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Economic Development 2017 in Review

The Economic Development Office had an active 2017, with positive results showing growth in primary employment (represented in the chart on page two). The Economic Development Office did some extensive

work with Westminster small businesses as well, including awarding 15 small business scholarships; distributing \$50,000 across 14 small businesses, leveraging over \$1.3 million via our Capital Improvement

Grant Program; honoring 57 small businesses at the Business Legacy Awards; and providing outreach, advocacy and technical assistance to more than 250 area businesses.

In an effort to learn more

about the needs of Westminster companies and the services most beneficial to business, we will send out a survey in first quarter 2018. We look forward to the participation from our businesses.

Please see **BUSINESS** on page 2



Miss the thrill of hunting for eggs as a child? The Adult Egg Hunt is coming Saturday, March 24, 4-7 p.m. at the Walnut Creek Golf Preserve. Sponsored by RE/MAX Alliance. Register: www.cityofwestminster.us/adultegghunt.

Citizen Survey Mailed

Every two years for the last 24 years, the city has conducted a citizen survey to measure residents' satisfaction level with city services and gather opinions on specific policy questions. The data gathered from past surveys has been used by both City Council and city staff as a tool to assist with operational decision making and help guide policy direction.

As in previous years, the city has contracted with the National Research Center, Inc. to conduct the survey. NRC is widely known through the United States as a preeminent citizen survey consulting firm. The credentials of this firm and their staff are well known and they have more than 20 years of experience in conducting sur-

veys for organizations, including local governments, that gain reliable and valid data on which organizations can make actionable operational and policy decision.

Surveys were mailed to 3,000 randomly selected residents in January, including multiple deliveries to the same addresses to ensure delivery was made and to increase response.

If you receive a survey, please take time to complete and return it in the prepaid envelope, or provide your feedback online at the provided web address on your survey. Surveys are available in Spanish. Surveys are anonymous and results are compiled by a third-party vendor. The information solicited Please see **SURVEY** on page 7

FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER



Sunday, March 11, 1-3 p.m. Salon StEller, 12034 Melody Drive, Westminster.

Join the City of Westminster team as we raise money for childhood cancer research. Every year, thousands of men, women and children have made a donation or shaved their heads to support childhood cancer research.

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

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Business Attraction and Retention Focus for Economic Development



BUSINESS

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One way for the Economic Development Office to determine which businesses are best for Westminster is to first figure out which businesses are already here. A primary focus in 2017 was to research and evaluate the existing distribution of industry and business classifications within Westminster. The city wanted to better understand the needs of local businesses that would be most complementary to the existing economy.

The 2017 research study revealed a snapshot of Westminster employment across all industries as being broadly categorized into six groups: aerospace, business support services, financial services, healthcare and life sciences, hospitality and entertainment, technology and information.

PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITY IN 2017

COMPANY	INDUSTRY SECTOR	ACTIVITY
Ball Aerospace	Aerospace	Broke ground on a 240,000-square-foot manufacturing facility.
Trimble Inc.	Aerospace	Under construction on its second 119,000-square-foot office building in Westmoor.
LGS Innovation	Technology and Information	Expanded into 8,000 square feet of additional office space in Westmoor to increase commercialization of its technology products.
Zimmer Biomet	Healthcare and Life Sciences	Moved into its new 104,000-square-foot office in Westmoor.
Epsilon	Technology and Information	Leased 68,155 square feet, and will bring 500 employees; will move into Circle Point in second quarter 2018.
Swiss Log	Healthcare and Life Sciences	Leased 31,000 square feet and will bring 170 employees; moved into Circle Point in fourth quarter 2017.
Staples	Business support services	Leased 5,000 square feet and moved into Church Ranch Corporate Center in fourth quarter 2017.
Polycom	Technology and Information	Renewed lease on 60,000 square feet in Park Centre and will retain 140 employees there.

