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# Three Downtown Westminster Projects to be Completed This Summer

The wait is almost over and your patience has paid off. Downtown Westminster will open the doors to three projects this summer - with more to come!

The first to open in early May will be 8877 Eaton, a five-story

mixed-use project that will house 118 affordable housing units at the corner of Eaton Street and 89th Avenue. The 8877 Eaton building wraps the north and east sides of the city's public parking garage and fea-

tures four stories of studio- to three- bedroom apartments over a ground floor of common area and 27,000 square feet of retail.

The City of Westminster is working with Mile High Development, Koelbel and Company,

and Longs Peak Advisors to bring 8877 Eaton to fruition. The Jefferson County Housing Authority and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Please see **DOWNTOWN** on page 6



8877 Eaton, a five-story mixed-use project, is coming this summer along with Ascent, another mixed-use project, and the Alamo Drafthouse.

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## Small Cell Wireless Facilities Being Installed

The City of Westminster is getting more and more interest from wireless carriers seeking to place small cell wireless facilities in the city's public rights-of-way. Citizens, business owners and other interested parties will likely have questions as providers start to install the new facilities. Here are some frequently asked questions:

**What is a small cell wireless cellular facility?**

Currently, most major cellular providers (AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, Sprint, etc.) have relatively robust wireless cellular facility networks established within the city. These networks are generally comprised of traditional "macro" networks, which consist

of antennas (and supporting equipment) that are typically mounted on either exposed-girder towers or on building rooftops or façades. Small cell facilities provide supplemental support for the macro networks. They usually consist of pole-mounted wireless antenna arrays that are placed in the public right-of-way. Their job is to improve service in existing coverage areas.

**What will (do) the new small cell facilities look like?**

While there will be variations, the city is generally asking for new poles to have the same Please see **CELL TOWERS** on page 6

## GARDEN IN A BOX

Order a xeric (low-water) garden kit that's ready to pick up and plant in May. These professionally designed gardens are tailored to Colorado soil, and the simple plant-by-number maps take the guesswork out of buying and planting. Each garden kit can help conserve around 1,000 gallons of water compared to a traditional grass lawn! The City of Westminster (in partnership with Resource Central) is offering a limited number of \$25 discounts to their customers to encourage water conservation. Garden pick up is May 4 at City Hall. Order your garden: <https://resourcecentral.org/Gardens/>.

# Moving Forward with Westminster Forward

As noted in previous City Edition articles, the city is coordinating long-range plans and projects to create the framework for the future of Westminster. This effort is called Westminster Forward.

To date, planning outreach efforts have reached every household in Westminster through distribution of City Edition articles. Direct involvement nears 10,000 through website hits, one-on-one interviews, public events and meetings, and online surveys.

Throughout the winter, the city and consultant team have been working to compile public outreach results, coordinate internally between planning projects, and identify preferred development scenarios and desired character for specific opportunity sites throughout the city.

Opportunity areas for the city, those areas of vacant land and/or appropriate areas for re-development, were identified to survey for public input. These areas represent less than 12 percent of the city's land area, thus respecting existing neighbor-



Housing above retail



2-3 story townhomes



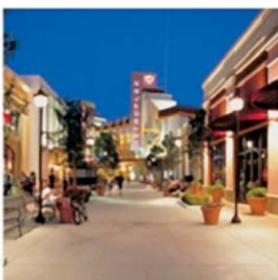
Lofts



3-4 story townhomes



Main street retail/commercial



Amenity- and entertainment



Outdoor gathering/eating areas



Urban-format employment

**Examples of unique and active development types chosen most by residents.**

hoods and open spaces. For these opportunity areas, respondents indicated a preference for unique and active development types. Some of most selected images across all areas of the city were housing above retail, townhome apartments, lofts, main street retail, urban-format employment, as well as amenity, entertainment and outdoor gathering areas.

With this input, these areas are being further examined in regard to future land use for each site. With limited opportunities to grow outward, this deeper dive looks into the areas

where future growth and development is most likely to occur. By looking at each area within the context of surrounding neighborhoods, we can further define an appropriate character for the area and ultimately translate that into policy direction or land use regulations.

The first products of this effort are planned to be available this spring for review and comment from the public.

How you can be involved now:

1. Learn more about Westminster Forward at [www.cityofwestminster.us](http://www.cityofwestminster.us).
2. Sign up online to be notified by email of Westminster Forward updates and events at [www.cityofwestminster.us/forward](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/forward).
3. Stay tuned for a series of public events to be initiated throughout 2019. A number of opportunities will be available to give feedback on Westminster Forward.
4. Contact us at [westminsterforward@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:westminsterforward@cityofwestminster.us).

