesses. Especially how the city is dealing with Downtown Westminster. City Council has already gotten the ball rolling on this development, so I want to come in and make sure we do this the best way that considers the voice of local business and residents.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
Westminster has done a good job at creating and keeping a balanced budget. Where I will work for improvement is getting more community involvement and communication between the council and residents. To best serve the city, we need to have direct communication and feedback with local businesses and residents.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
My wife and I love spending time outside. And Westminster offers a great variety for us to do just that. You can find us running or biking through our awesome parks and open spaces. Or at one of the many great events the city puts on like the 4th of July Celebration at City Park. Between the events the city hosts and all the options for great parks and open spaces, we absolutely love Westminster.

Name: Nick Dyer
Occupation: Senior Payroll Coordinator
Past elected offices: None

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
Westminster has been given huge taxpayer subsidies while listening to the voice of local business and residents.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
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I absolutely love Westminster. We do most services well and we can improve them. One of the problems in both national and local politics, even with the current City Council, is this dichotomy of “if you’re not with me, you’re against me.” I believe that diversity, different perspectives, and ways of thinking, when brought together and discussed will bring the best solution to an issue. I will bring my unique perspective, and vigorously debate issues considering differing viewpoints to arrive at the best solution. I am open to and will work with the other council members, all while listening to the voice of the city and acting in their best interest.
What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
There are many. Our city is growing. Development is going to continue, but we must be thoughtful about it. The city should focus on encouraging affordable and attainable for sale housing while protecting the character of our established neighborhoods and making sure development fits the needs of people who already live here.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
I think the city has done a good job of collaborating with our neighboring communities and that must continue. Westminster is not an island, and we are dealing with the same challenges other cities are facing, including homelessness, mental health, housing, and public safety. We need to come together to find common ground and solutions to these issues.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
Our citizens. They are truly why I want to serve.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
As we continue to grow as a city and a region, we need to plan for long-term economic and environmental sustainability while preserving our quality of life and sense of community. This can be achieved through thoughtful and strategic planning. I will work for a strong local economy, a clean and healthy environment, and a city where everyone feels like a valued member of our community.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
There are so many things the city does well, from the development of our new downtown to our excellent police department and internationally accredited fire department. Our city’s parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, and libraries are phenomenal. In the recent past we have focused attention on restoration and maintenance of our parks and open spaces. While continuing to do this, I believe we can also work towards acquisition of new open space. Also, as we continue to develop as a city, we need to work harder on environmental sustainability, including water conservation, clean air, and climate change adaptation. By doing so, we will continue to assure the health of our city and its residents.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
The best part about living in Westminster is the people. I love our neighborhoods, our diversity and our sense of community.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
The City and Council of the past never imagined that we would ever have such growth. Present City Council is planning for the future. There needs to be transparency and dialogue with the Residents of those plans and issues.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
Recreation Centers, Parks, Libraries.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
It’s the diversity and the people. I love the community and the sense of belonging.

Name: Patricia (Pat) Moore
Occupation: Retired
Past elected offices:
Other leadership positions and community involvement:
Head Start Parent Representative to Meridian Ms. Naval Air Station, Girl Scout Leader for four years. State and County Latino Initiative, I have held several officers positions over a 40 years on the political scene, way too many to list.

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?
No one person is more qualified than the other. We all bring to the table knowledge, experiences that will help Council to make decisions in the best interest of the residents. I will bring patience, compromise and the willingness to listen and work together with residents that have passionate views on their issues.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
There is no one important issue because the issues are related. Like a domino effect, growth, housing, water, traffic, business development and employment. Each issue affects the others. Therefore we collectively work with the city, residents, business community, homebuilders and developers, but listen, Communicate and Compromise.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
The fact that it’s a diverse city with a lot of services and activities to do.

Name: Anita Seitz
Occupation: Mayor Pro Tem City of Westminster, Director of Marketing for Jones Financial
Past elected offices:
Past elected offices: I have had the privilege to serve the residents of Westminster on City Council since December of 2013. At that time, I was unanimously appointed by the city council at that time, to fill a vacancy. In November 2015 I was elected by the voters of Westminster out of the 10 candidates running I received the most votes from our residents. I was humbled to be elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem by my colleagues on Westminster City Council in December of 2018.