PRIMARY BUSINESS:

Businesses that “drive” the local economy, including research and development, technology, corporate headquarters, finance, education, information technology, telecommunications and healthcare.

NON-PRIMARY BUSINESS:

Businesses that are “driven” by primary business, including retail, hospitality, insurance and real estate.

HOW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKS



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 19 - President's Day

- City Hall and the Municipal Court will be closed.

- All recreation centers, golf courses and libraries will be open regular hours.

- Standley Lake will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Your Community, Your City Council



The Westminster City Council strives to be accessible and engaged with community members through their council outreach program. This program helps connect you to your City Council members in-person, over the phone, online or on social media – wherever is best for you. On Jan. 16, City Council held a Telephone Town Hall event; the recording is available at www.cityofwestminster.us/counciloutreach.

On March 24, join City Council at the Adult Egg Hunt (see page 1). In April, there will be a City Council Community Meeting where you can engage directly with your council members about current city projects and the future of your city. Visit the council outreach webpage regularly to view the events and activities where you can connect with your City Council in 2018.

Westminster's Water Treatment – Priceless and a Great Value

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

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

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

Here's how the process works:

- Chemicals are added during water treatment to remove impurities from the lake water and optimize the treatment process.

- The chemicals react with the impurities to form larger particles during the flocculation stage of the treatment process.

- These larger, heavier particles settle out of the water during the sedimentation stage and are filtered out during the filtration stage.

- Ammonia and chlorine are carefully added during the disinfection stage in just the right concentrations to make sure the water is free of harmful bacteria by the time it gets to your home.

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

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

How much water does Westminster actually need in a day? It depends on the day, and especially on the season. In the winter, we treat about 10 million gallons each day, primarily for what customers are using inside their homes and businesses. In the peak of the summer, Westminster treats up to 40 million gallons a day. Why the difference? In a word: irrigation. In the summer, up to three quarters of what our customers use is for landscape irrigation. Since our treatment plants need to be able to provide that amount of water in the summer, the plants must be large enough to meet that "peak" demand on the high-

est water use day of the year.

Providing high quality water reliably to everyone in Westminster is a huge responsibility. It also comes at a cost. The rate increases adopted by City Council for 2017 and 2018 are funding the operations and maintenance that these two plants, and the entire water system, require to maintain this level of service to you. This also includes the wastewater system, which we'll have a story about later this year.

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

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

Amendments Made to 2018 Budget

Through the summer and fall, city staff prepared a proposed budget amendment for the adopted 2018 budget to reflect the current economic conditions, City Council's strategic plan goals and objectives, and community needs.

The 2018 budget was originally adopted in October 2016 as part of the city's biennial budget. To solicit citizen input on the proposed budget amendment, a public meeting was held in September. The City Council reviewed the proposed 2018 budget amendment and adopted the budget amendment at the October City Council meetings.

The amended 2018 budget totals \$244,282,517 in expenditures, plus \$57,766,122 in reserves and \$928,000 in

contingency. Revenue projections were recalibrated based on improved economic conditions, allowing for strategic plan and other operating priorities to be focused upon.

The adopted 2018 budget was focused on four areas of investment, and the proposed budget amendment followed the same priorities, including employees, savings, infrastructure and economic development.

Key items of note related to the amended 2018 budget include the following:

- As a result of the ongoing economic growth along the Colorado Front Range and prudent budget estimates, revenues ended 2016 higher than projected, 2017 revenues continue to outperform original projections and 2018 is anticipated to

exceed original projections.

- To meet the demands of the Westminster community, additional investment in infrastructure (facilities, roads, water/wastewater system, etc.) is funded, addressing both immediate needs and maintaining these valuable assets. The amended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reflects this continued reinvestment. The proposed amended 2018 CIP continues to focus on the key objectives of maintaining existing infrastructure and amenities; catalyzing Downtown Westminster; revitalizing the Westminster Station transit oriented development; mobility; and economic development.