<p><b>CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday, May 26:</b> Closed: College Hill Library and Irving Street Library.</p>	<p><b>Monday, May 27:</b> • Open normal hours: City Park Recreation Center and Standley Lake. • Closes at 3 p.m.: City Park Fitness Center, West View</p>	<p>Recreation Center, Swim &amp; Fitness Center and The MAC. • Closed: College Hill Library, Irving Street Library, Westminster Sports Center, City Hall and Municipal Court.</p>
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**WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL** The Westminster City Council is elected at-large. Councillors represent all residents of the city, not specific wards or districts.



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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

# Resident Turns 'Dead End' Into New Life

Words have significance. To 89-year old Westminster resident Mike Belew, the words on the sign as he turns into his retirement community were ones that ruffled his feathers every time he read them.

"When I turn on Xavier Street to my wife and I's home in San Marino retirement community, there is a stop sign with another sign attached above it that said 'Dead End,'" said Belew. "I was talking with my friends in the community over coffee one Saturday morning about how we should change the sign's wording because we don't want to be reminded about that every day!"

When he saw a recent copy of the city's bi-monthly newspaper, City Edition, he noticed Communication and Outreach Coordinator Jodie Carroll's name listed as Editor.

"I called Jodie and she was very helpful," said Belew. "I told her about the sign and asked if she could help get it changed to 'No Outlet,' which seemed friendlier."

Carroll was "tickled" by Belew's request and wanted to do her best to help him out.

Carroll contacted Street Operations Manager Dave Cantu who passed the request along to Public Works & Utilities Foreman Dan Shjandemaar.



The Streets Division already had 'No Outlet' signs in stock, so Senior Maintenance Workers Doug Dalrymple and Jason Davis headed out the next day to replace the sign.

"I was amazed that they were able to change it so quickly!" said Belew. "Since I moved here two years ago from New Mexico, I've been impressed with how the city's run overall."

"Belew called me after the new sign was up and was very thankful and excited," said Carroll. "He said that he was 'king of the community' now and I'm happy I helped make his day."

**FREE**

## Movies in the Park

Activities and food concessions begin at 7 p.m.  
**MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK.**

Watch your favorite family movies on a giant, outdoor screen. Bring the whole family—it's FREE!

**JUNE 14**  
*Wreck It Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet*  
 Legacy Ridge Golf Course

**JULY 12**  
*The Lego Movie 2*  
 Westfield Village Park

**AUGUST 23**  
*Incredibles 2*  
 Westminster City Park

**2019 Latino Festival**  
**WESTMINSTER**  
 MUSIC • FOOD • ARTS

**Saturday, July 20**  
 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
 Westminster RTD Station  
 3200 Westminster Station Drive  
[www.WestminsterLatinoFestival.com](http://www.WestminsterLatinoFestival.com)

RE/MAX ALLIANCE PRESENTS

# WESTY CRAFT BREW FEST

**SATURDAY JULY 27 5-9 P.M.**  
 WESTMINSTER CITY PARK  
 10455 N Sheridan Blvd

**\$40** GENERAL ADMISSION (\$50 day of event)  
**\$60** VIP (\$70 day of event)  
**\$5** NON-DRINKING (7 & older)

**Westy Craft Brew F.E.S.T**  
 WESTMINSTER.CO

WESTMINSTER [www.WestyBrewFest.com](http://www.WestyBrewFest.com)

## WESTMINSTER SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration begins Monday, April 1. Join us over the summer! Our high quality program focuses on active and engaging trips and activities for kids ages 6-13. Daily registration can be done online, over the phone or in person. Check [www.cityofwestminster.us/summercamp](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/summercamp) for full details.



## ADULT EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13, 4-7 p.m., Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

This zany, adults-only event features egg hunts and races, an egg toss, portraits with the deranged Easter Bunny, outrageous Easter bonnet contests, signature themed cocktails and more! Ages: 21+.

# APRIL

### YOUTH/TEEN SUMMER DANCE

Registration begins Monday, April 1. Let your children learn the joys of dance. We offer classes focusing on many different styles of dance designed by our experienced instructors. At the end of summer, all dancers participate in a dance recital showing off what they've learned. Check the Activity Guide for class listings. Ages 13-19.



