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Westminster's Water Distribution System

The Most Expensive Thing That You Can't See

The water that you use and drink every day travels from the mountains around the Loveland and Berthoud Pass basins through creeks, streams and distribution ditches into Standley Lake. After a stay in Standley

Lake, the water moves to one of the city's two water treatment plants. Once the water is treated, it still has miles to go before it reaches your home or business.

Underneath the streets of Westminster is the city's largest,

most expensive and most complicated part of the water system. You never see it, but without it there would be no water for you to use.

The city owns and maintains over 575 miles of pipe ranging in

size from 1 inch to 5 feet in diameter. Some of these pipes have been in the ground since the mid-1900s and some were installed last year.

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Countryside Outdoor Pool, 10470 Oak St., opens for the summer on Saturday, May 26.

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All Aboard Westminster Station!

With its second birthday just around the corner, Westminster Station continues to pick up steam and exceed expectations. Ridership of the B Line is now at 1,800 commuters daily - that's triple what was originally projected for the first leg of the Northwest Rail corridor.

Along the way, the Westminster Station project has picked up numerous awards, including:

- 2016 Winner of the Denver Regional Council of Governments Metro Vision Award
- 2017 Winner of the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers Excellence in Engineering Award
- 2017 Winner of the American Public Works Association

Colorado Chapter Project of the Year Award

- 2017 Finalist for the Urban Land Institute Colorado Chapter Impact Award

Development activity in the station core continues to make steady progress. The Alto Apartments, Adams County Housing Authority's first phase of redevelopment, has begun moving in its tenants since early March, and an official ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for early May. In addition, ACHA will move its headquarter offices, as well as the nonprofit Center for Career and Community Enrichment, into the first level of the Alto building.

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE

Volunteer victim advocates provide a very necessary service to victims of crime and personal tragedy.

Volunteers provide emotional support and court accompaniment for victims of domestic violence. They may also assist the Police Department with on-scene victims.

The next Volunteer Victim Advocate Training Academy is scheduled for Saturdays, April 21 through May 5.

For more details and to apply, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/VolunteerWestminster or contact Drew Hogan, dhogan@cityofwestminster.us.

Do You Have Ideas About Your Community That You'd Like to Share?

Join us on April 17

The Westminster City Council is hosting a community meeting on Tuesday, April 17, from 6-8 p.m. at Front Range Community College, Rocky Mountain Room (entrance 1), 3645 W. 112th Ave.

Community meetings are a time for City Council to connect to community members about what you value most about your city and your ideas for making it even better. What should you expect? Community meetings are a fun and social space where you will sit in small groups with one of your City Council members and other community members. There will be topics and discussion in a productive and friendly atmosphere. Community meeting notes are made public and also used by City Council in their strategic planning process for



Your City Council (left to right): Councillor Shannon Bird; Councillor Emma Pinter; Mayor Pro Tem Maria De Cambra; Mayor Herb Atchison; Councillor Anita Seitz; Councillor David DeMott; Councillor Kathryn Skulley.

the city. Because you, our community, should always guide the process, community meetings

are a time to become active in your city and a give voice to our collective future.

Your City Council wants to engage all members of our Westminster community, so this meeting will provide childcare for families, and language interpretation for our immigrant and refugee community members. There will also be food provided for a range of dietary needs. If there is a way we can make the meeting more accessible for you, don't hesitate to let us know.

Visit the Council Outreach webpage for notes from past community meetings: www.cityofwestminster.us/counciloutreach.

Contact Alexa Priddy, communication and outreach coordinator, with any questions or needs you may have: apriddy@cityofwestminster.us or 303-658-2016.

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REgeneration Development, the developer for the parking garage wrap – a building structure that will be built around the south and west exterior sides of the multi-level garage – executed a purchase and sale agreement with the city, and is moving forward with its plans for a market-rate, mixed-use project.

The project is proposed as two buildings, with ground-floor commercial space and up to five stories of residential rental units above. Local brewer, Gemini Beer Company, has been announced as the first tenant, and will bring a new taproom/

restaurant to the Westminster Station area.

Outdoor recreation will also be on tap as the city continues its development of a new 38-acre park south of the station along Little Dry Creek. Amenities will include a nature playground, a xeric garden, picnic pavilions, restrooms, an area for special events, a fishing pier, public art, lighting and landscaping. Projected finish for the first phase of the park is this fall.

