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Eight Run for City Council

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 candi-

dates 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.

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Crowds gather for a colorful sky rise at the 2018 Harvest Festival.

Another City Investment: Water Meter Replacement

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

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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 Please see **WATER METER** on page 10

EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTED IN CITY

National and state experts have confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) – an invasive, highly destructive tree pest – in the City of Westminster. After the recent confirmation of this pest in Broomfield, city forestry staff conducted further investigation and discovered the pest in ash trees near 128th Avenue and Zuni Street. The city's Forestry staff recommends residents consult with tree care companies employing arborists certified through the International Society of Arboriculture. Certified arborists will help determine whether ash trees are healthy enough to preserve and recommend treatment options. Learn more about about EAB www.colorado.gov/agplants/emerald-ash-borer.

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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.

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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 restoration 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 construc-

tion begins to make residents and trail users aware of any impacts. Information on trail and road impacts 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 73rd 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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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

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one community. one vision. one future.

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 the city's centers and both libraries.

We collected feedback at events 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.

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 town-home development.

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- **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.

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

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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.

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.

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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 outdoors.

ZOMBIE BARBIES™

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Take a walk on the dead side. Combine Barbies™ and various art supplies to properly "creepify" your creation are provided. Register online. Age 6-11.

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.



TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 2-30, Nov. 4-27



WESTMINSTER DANCE

2019-20 PRESCHOOL-KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS OPENINGS

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.

TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 2-30, Nov. 4-27, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., at West View Recreation Center; Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 1-29, Nov. 5-28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., at The MAC.

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

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. Shhh, 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. 13.

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 descendants 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 Sefton, and Carter Wilson through unique settings, characters and crime solving techniques. Titles for sale courtesy of Boulder Bookstore. Age 15+.

THE SCULPTOR IN THE BUCKSKIN

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m., The MAC

Historian Dave Lively shares the little-known story of Alexander Phimister Proctor, American's premier animal sculptor. Register by Oct. 27.

CAJUN AND CREOLE COOKING

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Learn how to prepare easy, healthy and delicious Cajun and Creole recipes. Samples are provided. Register by Oct. 27.



RAPTORS IN THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Oct. 5

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.

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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

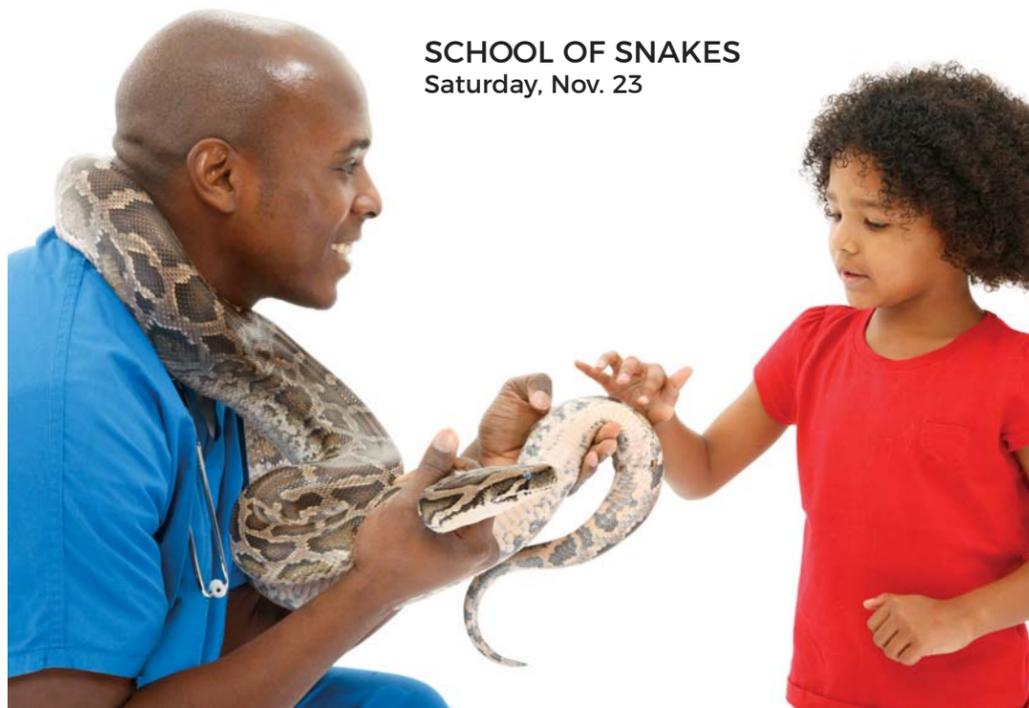
Saturday, Nov. 2, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Irving Street Library

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, and enjoy train songs and stories by Smoky Roundhouse. Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Westminster Public Library. All ages.