### YOUTH/TEEN SUMMER DANCE

Registration begins Monday, April 1

### JUNIOR GOLF: LINKSTERS 1, 2 & 3

April-October, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve  
Designed as a progressive junior development series, these classes will focus on fundamental movement skills, core golf instruction, and learning through fun and games. Children will gain knowledge of the basic fundamentals and physical movements of golf. Ages: 5-14.

### JUNIOR GOLF: TINY TITANS

April-October, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve  
Tiny Titans is designed as a first touch, never played before program. Focus on fundamental movement skills, core golf instruction, and learning through fun and games. The sessions will use a variety of real and alternative golf equipment to help develop golf skills. Ages: 3-5.

### FAMILY YOGA

Every Sunday, 11-11:45 a.m., West View Rec Center  
Enjoy family time in this playful class, learning traditional yoga poses and simple breathing techniques to find balance while developing the mind-body connection. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Included in passes

and general drop-in fees. Ages: 3-101.

### SMOOTHIE SMASH

Saturday, April 6, 2-3 p.m., College Hill, Room L107  
Invent and enjoy your own delicious healthy smoothie. Register online. Ages: 9-11.

### SEASONAL JOB FAIR

• Saturday, April 6, 1:30-4:30 p.m., College Hill Library  
• Saturday, April 20, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Irving Street 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. Find more details on the library website. Ages: 16 and older.

### FAMILY YOGA

Every Sunday



### BALD EAGLE DISCOVERY

Saturday, April 13

### REDUCE THE USE: MINIMIZING PLASTIC IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Wednesday, April 10, 6-7 p.m., College Hill Library  
Did you know that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans? While we can't solve this problem overnight, we can take small steps to help combat pollution. Join Standley Lake and College Hill Library to discover tips to empower you for this fight against plastic consumption. Class is free! Ages: 12+.

### LODGES OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, April 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m., The MAC  
At one time, there were more than 30 lodges in Rocky Mountain National Park. These large resorts stood where elk and moose graze today. Dave Lively, RMNP

### JUNIOR GOLF

April-October



professional tour guide, gives a thought-provoking talk regarding the search for balance between wilderness and hospitality that was unique to America's first automobile-based national park. Fee: \$8.

### BALD EAGLE DISCOVERY

Saturday, April 13, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake

Bald eagles soar over Standley Lake - a beautiful sight to behold! Unveil the adaptations that led these raptors to become our national symbol and learn about the complicated past they hold.

### NATURE JOURNALING

Saturday, April 27, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake

Channel your inner John Muir as you write and sketch your thoughts and surroundings. Materials provided. Ages: 12+. \$5.

### WELCOME TO THE LAND OF OZ

Sunday, April 28, 1-4 p.m., Irving Street Library  
Follow the yellow brick road to the Irving Street Library. Enjoy Wizard of Oz-related crafts, activities and treats. Costumes are encouraged, but leave the flying monkeys at home! All ages.

## “GAME OF THRONES” TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, May 9, 6-7:30 p.m., Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

Free trivia night for all fans of “Game of Thrones,” history and the end of winter. Bring your own team or join a team when you arrive. Fabulous prizes!



## COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

Saturday, May 11, 8-11 a.m.

Join over 1,000 volunteers to clean up trash and debris in parks and open space, and along trails and streets. Bags and pick-up of filled bags provided. This annual event is great for everyone—schools, churches, neighborhood groups, scouts, individuals, families and businesses. A free cookout is provided after the cleanup. Register by calling 303-658-2191 or email [kmay@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:kmay@cityofwestminster.us).

# MAY

### JUNIOR GOLF: LPGA/USGA GIRL POWER GOLF

May-September, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

A girls-only program with a mission to provide the best chance to fall in love with the game. We will teach life skills that all girls need, including positive self-image, finding their voice and learning to lead. Ages: 7-17.

### GET GOLF READY

May-September, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

Expert instruction designed for new golfers, with five easy, fun and affordable lessons from our top professionals.

### TIPS N’ SIPS GOLF CLINIC

May-September, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

Learn some fundamentals of the game in a fun, adult social environment. Includes instruction and two drinks.

### PILATES REFORMER 101

Wednesdays, May 1-June 12, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Introduce yourself to Pilates and prepare for classes by learning proper form, effective exercises and the basic fundamentals on the

Reformer. Designed for beginners, the first two weeks are reserved for your private sessions, followed by five weeks of group instruction.