Finally, a new kinetic sculpture will be installed in April at the south entrance of Grove Street. Commissioned by the North Metro Arts Alliance, sculptors Saori Ide and Jonathan Russell have created an iconic



As ridership on the B Line goes up, development activity around the station makes steady progress.

symbol that represents modern migration and the flow of people. It is intended to be a significant and meaningful landmark that becomes part of the landscape and furthers the community's investment in public art.

With longer days and warmer temperatures ahead, it is a good time to get out to Westminster Station and see the new park and sculpture, as well as enjoy a quick 15-minute ride to Denver Union Station.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Easter – Sunday, April 1:

- Standley Lake open normal hours
- All recreation facilities and libraries closed

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28:

- Libraries, Westminster Sports Center, City Hall and Municipal Court closed

- Standley Lake and City Park Recreation Center open normal hours

- City Park Fitness Center, The MAC, Swim & Fitness Center, and West View Recreation Center close at 3 p.m.
- Countryside Pool closes at 6 p.m.

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

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



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

WESTMINSTER STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

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

Fire Station 5 Opens Doors for Annual Open House



The crew at Fire Station 5, 10100 Garland St., will open their doors for their annual open house on Saturday, May 5, from noon to 3 p.m. The whole family is invited to meet the firefighters, eat some barbecue, play some games and have some fun. Firefighters will open up the fire engines and ambulances for tours, and are anticipating a visit from Flight for Life personnel for a tour of their helicopter. This event is free! Call 303-658-4500 for more information.

Family Fun with a Safety Focus

Join the Westminster Fire Department and other local safety agencies for Target on Safety/ Safe Kids Day on Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orchard Town Center, 14697 Delaware St. There will be many booths and activities such as kid's games, low-cost helmets, head injury awareness, car seat information, giveaways, K-9 demonstrations, fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and more. This event offers kids and families the opportunity to learn how to take action and stay safe from preventable injuries.

All the action will take place in the plaza off of Delaware Street, just one street east of the AMC Theater. Please call 303-658-4500 for more information.



Think Safety: Tips and Pointers for a Safe Spring

The weather is warming up, and many of us will be heading outside to soak up the sun. Here are a few tips to keep you safe this spring.

Wear Your Helmet – Biking, rollerblading/skating, skateboarding and similar activities have a high head-injury risk. Breaking your arm is a bummer, but it will probably heal. Damaging your brain would likely cause permanent damage that may affect speech, sight, motor skills and learning. Protect your brain! Wear a helmet!

Check Your Windows – Every spring, toddlers accidentally topple out of windows or off decks. It's something many of us don't think about as we open those windows after a long cold winter. Little guys love the warm weather too and go right for that fresh breeze – and can fall through if the opening is big enough or not secured well. Make sure and check that your windows/screens and deck railings are secure if you have small children or grandchildren in your home.

Wear Seatbelts and Use Child Safety Seats – It's time to climb in the car and head out to the park, lake and trail, but don't forget everyone needs to buckle up! By state law, all kids 8 and under need to be in appropriate child safety seats. If you need some assistance securing your car seat, the Westminster Fire Department completes car seat inspections on the first and third Saturday of the month by appointment only. If you are interested in scheduling a car seat inspection, please contact Fire Administration at 303-658-4500. For more information about car seat guidelines,

visit www.codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats/carseats.

Walk, Ride and Drive Safely – Pop Quiz: Are bicyclists allowed to ride in the middle of a lane along with cars? Answer: Yes, if there is no shoulder or bike lane, when approaching an intersection or if the bike is moving at the same rate as traffic. Spring is a great time to brush up on Colorado laws and safety guidelines for bicycles, pedestrians and motorists at www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped.

For more great safety tips, visit www.safekids.org.

SEASONAL JOB FAIR

- Tuesday, April 3, 3-7 p.m., College Hill Library
- Wednesday, April 4, 3-7 p.m., Irving Street Library
- Saturday, April 7, 1:30-4:30 p.m., College Hill Library

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

EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Westminster Center Park, 4801 W. 92nd Ave.

Learn how you can improve your corner of the world at Westminster's Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Enjoy live animals, food demonstrations, drop-in yoga, tree planting and care advice, bee and butterfly information, and more. Free compost is available at this event. This is the pick-up of Re-Leaf Westy trees.

APRIL

BAD CLUB

Monday, April 2, 4-5 p.m., College Hill Library

If you like Books, Art or Drama, join this three-month club! Register online. Ages: 6-11.