Other leadership positions and community involvement:
Serve on the Ralston House Board for the last five years. Ralston House is the child advocacy center for the 1st and 17th Judicial Districts.
Immediate Past President for Colorado Communities for Climate Action, a group of 27 local governments that advocate for state and federal climate policy, and I currently serve on their steering committee and policy committee.

Westminster delegate for the Colorado Municipal League’s Policy Committee, helping to make sure both Westminster’s and municipal interests are understood and considered at the state and federal level.

• Council alternate for US 36 Mayors and Commissioners Coalition, working on regional transportation issues.

• Currently participating in the Colorado Department of Transportation’s 239 Emerging Mobility stakeholder working group and serve on the sustainability, incentivizing adoption of zero emission vehicles sub-committee.

• Serve as the Public Official Board Member, for the American Planning Association of Colorado. Helping to educate planning commission members, and elected officials on best practices in planning and land use. Great communities don’t just happen, they are designed.

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Westminster
Every decision we make as a city should promote environmental, social, and economic long-term resilience. Challenges that arise from Colorado’s growth must be anticipated and dealt with head-on in a way that minimizes negative impacts and enhances our quality of life. Without a strategy, we stand to lose what we love about Westminster.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?
Westminster has world class parks, programs, and amenities. We are recognized as a leader in innovation and good governance. Locally and nationally, I am proud of our city, and will work to make it even better.

Westminster is over 100 years old. Many of our facilities and systems need repairs and maintenance. It is our responsibility to invest in our city, and protect the quality of life, health and safety of residents. Ignoring issues that need to be addressed only adds to the cost of addressing them.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?
Our people! I continue to be amazed at the dedicated residents who are devoted to their community.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?
The three areas of growth, development and land use planning and conservation are major issues. How do we plan for the future while also addressing the need to protect our current resources?

Our priority should be on increasing water and conservation and resilience at the same time.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement for other leaders in our community?
Other leadership and organizations I’m engaged with residents and business leaders. Ignoring issues that need to be addressed only adds to the cost of addressing them.

Westminster Chamber of Commerce – Founding Board of Directors
Current Boards
Westminster Public Safety Recognition Foundation
Westminster Historical Society
Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc.
Westminster 7-10 Rotary and Rotary Foundation
Westminster Chamber Gov’t Affairs Committee
Police Academy Alumni
Westminster Hispanic Annual Salute – CASA
Westminster Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni
Course leader – Immaculate Heart of Mary
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Hispanic Annual Salute
Why are you the most qualified person for this office?
I’m a business owner, community and church leader who’s recognized throughout Westminster as a sound, principle based decision maker. As a board member on five community organizations I’ve engaged with residents throughout Westminster on a daily basis. I’ve heard my concerns and will make decisions on what’s good for Westminster.

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Fire Station 4 Open House

Meet your local firefighters at the Fire Station 4 Open House. See the truck and ambulance close up, play games, try the kid-die combat obstacle course, enjoy refreshments and maybe even watch the Flight for Life helicopter land.

The station bay doors will be open from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 4580 W. 112th Ave.

The entire family can enjoy this free event and have a great time learning some fire safety! Call 303-658-4504 for more information.

Sign Up for Santa Visits Nov. 1-15

Westminster Fire Department has been communicating with the elves at the North Pole and has learned that Santa and his reindeer are gearing up, excited to visit kids in Westminster Dec. 1-6.

If you are interested in receiving a visit, now is the time to sign up for the Santa visit lottery. The Santa program, a tradition of the Westminster Fire Department since 1935, includes the arrival of St. Nick on a fire truck (a time for kids to let Santa know their Christmas wishes and take photos). Then good boys and girls will receive a candy gift as Santa leaves.