### SPRING POTTERY SALE

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Park Rec Center

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

### DEVELOP AN EXERCISE ROUTINE AND FUEL FOR OPTIMAL FITNESS

Saturday, May 4, 10-11:30 a.m., City Park Rec Center

Discover how to use exercise principles to create a unique training program that fits your lifestyle. Learn how to plan a program to maximize your results, reduce the chance of injury and keep you progressing. Topics include exercise modes, energy systems, exercise variety, nutritional timing and consistency.

### WRITING WORKSHOPS

Saturday, May 4, 1:30-4:45 p.m.

Attention aspiring writers! Experts from Light-house Writers Workshop share techniques for becoming a published author. Register online. Ages: 16+.

**Workshop I:** Writing in Space, 1:30-3 p.m., College Hill Library

**Workshop II:** Getting Published, 3:15-4:45 p.m., College Hill Library

### UKULELE 1

Mondays, May 6-July 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The MAC

Class is designed to get beginners started on the ukulele. Study pos-

ture, technique, learn chords and some simple finger-picking patterns. Soprano ukulele is preferred. Ages: 12+. Resident \$86; non-resident \$90.

### GUITAR 1

Mondays, May 6-July 1, 6:45-7:45 p.m., The MAC

Class is designed to get beginners started on the guitar. Study posture, technique, learn chords and some simple finger-picking patterns. Ages: 14+. Resident \$86; non-resident \$90.

### SILVERSNEAKERS® WELCOME MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., City Park Rec Center

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

### SILVERSNEAKERS® WEIGHT ROOM ORIENTATION

Tuesday, May 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

Learn to use weight room equipment with a qualified fitness professional. Free for SilverSneakers® members. Non-members welcome for a minimal fee of \$5. Space is limited. Ages: 50 and older.

### MY FIRST DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Friday, May 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Irving Street Library

Transform an ordinary cardboard box into a car and enjoy some snacks as we watch a short movie. Please bring a cardboard box from home to decorate. All other craft materials supplied. Register online. Ages: Birth through 5.

### SUMMER HIKES IN THE FRONT RANGE

Saturday, May 18



**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Armed Forces Tribute Garden

Celebrate Armed Forces Day and honor those who serve our nation. The ceremony includes patriotic music, flag presentation, 21-gun salute, keynote speaker and reading of the names of all new brick honorees.

### UNDERSTANDING TRENDY DIETS

Saturday, May 18, 10-11:30 a.m., City Park Rec Center

Ketosis, paleo, vegan? Explore the most popular diets trending right now. Discuss the pros and cons of each and leave more knowledgeable about each of these diet theories. \$5.

### SUMMER HIKES IN THE FRONT RANGE

Saturday, May 18, 1:30-3 p.m., College Hill Library

Summer and hiking go hand-in-hand. Wherever you go, stories abound of history, geology, etymology and wildlife. Join a fellow hiker and local author as he presents some

of his favorite summer hikes and the stories that go with them. Register online. Ages: 18+.

### SILVERSNEAKERS® FITNESS ASSESSMENT

• Tuesday, May 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m., City Park Fitness Center

• Tuesday, May 28, 2:30-3:30 p.m., The MAC

Includes: BMI assessment, upper and lower body strength test, flexibility and balance assessment. Free for SilverSneakers® members. Non-members welcome for a minimal fee of \$10. Space is limited. Ages: 50 and older.

### BEGINNING ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

Tuesdays May 28-July 2, 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. Learn about Italy’s regions and practice speaking in a relaxed environment. Register by May 23. Resident \$75; non-resident \$80.

## FACILITY LOCATIONS/REGISTRATION

### RECREATION

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

#### Register:

[www.cityofwestminster.us/activityguides](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/activityguides) or call any recreation center

**City Park Fitness Center**  
10475 Sheridan Blvd.  
303-460-9691

**City Park Recreation Center & City Park**  
10455 Sheridan Blvd.  
303-460-9690

### Countryside Outdoor Pool

10470 Oak St.  
303-466-1738

### Ice Centre at The Promenade

10710 Westminster Blvd.  
303-469-2100

### Legacy Ridge Golf Course

10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway  
303-438-8997

### The MAC

Programs to suit your active adult lifestyle. Ages 18 and older.  
3295 W. 72nd Ave.  
303-426-4310