- Because it has led to success for the city, continued investment in city employees is

funded in the amended 2018 budget – through competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, additional staffing (building capacity), training (preparing people to advance when the opportunity presents itself), technology, tools and equipment. Maintaining a competitive compensation package in an increasingly tight market is critical to the city's success.

- Additional funding in other areas including, the addition of three new firefighters, the circulation of printed copies of City Edition to all residents and businesses in the city, creation of a police officer trainee program, and the reorganization and creation of two new departments focused on economic development and human resources.



DENVER GOLF EXPO

Legacy Ridge Golf Course and Walnut Creek Golf Preserve will attend the Denver Golf Expo at the Denver Merchandise Mart on Feb. 9-11. Cards for four rounds of golf will be available for \$150. Cards may also be purchased at our golf shops from Feb. 12-March 11.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Feb. 25-March 2, College Hill Library and Irving Street Library Celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday all week long with fun activity sheets and a drawing for free books.

FEB.

DROP-IN TOT TIME

Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, Westminster Sports Center

Come in out of the cold and play on our large indoor turf field. We have lots of toys or bring your own. \$1/per tot, ages 5 and under, parents are free.

INTRO TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION AND MOVEMENT

• Thursdays, Feb. 1-22, 2-3:30 p.m., The MAC
• Wednesdays, March 7-28, 2-3:30 p.m., The MAC

Refresh your senses as we begin the new year. Learn simple mindfulness practices under the guidance of a qualified MBSR teacher. Meditate on new directions and awaken your inner resources to support physical and mental health and overall wellbeing. Register three working days in advance of start date. Resident \$80; non-resident \$85.

SHADOWS IN THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Venture into Standley Lake's prairie to explore what makes a groundhog different from the prairie dog. Celebrate the prairie dog's uniqueness and learn about their role in our western grasslands. Class is free! All ages. Register online.

DIVE DEEP INTO THE HISTORY OF STANDLEY LAKE

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6-7 p.m., College Hill Library, Room L211

Learn about the history and day-to-day operations of Standley Lake and Clear Creek from Westminster's water experts. Discover tips and tricks to help you be water-savvy and save money. All ages.

CHOCOLATE COOKERY

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6-7 p.m., The MAC

For many of us, the fact that chocolate may improve our health only reinforces our love for it. Learn how to prepare delicious and healthy dishes using chocolate. Recipes and samples are provided. Register by Feb. 4. Resident \$14; non-resident \$16.

UPCYCLE YOUR LIBRARY

Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m., Ziggi's Coffee, 3013 W. 104th Ave.

Own a piece of the Westminster Public Library. Design a bookend, create folded book art and more. Ages: 18 and older.

VALENTINE TEA PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

The Irving Street Library cordially requests the honor of your presence for a Valentine Tea Party. Dress up in your fanciest clothes, bring a parent and join us for tea, sweet snacks and fun! Register online.

GUEST APPRECIATION DAY

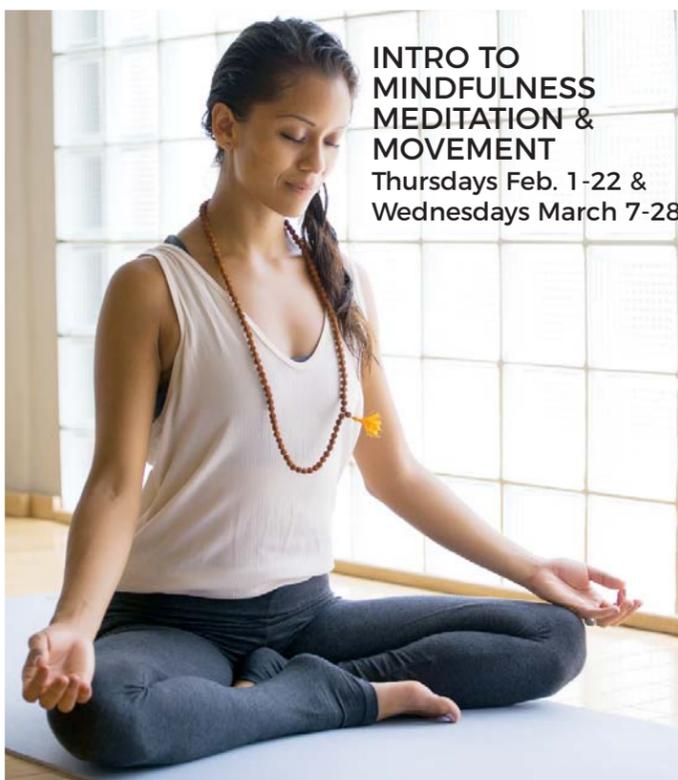
Wednesday, Feb. 14, all recreation centers