TAEKWON-DO FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH AND ADULTS

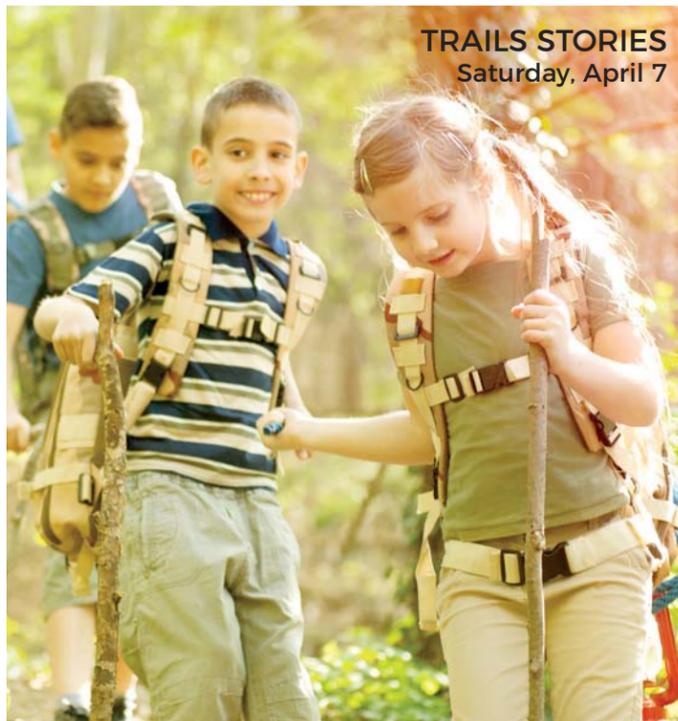
• Mondays and Wednesdays, April 2-30, May 2-30, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., West View Recreation Center
• Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 3-19, May 1-31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., The MAC

These monthly evening classes help increase your fitness, flexibility and confidence levels, and helps you gain the ability to defend. Skills learned in class apply to other sports and everyday life. For additional information, call 303-658-2215.



TREE LIMB RECYCLING AND FREE MULCH

Westminster residents can recycle their tree limbs on the 2nd Saturday of every month, 8 a.m. to noon, at 10001 Alkire St. Limbs can be any length and no more than 10 inches in diameter. Take advantage of Westminster's "Thank You Very Mulch" campaign by taking home mulch on the same date as limb recycling. Please cover limb and mulch loads to prevent debris from blowing out of your vehicle. Bring proof of Westminster residency.



TRAILS STORIES
Saturday, April 7

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Saturday, April 7, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Are you ready to hike into a good story? Use your senses to combine nature and reading during this guided hike. Class is free! Ages 5-8. Register online.

GLASS FUSING WORKSHOP - BIRD PLATTER

Saturday, April 7, 1-3 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Create a unique glass piece and prepare for a change in the seasons with this springtime bird scene. Learn how to cut and design with fusible glass and glass elements. Supply fee includes a wide selection of glass, materials and multiple firings.

GLASS MOSAICS WORKSHOP

Saturday and Sunday, April 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 8, 9-11 a.m., Westminster Sports Center

Discover the fun and ease of mosaics. Cut a variety of glass, explore color and design, grout and leave with a small completed piece. Fee includes all supplies including a variety of colored glass and embellishments.

HARD TRAVELIN': THE LIFE AND SONGS OF WOODY GUTHRIE

Tuesday, April 10, 1:30-2:45 p.m., The MAC

Dan Blegen presents this unique docu-concert about Woody Guthrie. Dan performs Dust Bowl

ballads, songs of the West, and tributes to America's farmers, factory workers and service men. Register by April 9. Resident \$6; non-resident \$7.

WHAT DO I READ NEXT? Wednesday, April 11, 1-2:30 p.m., The MAC

Find out the latest new titles as well as old favorites you might have missed. Library staff share book, audio and DVD choices that you'll want to check out. Register online. Ages: 18 and older.

MAKE YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL Wednesday, April 11, 2-4 p.m., Irving Street Library

Bring superheroes to life! Design your own characters, plot out a story and don't forget the twist at the end. Ages: 9-14.

UPCYCLE YOUR LIBRARY Saturday, April 14, 1:30-4 p.m., College Hill Library

Own a piece of the



EARTH DAY CLEANUP
Sunday, April 22

Westminster Public Library. Design a bookend, create folded book art and more. All ages.