### Standley Lake Regional Park

100th Avenue and Simms Street  
303-425-1097

### Swim & Fitness Center

3290 W. 76th Ave.  
303-427-2217

### Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

10555 Westmoor Drive  
303-469-2974

### Westminster Sports Center

6051 W. 95th Ave.  
303-658-2393

### West View Recreation Center

10747 W. 108th Ave.  
303-460-9530

### LIBRARIES

#### Register:

<http://tinyurl.com/wplsignup>  
[www.westminsterlibrary.org](http://www.westminsterlibrary.org)

### College Hill Library

3705 W. 112th Ave.  
303-658-2603

### Irving Street Library & Park

7392 Irving St.  
303-658-2303

### ADMIN

**City Hall**  
4800 W. 92nd Ave.  
303-658-2400

### Westminster Public Safety Center

9110 Yates St.  
303-658-2400

Emergency: 911

# Preparedness is a State of Mind



Imagine it is a nice Tuesday afternoon, the kids are at school and all sudden every phone in your household or business starts ringing. When you answer, it is a message from Westminster dispatch directing you to immediately evacuate and asking you to come to the evacuation center at the City Recreation Center. Are you mentally prepared to act? Are you wondering what is going on, or are you grabbing your 72-hour kit and the dog and heading to the recreation center?

If there is an emergency like a hazardous materials spill, major gas leak or a wind driven fire you may be asked to evacuate or shelter-in-place. Having a

family communications plan can help you reconnect with loved ones and a 72-hour kit can help make sure you have essential items if you need to evacuate or take shelter.

To create mental preparedness, you also need to discuss and think about what you would do if you got a call like this. Discussing your plans with your family and neighbors can help make sure you are ready to act if you do receive an emergency notification. You can learn more about family and business preparedness on the Westminster Emergency Management website at [www.cityofwestminster.us/EmergencyManagement](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/EmergencyManagement).

## Call-n-Ride Changing to Flex Ride

Did you know RTD provides Westminster residents living south of U.S. 36 and east of Wadsworth with a door to door service within a defined geographic area?

The Call-n-Ride buses have been serving areas throughout the RTD District since 2003. It's time for new FlexRide buses to replace the old fleet and add new features including online trip booking and quick access to booking from your mobile device, reducing the advance reser-

vation time from 60 minutes to approximately 10 minutes.

Anyone can catch FlexRide to connect to other RTD bus or train services at stations and Park-n-Rides, or get direct access to shopping malls, schools, businesses, recreational centers, libraries and more by booking a trip online or going to a designated stop on one of our flex routes. FlexRide's fare is the same as local buses - \$3 for each trip along with discount programs.



For more information and FlexRide maps, go to [rtd-denver.com/callNRide.shtml#interlockenwestmoor](http://rtd-denver.com/callNRide.shtml#interlockenwestmoor).

### CELL TOWERS

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overall height (about 25 to 35 feet tall), color and finish of poles (usually streetlight poles) that are already installed nearby. The new poles will typically either replace existing streetlights where feasible, or will stand in-line with existing streetlights in situations where additional lighting is not needed. As much as possible, the style of the poles will be consistent.

#### How many small cell poles are coming?

It is estimated that the city should expect to see 1,000 to 1,500 poles, once they are all in place, to achieve the desired coverage of all of the carriers. The poles will be supported by eight to 10 miles of underground fiber-optic cable.



Replicas of cell towers that you'll see around the city.

#### Where can new poles be placed?

Generally speaking, poles will be situated out of travel lanes, and in-line with existing light poles. Driveways, sidewalks and cross-

walks should not be unduly impacted. There are other placement rules that carriers must observe, as well.

#### Are wireless poles safe?

According to the Federal Communications Commission, a properly installed small cell pole should not represent any danger to public health.

#### Can the City of Westminster "Just Say No" to the carriers?

No - the city is compelled to allow small cell poles by State and Federal laws that give access to the city's public rights-of-way to wireless facility providers. The city can do its best to minimize potentially adverse impacts, but cannot prevent the use of the public right-of-way for this purpose.

### DOWNTOWN

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provided additional financial support to the project.

"These units will serve residents earning 60 percent or less of the area median income, or approximately \$50,000 annually for a household of four," said Sarah Nurmela, Downtown Westminster Real Estate and Development Manager. "This project serves a larger goal of ensuring that Downtown Westminster is inclusive and meets the needs of the entire community."

Up next will be Alamo Draft-house opening its third location in the Denver metro area in June. The Austin-based cinema is known for its full bar and food

menus as well as special events and themes for serious cinemaphiles. This location will feature luxury recliners and nine screens, including a large-format and freakishly big "Alamo Big Show" screen. Alamo Drafthouse is located at the corner of 89th Avenue and Westminster Boulevard.