As a thank you to our wonderful guests for their continued support, we



VALENTINE TEA PARTY

Sunday, Feb. 11



INTRO TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION & MOVEMENT

Thursdays Feb. 1-22 & Wednesdays March 7-28

nutritious breakfast. Learn a variety of quick and easy breakfast ideas that provide your brain with a host of nutrients it needs. Samples and recipes are provided. Register by Feb. 16. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

STANDLEY LAKE ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Sip on some hot chocolate and enjoy the night sky! Standley Lake is partnering with the Denver Astronomical Society to share telescopic views of the moon, stars, planets, galaxies and much more. \$5 per person. All ages. Register online.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT COLLEGE HILL LIBRARY

Monday, Feb. 26, 6-7:30 p.m., College Hill Library, Room L107

Compete to prove your mastery of obscure facts. Bring your own team or join a team when you arrive. Fabulous prizes! No entry fee required. All ages.

are offering free admission and giveaways at all Westminster recreation centers.

FEED YOUR SKIN OUTSIDE AND IN

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m., West View Recreation Center

What we eat plays a role in the health of our skin by providing essential fats, vitamins and minerals. Discover how common foods and the nutrients they contain can be used to create beautiful skin. Register by Feb. 12. Resident \$11; non-resident \$13.

PERFECT PUTTING

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2-3:30 p.m., College Hill Library, Room L107

Learn tips and techniques to improve your putting from the golf professionals at Golf

Westminster. After a 45-minute clinic, put what you learn to practice on College Hill's "indoor greens." Space is limited to 30. Register online. Ages: 16 and older.

BRAIN BOOSTING BREAKFASTS

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 9:30-10:15 a.m., The MAC

Get your brain revved up in the morning with a



CHOCOLATE COOKERY

Wednesday, Feb. 7



STANDLEY LAKE ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 22

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Parents, listen up! Summer will be here before you know it. The City of Westminster offers exceptional summer camp programs for your kids at City Park Recreation Center, Countryside Outdoor Pool and Colorado STEM Academy. Enrollment is now open for weekly registration. Online daily registration begins April 4. Camps are state licensed. Free breakfast and lunch is available to all participants each day. Call City Park Recreation Center for more information and pricing.



EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

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

Come celebrate Earth Day in Westminster! Win prizes, see live animals, have lunch and learn about earth-friendly opportunities in your neighborhood. Ask the experts to learn about tree programs and plant selection. Free compost and mulch is available.

MARCH

CHILI BOWL LUNCHEON

Friday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Select your own hand-made pottery bowl and enjoy a tasty chili lunch, all at a great price. Vegetarian chili is available. \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Bring a can of soup for the Westminster Food Bank and be entered into drawing for door prizes! RSVP to 303-658-2900 by Feb. 26.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

Saturday, March 3, 2-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by enjoying stories, whimsical crafts and Seussy snacks! Register online.

SPRING TRAVELERS

Saturday, March 3, 8-9 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Spring bird travelers will go long distances to make it back to their summer home. Find out what it takes to be a traveling bird and join other bird enthusiasts to welcome Standley's spring birds! Class is free. Ages: 8 and older. Register online.