SCHOOL OF SNAKES

Saturday, Nov. 23

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 anytime 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, 6-7:30 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 text size and volume of notifications, add contacts to your favorites and learn to use FaceTime. Bring your own iPhone. Register by Nov. 11.

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Uncover the history beneath our feet on this nature walk throughout the park. Fees help Standley Lake maintain the paleo dig site. All ages.

FLORAL DESIGN - HARVEST TIME

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to noon, City Park Recreation Center

Save money by making your own centerpiece and learn some design skills in this fun workshop. Create an artful arrangement that includes fresh flowers and dried decorative elements, plus create a Thanksgiving card to accompany your bouquet.

THURSDAY TOT TIME

Thursday, Nov. 21, 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.

SCHOOL OF SNAKES

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Slither on over to discover the importance of our scaly friend, the snake. In this program, participants will get to meet Betty the bullsnake to get an up-close look at what makes her so special. Free. All ages welcome.

SUPER TOTS

1ST DOWN TOTS

1st Down Tots is a development program for kids 3-5 years old using a variety of games to engage kids while teaching and developing skills. The goal is to build fitness and muscle coordination along with fundamentals and a love of the game. No tackling or blocking. Please visit www.supertotsports.com for information and registration.

DROP-IN 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.

PRAIRIE DOG TOWN

Saturday, Nov. 2



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

CANDIDATES

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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).

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

Meet the Candidates

**Name: Bruce Baker**

Occupation: Retired Pharmacist

Past elected offices: Westminster City Council 2013 to 2017

Other leadership positions and community involvement: Co-author of Urban Renewal research paper, published opinion articles on the challenges facing Westminster and numerous letters to the editor

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

I will vote to reduce the water rates so homeowners can afford to water their landscapes.

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 lied to the public when they claimed sewer use had increased by 40% and there were critical, unmet needs. The truth was sewer use had increased 5% and the water/sewer department had \$100 million in cash and investments for scheduled

projects. The replacement councillors have not repealed the rates. These unnecessary water rates will cause many homeowners to brown out their properties and our city.

2. Constantly changing the Comprehensive Plan to increase population density. These changes are betraying our purchases of Open Space to keep our city less crowded.

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 councillors were elected to higher office, a third councillor 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.

I can see the problem and I will use our public assets and resources to benefit our citizens and neighborhoods.

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.

**Name: Nick Dyer**

Occupation: Senior Payroll Coordinator

Past elected offices: None

Other leadership positions and community involvement: At work I lead our paperless initiative, focusing on W2, 1095, and paystub paper reduction. I participate and advocate in biking to work. I am a regular volunteer at my work's EpicPromise Foundation, which focuses on volunteering in the community up and down the Front Range.

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

I can disagree with a person on an issue but still respect and work with 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?

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: Michele Haney**

Occupation: President, Red Rocks Community College

Past elected offices: None

Other leadership positions and community involvement: I have been a resident of Westminster since 1993 and have served on the city's Park and Recreation Board and the Inclusivity Task Force. I am a current member and past president of Community Reach and serve on the Board of Directors for Jefferson County Economic Development. I was voted "Woman of the Year" by the City of Westminster as a result of the College Hill Library collaboration between the City and Front Range Community College. I also served on many national boards dealing with higher education.

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

I grew up as a military brat, traveling and living across the world both in Asia and Europe. As a result, these experiences have contributed to my being able to deal with change and has fostered a passion in me for meeting and working with people of all backgrounds. I listen and I communicate and I believe in transparency in government. I believe that local government needs to be accountable and accessible.

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.