Following on Alamo's heels will be Ascent at Downtown Westminster, located at Westminster Boulevard and 88th Avenue. The Ascent, built by Minneapolis-based developer Sherman Associates, will be five stories and feature 255 residential units with over 22,000 square feet of retail at the ground floor. Of the 255 residential units, 10 percent will be dedicated workforce housing, at

rents lower than market rate. The entire building is LEED Silver certified and will offer underground parking, a fitness and yoga studio, rooftop pool with views, and large outdoor living and community areas.

The Ascent will also house 22,000 square feet of ground floor retail, including Two Rivers Coffee, Poke Concept restaurant, Bacon Social House restaurant and Epic Ryde, a cycling and workout studio. "Ascent Westminster is a very large project and takes up two blocks along 88th Avenue," said Nurmela. "It, along with Eaton Street and Alamo Drafthouse, will bring the 'live, work, play' lifestyle that Downtown Westminster is all about. We want residents and visitors

alike to feel at home and have access to a myriad of amenities and entertaining options."

In the meantime, visitors can enjoy the 1.2-acre plaza that opened this past fall. The plaza sits north of JC Penney and features a pavilion, stage and water features.

In early 2020, Origin Hotel will open its doors, inviting visitors to stay in Downtown Westminster. According to Nurmela, we can expect to see more mixed-use residential projects, as well as office projects in the near future. For more information on Downtown Westminster, check out [www.downtownwestminster.us](http://www.downtownwestminster.us) or contact Sarah Nurmela at [snurmela@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:snurmela@cityofwestminster.us).

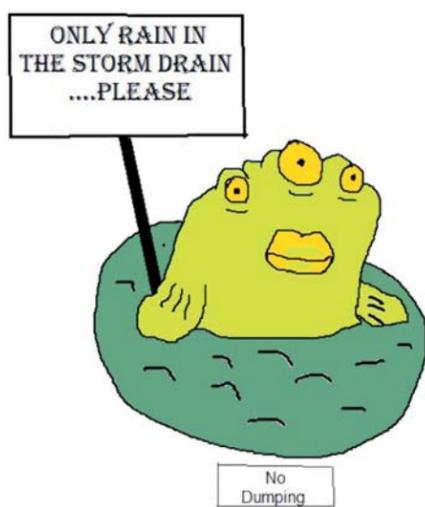
# Only Rain Down the Drain, Please

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

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charge Detection and Elimination Program (IDDE).

The IDDE program is managed by the Engineering Division. Maintenance staff and construction site inspectors also play an important role identifying illicit discharge problems and responding to clean-up requests. All Public Works, Community Development, Parks, Police and Fire staff play a role in locating, identifying and reporting potential illicit discharges.

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

- 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; and
  - A measurable flow during dry weather that contains pollutants or pathogens.
- Discharge exemptions:
- a. Discharges from potable water sources;
  - b. Uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
  - c. Landscape irrigation and lawn watering;
  - d. Diverted stream flows;

- e. Rising groundwater;
- f. Uncontaminated Groundwater infiltration;
- g. Uncontaminated foundation and footing drains;
- h. Uncontaminated water from crawlspace pumps;
- i. Air conditioning condensation;
- j. Natural springs;
- k. Individual residential car washing;
- l. Flows from naturally existing riparian habitats and wetlands;
- m. Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges;
- n. Water incidental to street sweeping, not associated with construction;
- o. Emergency Firefighting activities; and
- p. Irrigation return flow.

If you identify an illicit discharge, please report it to our Stormwater Hotline at 303-706-3367 or [stormwaterhotline@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:stormwaterhotline@cityofwestminster.us).

Please include the location, responsible party (if identified) and a brief description of the illicit discharge. You as a resident of Westminster are our first line of defense against pollutants entering our waterways.

## Celebrate Healthy Drinking Water May 5-9

Westminster will celebrate Drinking Water Week May 5-9 to recognize the importance of safe and clean drinking water for the community. Be sure to visit the informational display at the College Hill Library to learn more and get cool give-aways during the entire month of May.

Did you know Westminster's drinking water originates on the mountain peaks of the Continental Divide in the Clear Creek Basin near the Eisenhower Tunnel? Water in the basin collects in Clear Creek and is diverted via canals to Standley Lake.