Visits are scheduled geographically, between 6-8 p.m., Dec. 1-6. Registered households are entered into the lottery system. Entries for a Santa visit are ONLY accepted online from 8 a.m., Nov. 1, through 5 p.m., Nov. 15. When registering, provide your full name, address and phone number. Reservations cannot be made with incomplete information. Limit one registration per household.

Register online beginning Friday, Nov. 1 at www.cityofwestminster.us/santa. Lottery result notifications will begin the week of Nov. 18. For more information call 303-658-4500.

Fire Prevention Month Kicks Off

The Westminster Fire Department declares the month of October as Fire Prevention month, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. The two-day blaze killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed over 17,400 structures.

The tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October the Westminster Fire Department embraces the National Fire Protection Association-sponsored fire safety campaign to bring awareness to the risk of death in case of a fire and provide educational resources to keep everyone safe.

This year's theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

A FEW FIRE FACTS

- Seconds can mean the difference between escaping safely from fire and tragedy.
- When members of a household create and practice an escape plan, the likelihood of a safe escape increases significantly.
- Security bars can deter prowlers but can leave you trapped in a fire.
- Three out of five home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead.
- Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep.

Learn more about fire safety at www.firepreventionweek.com.
Found in the reference sections at College Hill and Irving Street libraries, the Merriam Webster’s Dictionary defines community as “a unified body of individuals.” This year, Westminster Public Libraries (WPL) celebrates 100 years of building skilled and knowledgeable communities and transforming lives.

The first library in the City of Westminster was set up in Miss Sadie Anderson’s millinery shop in February 1919 with a small supply of books loaned to patrons. The library’s mission at its early days moved around from Westminster Elementary School at 72nd Avenue and Lowell Boulevard, to Carl Hawkins’ grocery store near 73rd Avenue and Bradley Boulevard, to Westminster Community Church at 74th Avenue and Bradley Boulevard before finding a home at City Hall near 73rd Avenue and Bradley Boulevard.

The WPL then entered its formal phase of development when Mrs. Mae Dowlin, Westminster’s first professional librarian, was hired in 1961 and a modern library building was constructed as part of the municipal complex on 76th Avenue. Child’s programming began, approximately 10,000 titles were added a year, and a vibrant library community took root.

The WPL has lived in several branches in its history (Kings Mill at 9018 Field St., College Hill attached to Front Range Community College and Irving Street at 74th Avenue and Irving Street), but it has always manifested a sense of “place” wherever it is.

“The library as ‘place’ refers not only to a physical location but also a sense of place – meeting the needs of the community,” said Irving Street Library Services Coordinator Kira Kloster. “This gathering place has helped build and benefit our community in many ways over the past 100 years.”

Programming
One of the most popular WPL programs has been the citizen preparation classes with more than 300 people participating in preparation for naturalization tests and interviews.

Other popular programs include technology help, job search assistance, READog, Caturdays, Dungeons and Dragons club, Summer Reading Program, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Story Time and Adventure Pass program. Through these programs, a community gains skills and confidence for a better future.

Events
Bringing the community together for special events creates excitement around the library “place.” From the Latino Festival to Irving Street’s Mini-Con to Geek Girl camp to Movies in the Park, and the upcoming Great Booksby and 100th Anniversary Celebration, the library is a ‘place’ for the community to gather and party!

Discussion Groups
Two adult book clubs meet at College Hill Library with another discussing at Irving Street Library. The Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group meets weekly at College Hill to develop awareness of our wider world. Kids meet for Lego club and Book Buddies. There’s also a Spanish Conversation Club. These diverse, like-minded communities gather at the Westminster library to chat, build and debate. Read more at www.cityofwestminster.us/News/100yearswestylibraries.

Tattered Cover Adds to the Scene in Downtown Westminster

In partnership with the Origin Hotel, Tattered Cover Book Store, which has four stores in the Denver metro and three satellite stores at Denver International Airport, is opening a new store next year in Westminster. The 5,000-square-foot bookstore, tentatively scheduled to open in April 2020, will be on the ground floor of the Origin Hotel, which also is expected to open in early 2020.