Name: Sheela Mahnke

Occupation: Pediatrician

Past elected offices: Current Westminster City Councillor

Other leadership positions and community involvement: Council Liaison to the City of Westminster Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Libraries Board. past member of the City of Westminster Environmental Advisory Board. Council Delegate for the City Municipal League, Urban Prairies Project Master Restoration Volunteer, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Member of the

American Academy of Pediatrics Legislative Committee, volunteer for the Legacy Band Food Committee

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

As a physician, I am able to bring a public health perspective to city decisions. As a mother, I am always working to make the world a better place for my children. I want to build a healthy and thriving city not only for the next four years but far into the future. I am a critical thinker and always listen to all sides when making decisions. I am hard-working and love Westminster and its residents.

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 work on 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.



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 and 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 other. Therefore we collectively work with the city, residents, business community, homebuilders and developers, but Listen, Communicate and Compromise.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?

The City and Councilors 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



Name: Anita Seitz

Occupation: Mayor Pro Tem City of Westminster, Director of Marketing for Jones Financial

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 voted 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 capitol.

- 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 subcommittee.
- 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 planned.
- Serve as Council Liaison for the Westminster Environmental Advisory Board, a citizen advisory board to the city council on environmental issues in our city.
- Founder of Westminster Start by Believing, a local chapter of the national Start By Believing campaign to raise awareness to the issue of sexual assault. Start by Believing works to educate community members on the best practice in responding if a friend or loved one discloses that they have been sexually assaulted.
- Served as Board Member, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. Working to promote economic resilience and prosperity in Jefferson County.
- Served as Council Liaison for the Human Services Board, which provides city grants to non-profits operating in the community.
- Served as Council Park, Recreation, Libraries and Open Space Board, which provides guidance to city council on recreation, educational, open space matters and programming. They also provide neighborhood grants.
- Served as Council Liaison for the Planning Commission, the citizen advisory group that determines and advises council on land use issues.

- Served as Council Alternate for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). DRCOG is a group of local governments in the Denver metro area. Together they establish guidelines, set policy and allocate federal funding in the areas of transportation, planning and aging and disability resources.

- Served as steering committee member for the Compact of Colorado Communities, a group of local governments whose mission is to build climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience at the local level.

- Participated in the Colorado Climate Network and the Colorado Municipal League's Colorado Local Resilience Project, looking at the impacts of climate change on local government.

- Participated in the Land Use Leadership Alliance training on the integration of water resource planning and conservation and land use decision making.

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

My experience, integrity, vision, and leadership. I am proud of our accomplishments during my term. I have championed major initiatives, weighed decisions, considered intended and unintended consequences, solicited and responded to feedback from residents. I have demonstrated my ability to find policy solutions for difficult challenges. My background has proven useful. I work in business management and marketing, have a BA in Earth Sciences (UNC) and an MBA (Regis). I have invested in professional development to learn best municipal practices. In 2016 I received a fellowship to attend Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. For five years I have proven to be a deliberate, strategic and effective leader. It has been an honor to serve the residents of Westminster. I look forward to continuing to fight for a strong community.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?

Colorado has seen unprecedented growth, im-

proving 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 admire the passion and dedication our residents have for our community.



Name: Rich Seymour

Occupation: Owner Rich Seymour Agency - Farmers Insurance Westminster

Past elected office: None
Other leadership and community involvement:

- Westminster Citizen's Fire and Police Academies Graduate
- Westminster Chamber of Commerce - Founding Board of Directors
- Current Boards:
 - Westminster Public Safety Recognition Foundation, Westminster Histor-

ical Society, Westminster Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc., Westminster 7:10 Rotary and Rotary Foundation, Westminster Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee

- Past North Jeffco Junior Baseball Coach

- Board of Directors, APEX Parks and Rec, Distinguished Service Award

Past Standley Lake High School volunteer:

- After-Prom Committee, Career and Technical Education Committee, Athletic Booster Sub-committee, "The Voice of Gator Baseball" Announcer

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA):

- Past President NAIFA - Colorado and North Metro Denver Association, Government Relations Committee

Why am I the most qualified person for this office?

I'm a business owner/employer and community leader who's recognized throughout Westminster as a sound, principle based decision maker. As a board member on five community organizations I'm engaged with residents throughout Westminster on a daily basis. I've heard your concerns and will make decisions on what's good for Westminster.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?