BRIGHT IDEAS

Monday, March 5, 6:30-8 p.m., Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road

Hear from interesting people doing innovative things that impact our

community. This session features students from Adams 12 STEM schools presenting innovative solutions to local and world issues using problem-based learning. Ages: 18 and older.

HEALTH AND FITNESS APPS

Monday, March 5, 9-11 a.m., The MAC

Examine various apps for Apple and Android phones that can help motivate you to exercise, track your blood pressure, remind you to take medications on time, store your emergency information and contact a loved one in case of a medical emergency. Bring your fully-charged smartphone to class. Register by March 1. Resident \$24; non-resident \$26.

STEPPING ON WORKSHOP - FALL PREVENTION

Wednesdays, March 7-April 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

This program is for anyone who is 60 years or older, lives independently, has fallen or is fearful of falling, and does not suffer from dementia. Topics include balance and strength training; role of vision in balance; how medications contribute to falls; safe footwear; and home and community safety. Register by March 5. Class is free.

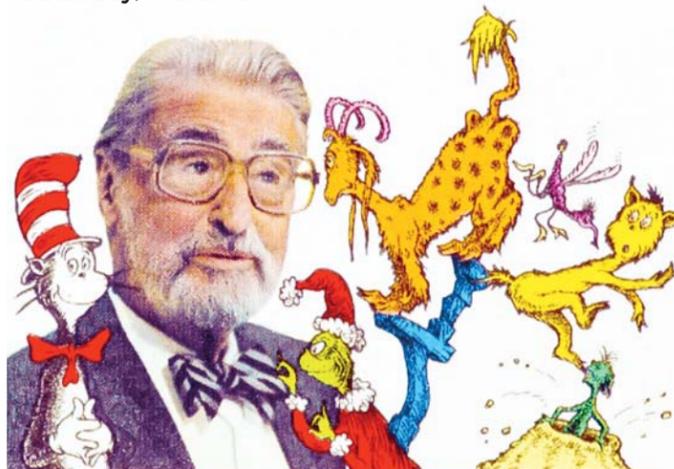
FIRE & LIGHT: STORIES OF ICELAND IN DANCE, WORD, AND ART

Saturday, March 10, 1:30-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Stories of Iceland told through dance, word and art. Presented by recreation programs and libraries. Register online. All ages.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

Saturday, March 3



CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT END-OF-LIFE PLANS

Monday, March 12, 10-11 a.m., The MAC

Fewer than 50 percent of Americans have made plans that ensure their end-of-life wishes are carried out. Cut through the fear and confusion, find out how to clearly communicate what you want, and make sure that you stay in charge of your life. Register by March 8. Resident \$3; non-resident \$3.

KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Priority registration for the 2018-19 school year is March 12-18 for existing Tiny Tots preschool students. Registration for Westminster residents not already enrolled as of March 8, 2018 will begin in late March, and early April for non-residents. All registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis for any open spots. Please call 303-658-2215 or 303-658-2222 in late February for exact dates. Call City Park Recreation Center at 303-658-2901 or West View Recreation Center at 303-460-9530 for pricing and dates. Age: 3-5 years.

PINTEREST 101

Tuesday, March 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

Learn how to use Pinterest, the digital scrapbook, to keep everything you love on the internet in one place. Whatever your interest - recipes, gardening, decorating, crafts, pets - Pinterest helps you organize your online discoveries and find more. Demonstration-style class. Handout provided. Register by March 11. Resident \$28; non-resident \$30.