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Home Energy Squad Offers Free Visits

Westminster residents can take advantage of an exciting new offer from the city and Xcel Energy. Free Home Energy Squad visits, normally $50, are available for a limited time to help improve the energy efficiency of your home and reduce your energy bills.

There are two simple steps to sign up: 1) Call 303-446-7910 to reserve your visit (and use discount code WestyHES2019) or register at www.xcelenergystore.com/tools/home-energy-squad/overview; and 2) Meet the CLEAResult energy advisor (Xcel’s consultant) at your home for a walk-through. Free products will also be provided, including LED lightbulbs, a programmable thermostat, and an energy-efficient showerhead (total value $200). The number of free visits is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Improving the energy efficiency of your home and reducing your energy bills is one way that homeowners can help make Westminster “one of the most sustainable cities in America.” If you are interested in conserving even more, check out the Xcel Energy’s website for more energy efficiency and renewable energy ideas, including rebates, discounts and other money-saving opportunities at www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/residential_programs_and_rebates.

Renters are also eligible for this offer. Your home must have its own electric and gas utility account and must be a detached single-family home or part of a building with four or fewer units. Prior approval from the property owner or landlord is required.

City Park Fitness Center Gets Modern Makeover

City Park Fitness Center experienced a major renovation during its two-week shutdown this past summer. Several changes and improvements were made to the facility, giving it a facelift and modern look.

Improvements include a new weight room floor, new paint, new marketing/information displays and signs, remodeled childcare area, several pieces of new equipment in the gym and studios, locker room upgrades, and new concrete in front of the building – just to name a few of the projects.

This was a huge undertaking in a short timeframe, and staff worked diligently to complete and open the building on time for patrons as expected. Come check out the updated space!

Remember Winter? Prepare Now

Winter in Colorado can mean sudden and dangerous changes in temperature and road conditions. Do you remember November 2014 when the temperature dropped from 64 degrees to -13 degrees in three days? How about the “bomb cyclone” in March 2019 that brought 80-100 mph winds and drifting snow, and power outages to much of Colorado?

A good time to review and update your emergency and disaster preparedness measures is when seasons change.

- Are you signed up to receive notifications of hazardous weather in our area? Do you have a family communications plan so you can reconnect and check on loved ones when winter storms disrupt communications, power and transportation?
- Have you checked the expiration dates on everything in your 72-hour kit and your car’s emergency kit?

The weather forecast may not always be 100 percent accurate, but it gives you warning to fill up the car, stock up on groceries and refill your prescriptions in case the weather creates dangerous driving conditions. While you are restocking batteries, you should make sure the smoke and CO2 detector batteries are still working. Do you have family, friends or neighbors that have special needs? How about your pets? Are they safe if we get a sudden winter storm?

A little awareness and preparedness can go a long way to keeping you and your loved ones safe during dangerous winter weather.

For more on winter weather preparedness, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/EmergencyManagement. For current weather and preparation updates, visit or follow us at www.facebook.com/CityofWestminsterEmergencyManagement.
You Can Help Protect Our Water from Illicit Discharges

Wastewater that flows from toilets, sinks and bathtubs travels to our nearest wastewater treatment facility where it is treated before being discharged into the waterways. On the same notes, drinking water is diverted from natural streams and lakes to a water treatment facility where it is treated biologically and chemically to make it safe to drink. Stormwater on the other hand does not travel to a treatment facility.

The water that flows down our streets, sidewalks and parking lots from runoff events flows directly into our waterways untreated, grabbing everything that comes into its path.

The city has made a strong commitment to protect and manage Colorado’s natural resources. Within the Community Development, Operations and Engineering Division, the Stormwater Program seeks to minimize the negative effects of development and pollution, while maximizing environmental protection and conservation.

**WESTMINSTER BEING SUSTAINABLE**

Protecting and preserving the quality of the city’s surface water is a key focus area of the Stormwater Program.