The goal of being the next urban center will lead to excessive density and congestion. We need varied housing options but our current direction will tax our infrastructure. Reasonable and measured growth with an emphasis on owned housing, of all varieties, will help maintain our suburban lifestyle and provide the right density.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?

We have an outstanding staff who are dedicated to the Westminster S.P.I.R.I.T. Why a need for change:

1. When Council appointed three new members this year they violated the spirit of our City Charter and disenfranchised our citizens.
2. In June, Council ap-

proved a new city department with a first year cost of \$1.9 million dollars. Our priority should be on core services that directly contribute to quality of life in our city; competitive pay for Police, Fire, improvements to roads and infrastructure.

3. Increasing water rates from 2018-2020 by an avg. of 46% has created an undue burden on households.

4. Standley Lake Boating Ban - The process was and continues to be flawed. The City knew last fall about the 24 violators and waiting to publicly address the problem cost boaters and local businesses the 2019 season.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster? When we moved here 28 years ago, my wife and I knew we had found a great place to raise our three children. Amazing neighbors, parks, trails, open space, family activities and a sense of belonging has kept us here.



Name: Lindsey Smith

Occupation: Manager

Past elected offices: None

Other leadership positions and community involvement:

- Court Appointed Special Advocate - CASA
- Westminster Citizen's Police Academy Alumni
- Course leader - Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Hispanic Annual Salute

Why are you the most qualified person for this office?

Meeting with residents, I continually hear their distrust in the decisions being made for our city. Concerns about water rate increases, the re-development of the old mall site at the expense of tax-payer dollars, not being transparent in communicating all infor-

mation to residents/business owners, and making decisions without community input are all reasons why I'm running to bring a new perspective and diversity of thought to council. My career in public transportation has instilled in me the value of being transparent and accountable. I've learned to listen to all sides of an issue and consider how it impacts people. Furthermore, I have the courage to uphold convictions to adopt policies and practices that are necessary for Westminster's long-term health.

What is the most important issue facing Westminster and how will you address it?

Growth and development - we have lost oversight on maintaining infrastructure. It's placed a strain on resources, including our water/waste water infrastructure. With me earning a council position, residents will have a champion in their corner. I'll add reasonable thought on how we are building our community. I'll bring a focused and strategic look at what we are executing, all while bridging the communication gap by listening to all community and business voices, striving for more conversation on how we solve issues.

What do you think the city does well and where do you see room for improvement?

We have phenomenal open space and an excellent fire and police department. An area of improvement is how the city is communicating with residents and businesses. There needs to be an invitation of collaborative solutions before making decisions.

What is your favorite thing about living in Westminster?

This is where I was raised and continue to call home. We have a thriving city where we have established communities, easy access to open space, and is geographically in a wonderful location. The overall quality of life in our community is ideal, and these are a just a few of the many reasons why I bought my home in Westminster.

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 kiddie 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.



WESTMINSTER FIRE STATION 4 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Oct. 9
noon to 3 p.m.
4580 W. 112th Avenue

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.



Building Communities Through 100 Years of Westminster Libraries

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" in its early days moved around from Westminster Elementary School at 72nd Avenue and Lowell Boulevard, to Carl Hawkinson's grocery store near 73rd Avenue and Bradburn Boulevard, to Westminster Community Church at 74th Avenue and Bradburn Boulevard before finding a home at City Hall near 73rd Avenue and Bradburn 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. Children's programming began, approximately 10,000 titles were added a year and a vibrant library community took root.



One of the city's first fledgling library locations in the early 20th century.

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 purpose - meeting the needs of the community," said Irving Street Library Services Coordinator Kira Kloser. "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 citizenship 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, Saturdays, 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 a Westminster library to chat, build and debate.

Read more at www.cityofwestminster.us/News/100yearswestlibraries.

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.

"We are thrilled to come to Westminster," said Len Vlahos, Tattered Cover's CEO and co-owner. "The city's vision for a true downtown - distinct, vibrant and developed over time - will be a boon to residents, and we're proud to be a part of it. We also feel privileged to be working with our friends at the Origin Hotel, who are kindred spirits in creating

unique customer experiences."