TUMBLING AND MORE! Fridays, April 20-May 11, 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

Have a great time with your tot as they develop gross motor movements and coordination through tumbling and more. Classes are positive, safe and fun! Parent/guardian participation is required.

COLORFUL COLORADO CINEMA: "SAND CREEK AND JUSTICIA Y LIBERTAD"

Saturday, April 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westminster History Center, 7200 Lowell Blvd.

See a free series of short films from "Col-

orado Experience," a weekly history series produced by Rocky Mountain PBS. Westminster Public Library staff will facilitate a discussion after the films to enrich your watching experience.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP Sunday, April 22, noon to 2 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Help beautify Standley Lake with trash pick-up, weed pulling or other outdoor tasks. If you can bring some of your own garden tools, that would be great! Free. All ages. Register online.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT THE LIBRARY

Sunday, April 22, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Celebrate our Earth by creating upcycle masterpieces and planting seeds to take home. Register online. All ages.

TWEEN TIMES Monday, April 23, 4-5 p.m., College Hill Library

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



TUMBLING AND MORE!
Fridays, April 20-May 11

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

Saturday, May 12

It's time to spring clean your community! Join over 1,000 volunteers to pick up litter and trash in open space and parks, and along trails and streets. This event is great for individuals, families, neighborhoods, churches, scouts, schools and businesses. Volunteers celebrate at a free cookout featuring entertainment, music, games and door prizes. Registration required by May 4. Contact kmay@cityofwestminster.co.us or 303-658-2191.



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Friday, May 4, 1:30-3 p.m., The MAC

Fill your bowl at The MAC nacho bar and get your virgin margarita before listening to a variety of music performed by local musician, Rocky Hernandez. Register by Tuesday, May 1. Fee: \$8.

MAY

SPRING POTTERY SALE

Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Studio work at affordable prices is waiting for you at this annual sale. Choose from a variety of functional and decorative pieces. Admission is a donation of a non-perishable item for the Westminster Food Bank.

FISHING FUN FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Cast off into this fun program intended to teach the basics of fishing. A free fishing pole and bait for the fishing activity is included. \$10 per person. Ages: 8-12. Register online.

GO BIRDING

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Go birding with Joe Lafleur, author of "Better Birdwatching," to help you identify Standley's birds by sight and sound! \$8 per person. Ages 10+. Register online.

SAT AND COLLEGE PREP STRATEGY SESSION

Saturday, May 12, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Learn everything there is to know about the SAT. Meet a Princeton Review expert who will go over test content, walk you

GO BIRDING

Saturday, May 6



through some sample questions and show you score-raising strategies to use on test day. Register online. Ages: 12-17 and parents.

2018-19 KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 303-658-2215 or 303-658-2222 for additional information on these Colorado Shines-rated programs. To register, call City Park Recreation Center, West View Recreation Center or Swim & Fitness Center. Ages: 3-5 years.

TOT TIME AT THE WESTMINSTER SPORTS CENTER

Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon

Come play inside on our turf field with your friends or make new ones! Jump in our jump castle, play with a variety of toys or bring your own. \$1/tot. Ages 5 and under, parents are free.

BEGINNING ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

Wednesdays, May 2-June 6, 5:30-7 p.m., The MAC

Buongiorno! Acquire basic language skills for meeting and greeting, getting directions and transportation info, shopping and ordering in a restaurant. Past tenses

and more complex grammatical constructions are taught. Learn about Italy's regions and practice speaking in a relaxed environment with a native Italian teacher. Handouts provided. Register by April 30. Resident \$75; non-resident \$85.

INTRO TO UKULELE Mondays, May 7-21, 5-6 p.m., The MAC

Class is designed for beginners with no ukulele experience. Learn the basics to get finger-picking and strumming in no time. Bring a ukulele, pick and folder for handouts. Soprano ukulele is preferred. Ages 12 and over. Resident \$35; non-resident \$37.

INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR Mondays May 7-21, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

This class is designed for beginners with no guitar experience. Learn the basics to get picking and strumming in no time. All you need to get started is a guitar (acoustic is preferred), a pick and a folder for handouts. Ages 14 and over. Resident \$35; non-resident \$37.

IPHONE AND IPAD ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

Tuesday, May 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., The MAC

iPhone and iPad have features to assist with vi-

sion, hearing and dexterity loss or decline. Explore the most popular accessibility features and settings that make your device easier to see, hear and use. Handout provided in this demonstration-style class. Register by May 3. Resident \$24; non-resident \$26.