According to the U.S. EPA’s 2000 National Water Quality Inventory, 39 percent of assessed river and stream miles, 46 percent of assessed lake acres, and 51 percent of assessed estuarine square miles do not meet water quality standards. The top causes of impairment include siltation, nutrients, bacteria, metals (primarily mercury) and oxygen-depleting substances. Polluted stormwater runoff, including runoff from urban/suburban areas and construction sites is a leading source of this impairment.

To address this problem, the city has developed an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program. An illicit discharge is defined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as “…any discharges that are not composed entirely of stormwater except discharges specifically authorized by a CDPS or NPDES permit and discharges resulting from emergency firefighting activities.”

**Examples of illicit discharges include** (but are not limited to) the following:

- Disposal of vehicle maintenance fluids into a storm drain
- Hosing or washing loading areas in the vicinity of storm drain inlets
- Leaking dumpsters flowing into a storm drain inlet
- Old and damaged sanitary sewer line leaking fluids into a cracked or damaged storm sewer line
- Pouring paints or stings into a storm drain
- Allowing wash water with soaps or detergents into a storm drain
- Washing silt, sediment, concrete, cement or gravel into a storm drain
- A measurable flow during dry weather that contains pollutants or pathogens
- Some discharges are exempt from meeting the definition of an illicit discharge under Westminster Municipal Code Title 8, Chapter 11, Section 8 (Illicit Discharges).

The Stormwater Program is committed to protecting the environment from illicit discharges, however we need your help to identify these occurrences throughout the city. If you identify an illicit discharge, please report it to our Stormwater Hotline at 303-706-3367 or stormwaterhotline@cityofwestminster.us.

Please include the location, responsible party (if identified) and a brief description of the illicit discharge. Our team will respond as soon as possible to determine if clean-up and remediation is needed. As a resident of Westminster, you are our first line of defense against pollutants entering our waterways.

**Water 2025 Keeps Moving Forward**

As the Semper Water Treatment Facility celebrates its 50th year of providing safe, reliable drinking water, the city’s Public Works and Utilities Department is planning how to preserve safe drinking water for the next 50 years.

Semper, like all infrastructure, will require increased maintenance and expensive repairs as it ages, making a new water treatment facility a smart investment. Water 2025 is the planned, phased approach for continuing cost-effective, high-quality drinking water service to the city for future generations.

Over the last year, staff has engaged the community using a nationally recognized process to identify, evaluate and narrow alternative locations for a new water treatment facility location. Since the site selection process kicked off in early 2018, the city has received over 1,000 responses and comments about the project. This valuable input ensured that key community values were incorporated in the site selection process, which began with an initial list of 54 sites.

Based on the results of this fact-based and community-engaged process, City Council approved a resolution to pursue acquisition of the recommended site near 98th Avenue and Westminster Boulevard during its July 22 meeting. This site was selected, in part, because it satisfies community values of providing a buffer for adjacent landowners and honoring previous city commitments.

Stay tuned for future information about a Design Working Group that will provide input on the design of the facility, which will provide safe drinking water to the city for the next 50 years. Learn more about the future of Westminster’s water at www.cityofwestminster.us/Water2025.

**Public Works Staff Receives Award for Outperforming Requirements**

Have you ever wondered how clean water seems to magically appear when you turn on the tap? When you have reliable water service, it’s easy to take for granted the staff and infrastructure that brings clean water to Westminster homes and businesses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City Council highlighted this critical city service by recognizing the Semper Water Treatment Facility and Utility Operations Water Distribution staff for receiving the Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. The prestigious industry award is given for outperforming state and federal requirements for treatment plant and distribution system operations. This award reflects the city’s commitment and dedication to providing safe, high-quality and compliant drinking water to its customers.

Operated by the Public Works and Utilities Department, the Semper Water Treatment Facility is capable of treating 44 million gallons per day using state-of-the-art filtration technology. The Northwest Water Treatment Facility is capable of treating up to 15 million gallons per day using conventional filtration technology.

Average daily water consumption for the city is 16 million gallons per day with a peak of 44 million gallons per day. This water is delivered to your home through a distribution system that consists of over 500 miles of water mains, 5,000 hydrants and 17,000 valves.