"We are beyond excited to have Tattered Cover join the Downtown Westminster community. Their history in the Denver market and the customer experience they provide makes them a natural fit for the vision we have for our new downtown," said Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison.

The new Tattered Cover will have entrances from the street, the parking lot and hotel. It is centered in the newly planned downtown across the street from the recently opened Alamo Drafthouse Cinema and Central Square plaza. "Our travelers are searching for truly local experiences," said Walker Thrash, partner at Origin Hotel. "And Tattered Cover delivers a product that is simply different from the rest."



Tattered Cover will appear in the lobby of the Origin Hotel and is scheduled to open in April 2020.

Founded in 1971 and run for many years by Joyce Meskis, Tattered Cover was bought by Len Vlahos and Kristen Gilligan in

2015. Tattered Cover Westminster will be the first new Tattered Cover location since the Union Station store opened in 2014.

WATER METER

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installers have completed a comprehensive criminal background check, will carry identification and will be wearing UMS branded clothing.

They will visit every residential property to replace the water meter housed in a meter pit cov-

ered by a lid in the front yard. Meter pits are typically located two to six feet from the back of the sidewalk or curb. Residents are asked to provide clear and unobstructed access to the water meter pits on their property.

Since the meter is outside, installers do not need to enter homes and residents do not need to be present when they

replace the meter. If a resident is home and using water, the installer will coordinate with the resident to shut water service off for 15 to 20 minutes while they replace the meter or come back at a later time.

Residents can find more information about this project online at www.cityofwestminster.us/MeterReplacement or by calling

the project hotline at 303-706-3499.

The meter replacement project is one of many projects the city is investing in to provide safe, reliable water and wastewater service for current and future generations.

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 child-care 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?

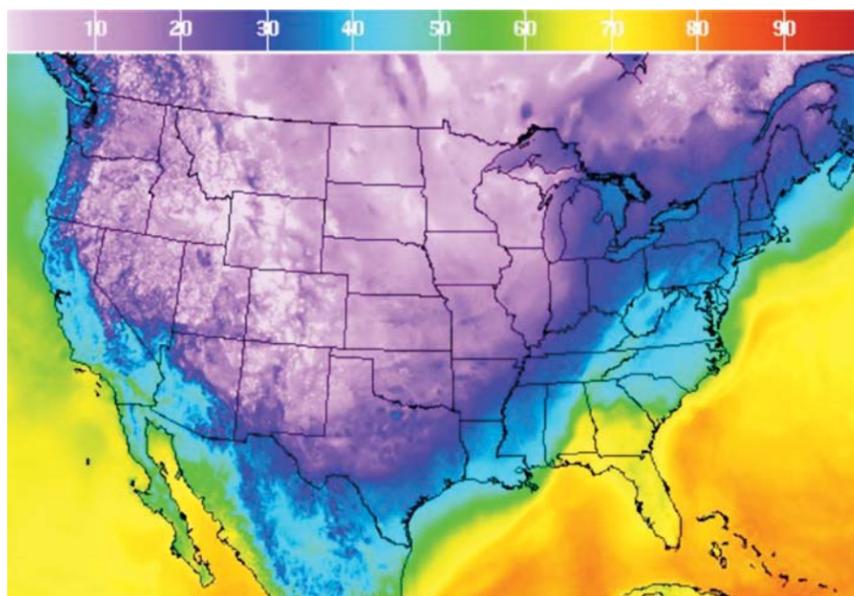
A good time to review and update your emergency and disaster preparedness measures is when seasons change.

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 towards 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 the nearest wastewater treatment facility where it is treated before being discharged into the waterways. On the same note, 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 Department's 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 stains into a storm drain
- Allowing wash water with soaps or detergents into a storm drain inlet
- 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-

WATER 2025

OUR WATER FUTURE STARTS NOW

WATER 2025 IS THE PLANNED REPLACEMENT OF WESTMINSTER'S SEMPER WATER FACILITY TO ENSURE HIGH-QUALITY DRINKING WATER NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

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 alternatives 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 dedica-

tion 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 conventional filtration technology. The Northwest Water Treatment Facility is capable of treating up to 15 million gallons per day using state-of-the-art membrane micro-filtration.

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.



Learn more about the city of Westminster's water infrastructure online at

www.cityofwestminster.us/PublicWorksUtilities.