ENHANCE YOUR EXERCISE WITH NUTRITION AND SUPPLEMENTS Tuesday, May 15, 6-7 p.m., West View Recreation Center

What you eat has a big effect on how well you can exercise. Learn which nutrients and foods are best for different activities and what to eat before, during and after your activity. Supplements are also discussed. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

LEARN TO USE GOOGLE OR APPLE MAPS Wednesday, May 16, noon to 2 p.m., The MAC

Never get lost again! Look up addresses and get directions from the maps app on your iPhone, iPad, Android phone or tablet device. Bring your own device to follow along in this demonstration-style class. Register by May 14. Resident \$24; non-resident \$26.

SMART SPEAKERS - AMAZON ECHO, GOOGLE HOME AND APPLE HOMEPOD Tuesday, May 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

Smart home devices can help you live independently and have fun if you know how to start the conversation. Explore smart speaker options, basics of operation and the risks of using them. See a live demo. Handout provided. Register three

working days in advance. Resident \$24; non-resident \$26.

NO COOK/LOW COOK MEALS

Wednesday, May 23, 6-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Sometimes there are just some evenings when cooking dinner is way too much of a chore. Learn a variety of quick and healthy no-cook or low-cook dishes that will please even the pickiest eater. Samples and recipes provided. Register by May 21. Resident \$14; non-resident \$16.

YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Tuesday and Sunday evenings, Countryside Tennis Courts

Youth tennis lessons for beginners or intermediate players. Beginners learn basic strokes, rules of the game, work on rallying and gain confidence on the court both individually and as a team. Intermediate players improve strokes, focus more on game play, beginning strategy, ball placement and more competitive structure. Ages 6-13. Full schedule can be found online or call 303-658-2217 for more information. Resident \$50; non-resident \$55.

ADULT TENNIS LESSONS Tuesdays, July 10-31 and Aug. 14-Sept. 4, 7-8 p.m., Countryside Tennis Courts

Learn basic strokes, rules of the game, work on rallying, gain confidence on court both individually and as a team, intro to singles and doubles. Resident \$60; non-resident \$65.

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

Drinking Water Week Runs May 6-12

The city celebrates Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, to recognize the importance of providing safe and clean drinking water to our residents. Visit the informational display (and get cool giveaways!) this year at the College Hill Library during the week as we celebrate.

Westminster's customers are fortunate to enjoy a high-quality water supply that originates on the mountain peaks of the Continental Divide. Semper and Northwest Water Treatment Facilities draw water from Standley Lake, which is filled with surface water mainly from Clear Creek. Snow melt and rain from the watershed flow down Clear Creek and are transported to the lake via three separate canals.

The treatment process begins with the initial chemical assessment of the water coming into the facility from the lake. The water quality changes constantly based on lake conditions, therefore it is critical that the process is monitored 24/7 by on-site staff. Certified treatment operators continually adjust and balance treatment options to provide consistent quality in the finished water that comes out of your faucet.

Chemicals are added during water treatment to remove impurities from the lake water and



optimize the treatment process. The chemicals react with the impurities to form larger particles during the flocculation stage of the treatment process. These larger, heavier particles settle out of the water during the sedimentation stage. Ammonia and chlorine are carefully added during the disinfection stage in just the right concentrations to make sure the water meets all Safe Drinking Water standards.

The treated water is stored in tanks until it is pumped into the distribution system, which consists of over 575 miles of pipes

that bring treated drinking water to individual consumers. The system consists of a complex infrastructure of pumps and hydrants designed to ensure there is enough water pressure for homes as well as for fire fighting efforts when the need arises. Occasional flushing of sections of the distribution system may be required to bring fresh water into locations where water usage is lower than expected so as to ensure the highest quality of water is available to all residents.