Lake water is then delivered to the water treatment facilities. The treatment process begins with the initial chemical assessment of the lake water by highly qualified operators who continually adjust and balance treatment options to provide consistent

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

From the water treatment plants, treated water is delivered to the distribution system that carries water to customer homes and businesses. The system consists of a complex infrastructure, all designed, maintained and operated to ensure adequate, high-quality water pressure for customers. Water is ultimately delivered to the community as clean, safe drinking water.

Westminster is lucky to have one of the most robust source water quality programs in the state. This program includes extensive water quality monitoring, proactive early warning system management, wildfire mitigation programs, and a variety of multi-jurisdictional stakeholder programs to ensure holistic pollution control programs upstream of

Westminster's water supplies. The cleaner the source water, the more efficient and cost-effective water treatment is and ultimately the higher the quality of delivered drinking water.

In October 2018, Westminster's water treatment operations team was granted the Directors Award for the Partnership for Safe Water, a program developed by the Environmental Protection Agency, American Water Works Association and associated partner organizations. The award is an intensive voluntary self-assessment and optimization program that includes a thorough peer review. Because of this award, customers will enjoy water that meets a higher standard than is required by standard drinking water regulations. For this accomplishment, the team will be honored at the

AWWA's National Annual Conference Exposition Convention this June.

In a parallel effort with the water treatment operations team, the distribution team responsible for the maintenance and operation of this distribution system also was awarded the Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water in December 2018. The distribution team successfully completed the intensive voluntary self-assessment and peer review for the distribution system. They will also be honored at the AWWA National Convention in June.

Westminster is dedicated to the protection, treatment and delivery of high quality drinking water. City staff is available to answer any questions about our drinking water at 303-658-2461 or [water@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:water@cityofwestminster.us).

## May 19-25 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 19-25.

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week, and this year's theme is "It Starts Here." This theme represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put

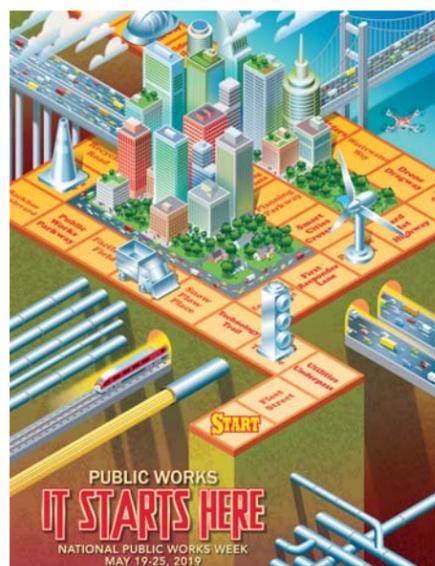
forth by the Public Works professionals across North America.

What starts here? What starts with Public Works?

- Infrastructure
- Growth and innovation
- Mobility
- Security
- Healthy communities

The bottom line is that citizens' quality of life starts with Public Works.

To find out about upcoming events, visit [www.cityofwestminster.us/PublicWorksUtilities](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/PublicWorksUtilities)



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## Celebrate Earth Day

**EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Saturday, April 20, City Park Recreation Center  
9-11 a.m.

Pick up ReLeaf Westy trees

11 a.m. to noon

Presentation: Nature's Educators (live animals)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop-in tree climbing for kids; talk to tree experts

12:15-1 p.m.

Presentation: Denver Zoo\* (live animals)

1:15-2 p.m.

Presentation: Standley Lake\* The Story of Bald Eagles

\*English and Spanish Presentation

**EARTH DAY CLEANUP**

Sunday, April 21, noon to  
2 p.m., Standley Lake

Volunteer for this great opportunity and give back to our planet for Earth Day! Help beautify Standley Lake with trash pick-up, weed pulling or other outdoor tasks. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Entry to park is free for volunteers.

**RELEAF WESTY TREE SALE**

Orders are accepted through April 17. The City of Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries is offering trees for sale through the ReLeaf Westy Tree Sale for a low price of \$65, plus tax. This program encourages tree planting and tree diversity with trees that are affordable and small enough for a homeowner to handle. Call 303-658-2192 for more information and to place an order.