THERAPEUTIC USES OF ESSENTIAL OILS

Wednesday, March 14, 6-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Do you know the basics of essential oils and want to dive deeper? This class examines six common and not-so-common essential oils in-depth, including their therapeutic properties, along with the physical and emotional health concerns they address. Register by March 12. Resident \$25; non-resident \$27.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 15, 12-1:30 p.m., The MAC

Wear your green and enjoy lunch, a live bag-

pipe performance and an educational talk by Michael Lancaster. Lunch includes: green salad, build-your-own baked potato, drink and dessert. Register by March 12. Resident \$8; non-resident \$9.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING

Put yourself on the road to better health. Schedule a one-hour session with a health professional to gain knowledge and develop strategies to make lasting behavioral changes. Topics addressed may include nutrition, exercise, stress reduction and sleep. Call The MAC to schedule your session. Resident \$37; non-resident \$40.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS SESSIONS

Enhance your ability to perform daily activities by improving balance, flexibility and mobility; reducing the risk of falls; maintaining bone density; and growing stronger. One-on-one sessions are held at The MAC with Laura Brieser-Smith, certified exercise physiologist. Ages 55+. Call The MAC to schedule your session. \$39 per 1-hour session; \$110 for three sessions.

BLUE MOON HIKE

Saturday, March 31, 8-9 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Have you ever wanted to hike Standley Lake under the glow of the full moon? This is your chance to observe what night animals see during the full moon! Class is free. Ages: 10 and up. Register online.

FACILITY LOCATIONS/REGISTRATION

RECREATION

www.cityofwestminster.us/ParksRecreation

Register:

www.cityofwestminster.us/activityguides or call any recreation center

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

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

Countryside Outdoor Pool

10470 Oak St.
303-466-1738

Ice Centre at The Promenade

10710 Westminster Blvd.
303-469-2100

Legacy Ridge Golf Course
10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway
303-438-8997

The MAC

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

Standley Lake Regional Park

100th Avenue and Simms Street
303-425-1097

Swim & Fitness Center

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

Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

10555 Westmoor Drive
303-469-2974

Westminster Sports Center

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

West View Recreation Center

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

LIBRARIES

Register:
<http://tinyurl.com/wplsignup>
www.westminsterlibrary.org

College Hill Library
3705 W. 112th Ave.
303-658-2603

Irving Street Library & Park
7392 Irving St.
303-658-2303

ADMIN

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

Westminster Public Safety Center
9110 Yates St.
303-658-2400

Emergency: 911

Sign Up for Fire Department Citizen Academy by Feb. 22

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

Each session covers an aspect of the Fire Department – such as fire prevention, hazardous materials or fire extinguishers – and includes classroom time and hands-on activities. The course is geared to inform citizens about WFD operations, as well as teach residents fire and life safety.

Classes are held on Thursdays, 6-10 p.m., March 1 through May 24. Applications are due Thursday, Feb. 22.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and are subject to a background check. There is no fee for the course unless CPR certification is desired; CPR certification is \$25.



The session is limited to 20 participants and preference is given to Westminster residents. Applications are considered in the order they are received.

Registration forms are available at the Westminster Fire Department, 9110 Yates St., or online at www.cityofwestminster.us/fire.

For more information, contact Public Education Officer Sherrie L. Leeka at 303-658-4536 or sleeka@cityofwestminster.us.

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

Support Westminster Fire Department charities

Join the Westminster Fire Department as they team with Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery for Fire Chief Ale events again this year! In March, all Westminster Rock Bottom locations will be tapping Fire Chief Ale with a portion of the proceeds from ale sales going to local fire department-related charities.

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

Ale Taps in March

The tapping events celebrate the roll out of the 2018 batch of Fire Chief Ale. Attendees can sample the medium-bodied, auburn-colored ale that gets its sweetness and lightly toasted character from caramel and crystal malts; hand-selected

hops from the Pacific Northwest lend a crisp and satisfying citrus finish. Other festivities include a bagpipe and drum band, silent auction and T-shirt sales.

The first Fire Chief Ale tapping is at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, at the Orchard Town Center Rock Bottom, 14694 Orchard Parkway, #400. The second Fire Chief Ale tapping is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, at the Westminster Promenade Rock Bottom, 10633 Westminster Blvd.

Chili Tasting in March

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

The red chili cook-off is 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, at the Orchard Town Center Rock



Bottom and the green chili cook-off is 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, at the Westminster Promenade Rock Bottom.