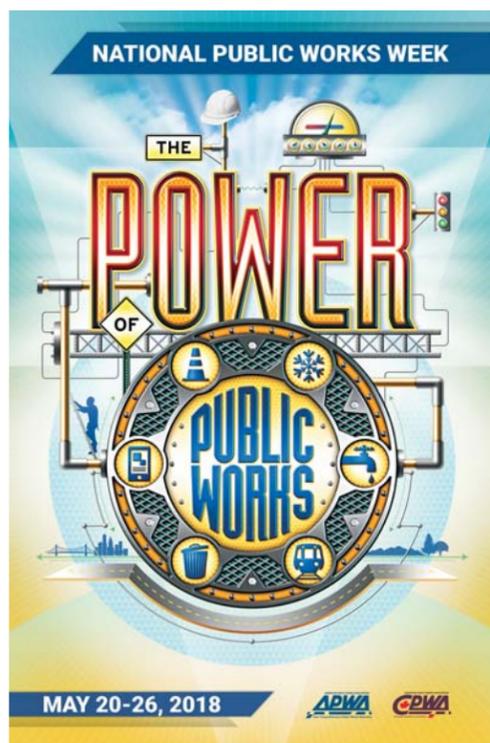
The city's Water Quality staff is available to answer any questions about our drinking water. Call 303-658-2461 or email water@cityofwestminster.us.

May 20-26 is National Public Works Week

Westminster's Public Works and Utilities employees work hard every day to ensure our citizens have well-maintained streets, efficiently moving traffic no matter the weather, clean water and sewer services. Their dedication and commitment is recognized during National Public Works Week, May 20-26.

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week, and this year's theme "The Power of Public Works," speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life.

Westminster's Public Works and Utilities employees use this week to educate the public on the many facets of their hard work. To find out about upcoming events, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/government/departments/publicworksutilities.



WATER

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How long does a pipe last? Good question. While different types of pipe have different lifespans, other factors such as the soil around the pipe and pressures in the pipe all affect lifespan. In general, we usually count on over 50 years for a pipe.

Other underground city infrastructure includes over 33,000 water meters, 15,966 valves, 4,736 fire hydrants and assorted other devices like pressure reducing valves and blowoff assemblies. City staff works hard to ensure that the insides of all this infrastructure are kept clean so that it arrives to your home or business ready to use. That in itself is a major responsibility and requires constant testing and disinfection when needed,

though the small amount of chlorine in the water helps to keep the system clean.

Keeping the distribution system going and safe is one of the most expensive and critical jobs city employees perform. Replacing one mile of pipe can cost about \$4.5 million, and it is not convenient for anyone. All the work happens in the city's streets and everyone has experienced the related traffic and access issues.

How we operate the system can have a big impact on condition. Some projects have installed pressure reducing valves where system pressures are high. These valves can greatly reduce the risk of pipe failure. We send cameras through sections of pipe to assess the condition so that we can proactively target pipes for replacement before

Westminster Legacy Foundation Announces New Community Awards Program

This spring, the Westminster Legacy Foundation began a new community awards program to honor citizens, individuals, groups, businesses and organizations active in the Westminster community. Donors, friends, grantees and community members nominated candidates in these categories: The Nancy Heil Lifetime Achievement Award; The Nature, Environment & Sustainability Award; The Health & Human Services hero Award; The Arts & Culture Award; The Corporate Citizen Award; The Citizen of the Year; and The Young Citizen of the Year.

To honor these deserving folks, the foundation will hold a breakfast in their honor at the Westin Westminster on Friday, May 11, from 7-9 a.m.

Tickets are available at www.westyfoundation.org or by calling 303-658-2407.



"This new awards program is a tremendous opportunity to recognize individuals that have dedicated countless hours of service to our community," said Kelli Ehrhardt, vice president of the foundation

and vice president of Vectra Bank Commercial Banking Division. "We hope to see a lot of community members at the community awards breakfast to honor the people who make Westminster such a wonderful place to live."

Established as a community foundation in 2001, the Westminster Legacy Foundation serves as the leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy in our community. The foundation provides donors with flexible means of making gifts and bequests to support the charitable causes that make the City of Westminster an outstanding community in which to live, work and play.

they fail, saving the city millions of dollars. We even look at ways to fix aging pipes from the inside out, without digging up the streets. All the valves and fire hydrants in the city must be turned on and off periodically to ensure they will function when needed. Not a small task. You may see city workers flushing the system using fire hydrants to clean out the pipes and make sure the water is fresh.

In addition, current water meters are at the end of their lifespan so the city will be replacing all 33,000 over the next two years at an estimated cost of \$12 to \$16 million.

As you can imagine, all these efforts represent a major portion of the city's annual expenses. The annual budget for the day-to-day operation of the water distribution system is about \$5

million. Over the next 5 years the cost is about \$28 million.

And that is just scraping the surface, so to speak. As our water distribution continues to age, much of the pipe installed during earlier building booms will need replacement and the cost will be significantly more.