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## Do Your Part for Earth Day

**INCREASE YOUR PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Xcel Energy and United Power offer programs that allow residents to sign up for renewable energy options like wind and solar. Westminster residents are already using renewable electricity because Xcel Energy has about 28 percent of their electrical power provided by wind, solar and other renewable sources, and United Power is steadily increasing its renewable offerings, too. If you want to help push those numbers even higher, sign up for additional renewable options at the following websites:

Xcel Energy: [www.xcelenergy.com/programs\\_and\\_rebates/residential\\_programs\\_and\\_rebates/renewable\\_energy\\_options\\_residential](http://www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/residential_programs_and_rebates/renewable_energy_options_residential) or United Power: [www.unitedpower.com/green-power/](http://www.unitedpower.com/green-power/). Increasing the use of renewable energy improves air quality, saves money and provides more jobs in local energy companies, and that helps everyone.

**DISPOSE OF OLD HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS**

Ever wonder where you can recycle or dispose of strange items you find lying around your house? For example, where can I dispose of an old mattress or where can I take my 1976 8-track tape player or who will dispose of expired medication? Well, fortunately the city maintains a "Hard to Recycle Guide" that lists disposal options for a wide range of household products. By responsibly disposing of unused products, you are keeping materials out of landfills, preventing hazardous chemicals from entering our soil and water, and preserving natural resources for future generations. View the guide at [www.cityofwestminster.us/HardtoRecycleGuide](http://www.cityofwestminster.us/HardtoRecycleGuide)

**TEST DRIVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE**

Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive Event  
Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
City Park Recreation Center,  
10455 Sheridan Blvd.

Visitors can check out the latest in EVs and even take one for a short test-drive. Experts will also be on hand to talk about the great features of EVs, including their quick acceleration, lower fuel costs and lower maintenance costs. Stop by and check out some high energy rides.

**LAWNMOWER EXCHANGE EVENT**

Saturday, May 11. Register for an appointment time. Downtown Westminster (parking lot at 90th Avenue and Westminster Boulevard). Registration required: [mowdownpollution.org/residential](http://mowdownpollution.org/residential).

Registration will open the first week of April and supplies will be limited. Get discounted pricing on cordless electric lawnmowers and lawn accessories. This event is sponsored by the City of Westminster and the Regional Air Quality Council, with funding by Suncor Energy's Community Investment Program, as well as contributions from regional partners.

## It is Now Irrigation Season

Residents and businesses across the city start turning on their irrigation systems this time of year. Our parks, athletic fields and golf courses also start watering more to get the grass ready for busy summer playtime.

Outdoor watering uses about 50 percent of the drinking water Westminster makes each year – yes, half of our highly treated, safe and clean drinking water is used outdoors on plants.

In order to keep up with increased summertime demand, city staff turns on more filters in our water treatment plants, turns up pumps to keep pressure steady, and implements hundreds of other actions to make sure you don't see any difference in the service we provide at your kitchen sink.

City Council adopted new water and sewer rates that went into effect Jan. 1, 2019. These rates are helping ensure staff can repair and replace critical aspects of our \$4 billion infrastruc-



ture system, which will allow us to continue providing safe, clean, and reliable water and sewer services to all customers.

Under the city's new residential rate structure, significant outdoor water use (Tier III) is much more expensive than it used to be – a choice made to keep indoor water use (Tier I) as affordable as possible. Turning on the irrigation system may be the first time you "notice" the new rates. For more information

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about water rates, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.CityofWestminster.us/RateIncrease](http://www.CityofWestminster.us/RateIncrease).

To manage summer time increases in your water bill and keep your lawn healthy and beautiful, follow these irrigation tips:

- **Learn to cycle and soak** – Cut your watering times into three short cycles to reduce runoff and grow a strong, healthy lawn.

- **Only water 2 times per week** – When summer temperatures rise, it's ok to add one more day.

- **Transform your lawn into a water-smart landscape** – Replace thirsty grass with low-water turf, plants, trees and shrubs.

- **Recycle the rain** – Use rain barrels to collect precipitation and reuse it outdoors.

You can also take advantage of the city's outdoor water conservation programs!

- **Free sprinkler consultations** – irrigation specialists inspect your system and produce a report for you on proper watering times and maintenance fixes.

- **Discounted water-wise gardens** – with easy to follow designs that allow you to replace water thirsty grass with color and beauty.

- **Free smart-phone-enabled irrigation controllers** – available for those who qualify.

All programs have limited availability so sign up soon at [www.ResourceCentral.org](http://www.ResourceCentral.org).

We recognize that monthly fluctuations in a utility bill, no matter how small, can have an impact on our residents who struggle to pay even basic bills. Financial help is available for those who qualify, visit: [www.CityofWestminster.us/WaterBillAssistance](http://www.CityofWestminster.us/WaterBillAssistance) or call 303-658-2392.