With all this in mind, it is important to remember that the city is able to do all this work while keeping water rates below the regional average. As the city's costs continue to rise, so will rates. While no one is happy about rising rates, the city is always focused on providing the best service for the lowest possible cost. If you are having trouble paying your water and sewer bills, the city has programs to help. Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/waterbillassistance

City Provides Residents with Floodplain Advice

While new homes built in Westminster are prohibited from being constructed in a floodplain, some of the city's older homes may be in a floodplain if located near a stream or creek. Even if you live in an older home and have never experienced flooding, there is still the possibility that it could happen in the future. The city can assist you in determining whether or not your house is located in a floodplain, and the following information can help you protect your home against flood damage.

- Help reduce the impacts of flooding by doing the following:
- Do not dump or throw anything in ditches or streams. It is a violation of city ordinance because it plugs up water channels and contributes to flooding during periods of heavy water flow. If your property is next to a ditch or stream, keep the banks clear of brush and debris.
 - Always check with the Building Division before you build, alter, re-grade or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause flooding problems on other properties.



Flood-proofing

If you live in a floodplain, there are regulations associated with floodproofing your home. Before implementing any floodproofing measures, contact the city's Engineering Division for more information.

Flood Insurance

If you live in a floodplain, you may need flood insurance. Homeowner policies typically do not include coverage for flood damage. The city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which allows you to

purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This coverage may be required by your lender when applying for a home mortgage. Be sure it covers the building's contents as well as its structure.

Flood Safety

- Don't walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths.
- Don't drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. This is the

number two killer after drowning. Report downed power lines to Xcel Energy.

- Have your electricity turned off by Xcel Energy. Some appliances, such as televisions, keep electrical charges after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have been wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried out.
- Look out for small animals that may have been flooded out of their homes and are seeking shelter in your home.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns

or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Floodplain services

Visit the Department of Community Development at City Hall to see if your home is located in a mapped floodplain. If you have experienced a flood, drainage or sewer backup problems, the city may have information about your property that could be useful. If you have a flooding problem, please contact the City of Westminster's Engineering Division at 303-658-2120.

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Natural Hazard/Threat Summary					
Likelihood	Consequences				
	1 Lowest	2	3	4	5 Highest
Most E	• Windstorm	• Lightning • Hail	• Severe Winter Storm	• Invasive & Noxious Species	• Climate Change • Drought
D	• Open Space Fire		• Extreme Cold	• Drainage Flooding	
C				• Street Flooding	
B		• Extreme Heat		• Tornado	• Pandemic
Least A			• Earthquake		• Geomagnetic Storm

Westminster's natural hazards were identified and ranked by community stakeholders and citizens working on this data over the last few months.

Droughts, floods, winter storms and earthquakes are a few of the natural hazards that could impact Westminster. Over the past few months, city staff has been working with community stakeholders and interested citizens to identify and rank our natural hazards. Now that we are wrapping up the risk assessment process, we need to think about what we can do to mitigate these hazards.

The purpose of mitigation is to reduce the likelihood of natural disasters and reduce their impacts when they do occur. What we do to mitigate a hazard is generally very specific to the hazard. For example, what we can do to mitigate the impact of a drought is very different from what we can do to mitigate a flood. Mitigation activities often include both structural and non-

structural mitigation actions. In the case of flooding, we can improve drainage and retention structures and encourage property owners in the floodplain to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

As with preparedness, mitigation is a shared responsibility of the whole community. We all need to understand our natural hazards and consider what we can do to protect our families, pets, property and businesses.

If you would like to learn more about our mitigation planning efforts or participate in the development of our mitigation plan, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Greg Moser at gmoser@cityofwestminster.us or 303 658-4550.

How Are You Commuting To and From Work?

Driving to work can be a significant source of stress and can add to traffic congestion and air pollution. Luckily, finding alternative ways to commute is easier than ever with transportation options, including bus, bike, rail, carpool and car share. Consider taking a different way to work once a week and see how it works for you.

Transit

The Regional Transportation District operates transit service throughout the Denver metro area. Learn more about RTD's local bus service destinations and schedules on their website: www.rtd-denver.com/bus.shtml. An easy way to plan your trip is through apps on your smartphone, including the Transit (<https://transitapp.com>) or TripGo (<https://skedgo.com/home/tripgo>).

B Line Commuter Rail - The B Line provides fast and convenient service to Denver's Union Station where you can make bus and rail connections to anywhere in the metro area. The service operates every 30 minutes during peak hours (6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.), and hourly all other times.

Flatiron Flyer - RTD's Bus Rapid Transit service connects Denver, Boulder and all points in-between. The BRT runs every 15 minutes throughout the day from the U.S. 36/Sheridan station and the U.S. 36/Church Ranch station.

Skyride AA - Direct transportation to Denver International Airport. Service operates out of Wagon Road Park-N-Ride every 30 minutes.

North-South Bus Routes

8 - North Broadway/Huron
19 - North Pecos
31 - Federal Blvd 112 - West 112th Avenue



31L - North Federal Blvd Limited 120 - 120th Avenue/Brighton

51 - Sheridan Blvd. 122X - Wagon Road/Civic Center Express
76 - Wadsworth Boulevard AA - Wagon Road/Denver Airport

100 - Kipling Street
East-West Bus Routes

72 - 72nd Avenue
80 - 80th Avenue
80L - West 80th Limited
92 - 92nd Avenue
104 - West 104th Avenue
112 - West 112th Avenue
128 - Broomfield/Wagon Road

Interlocken/Westmoor Call-N-Ride

RTD's Call-N-Ride is a personalized, shared ride bus service that serves Flatiron Crossing and areas of Interlocken, Westmoor

Technology Park, Crown Point, Countryside and Walnut Grove subdivisions. The shuttle provides curb-to-curb service within the Call-N-Ride area. The reservation-based system can connect you to work, school and appointments. Scheduled departures are also made from the U.S. 36 and Broomfield Station, gate F.

Carpool and Vanpool

Way to go (<https://mywaytogo.org>) is the Denver region's commuting assistance program. They help residents find better commutes and save money by coordinating carpools and vanpools for residents. Carpooling involves 2+ people traveling together in one vehicle to their destination. A vanpool is a group of 5 to 15 people with sim-

ilar commutes who share a van provided by a vanpool provider. The Guaranteed Ride Home provides a free taxi ride home from the office for employees who have an emergency arise.

Rideshare

Rideshare programs like Uber and Lyft are great commute options! The pool-feature allows for convenient, inexpensive and non-committal carpooling, and it's simple. Download the app to your smartphone, synchronize a credit card and you are able to enter pick-up and drop-off locations. The apps also provide real time car tracking, so you can see where your ride is and what time it will pick you up and drop you off.

It's Time for Spring Greening

Spring is typically when everyone thinks about unburying themselves from winter and getting outside more often. Spring is also when many people think about home cleaning and yard improvement. And to top it off, spring is the season of Earth Day and environmental awareness. So, why not think about working on all those things at once? This season is the perfect time to think about options for improving your home, saving money and reducing your impact on the environment.

For example:

Energy efficiency - Xcel Energy and United Power offer programs and rebates to help residents reduce their energy use and save money on their utility bills. Efficient lighting, pro-

grammable thermostats, efficient air conditioners and better insulation are all great ways to reduce your energy use. Improving your home's energy efficiency can also improve the comfort of your home, in other words keeping it warm when you want it warm and keeping it cool when you want it cool. Contact Xcel Energy at 800-895-4999 or www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/residential_programs_and_rebates and United Power at 303-637-1300 or www.unitedpower.com/energy-savings.

Water conservation - Reducing water consumption both inside your home and in your yard is a great way to reduce your water bills, and to conserve

Westminster's water resources. You may not know this, but Westminster is completely reliant on one source of water: snowmelt in the mountains that eventually makes its way into Standley Lake. With the reduced snowpack this year, doing your part to reduce water use helps save you money and helps the entire community extend its limited water resources even further. Many options exist for installing water efficiency products both inside the home (e.g., low-flow faucets and toilets) and outside the home (e.g., efficient water irrigation products). Get more information at www.cityofwestminster.us/Residents/Water/Conservation.

Waste - During your home spring cleaning, take a look at

any extra or old household waste (e.g., cleaners, old paint, cans with unknown material, etc.) that's lying in the basement or garage, and decide if it should be disposed. The city and other providers offer programs for you to properly dispose of these materials so they don't harm the environment. In addition, the city offers four recycling centers. Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/TrashandRecycling for details.

Westminster wants to help our residents be sustainability leaders. Spring is a great time to start doing that work, and to improve your home and help make the community a better place. Just think of it as your spring resolution.