Charities

The Westminster Burn Fund offers immediate financial assistance to Westminster families displaced from their home because of a fire or other emer-

gency. Westy CFIRE supports community programs like fire and life safety educational items, the Santa program, fire station open houses and more.

Come on out and have a brew or two to support these great causes! Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/fire for more information or call 303-658-4500.

Are You Prepared for a Major Winter Storm?

In Colorado, winter storms are heavier during the end of winter and into early spring. The largest snow storms tend to occur in March. These storms can produce large amounts of snow in a short period of time and can cause several problems. Not only are there potential hazards outside, but there could be some in your home.

Did you know that there are more home fires in the winter

months than any other season?

The Westminster Fire Department wants to help keep you safe and recommends these tips to get you through the next major snow storm. We want everyone to be ready to survive the storms.

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

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

- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates or check online bulletins.

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

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

For more information about winter storms and safety, call 303-658-4500.

City's 2017 Street Improvement Projects Completed

Westminster's Department of Public Works and Utilities administrated \$5.5 million of street improvements in 2017. Here are just a few of the stats. The city's Street Division staff utilized a computerized pavement management program which identified 75.5 lane miles of paved roadways as priorities for receiving the appropriate pavement rehabilitation strategies on 106 city streets.

Projects included:

- **Pavement Rehabilitation Project** targeted resurfacing eight streets.
- **Concrete Replacement Project** consisted of replacing 32,568 linear feet of deteriorated curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and installed or upgraded 135 ADA compliant curb ramps in conjunction with street improvements.
- **Annual Crackseal Project** performed on all standard roadways scheduled for surface improvements.
- **Pavement Preservation Sealcoat Projects** constructed a new surface on 101 city streets.
- **Striping and Pavement Markings Project** repainted and/or restored 601,500 square feet of lane lines. 10,671 square feet of pavement markings, added 147 bike symbols and 161 directional arrows, including a second rotation of lane line repainting on selected arterials and major collector roadways. This project also included new striping following pavement overlays, reconstructions and seal coatings.

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



Download the Strava Metro app to provide feedback on your human-powered travels through Westminster.

Provide Feedback to Make Your Bike Ride Safe and Stress Free

There are countless ways to get from point A to point B, but getting there on foot or by bike isn't always safe or easy. The Colorado Department of Transportation has partnered with Strava Metro to make commuting in our cities better.

With Strava Metro, you simply log your human-powered travels and then your routes are compiled anonymously with other Strava Metro members. The system aggregates that data and partners with city planners to make informed decisions toward creating better routes and infrastructure

For example, do you face unbearable wait times at the same intersection? Must you avoid

busy streets with no shoulder at all costs? By uploading your commutes on Strava Metro, this data is sent to Westminster's Community Development Department, informing us about which routes our residents prefer to take. This allows us to know where improvements are needed to allow for better bike lanes, multi-use paths and car-free streets.

But, Strava Metro is only as good as the data fueling its insights. So download Strava Metro for free on your phone or sign up at www.strava.com and start making your bike rides count toward a safer and stress-free future.

SURVEY
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through the survey will play a key role in the review and update of City Council's strategic plan goals and other key decisions in the provision of city services.

The results of the 2018 citizen survey will be presented to Westminster City Council later this spring and will be available on the city website at that time.

2018 Large Item Clean-up Program

Once a year, the city offers large trash items to be picked up at our curb.

- This year's pick up dates:
- Area 1** - Saturday, April 21
 - Area 2** - Saturday, April 28
 - Area 3** - Saturday, May 5

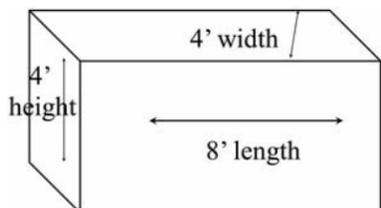
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Area Pickup Dates

- April 21, 2018
- April 28, 2018
- May 5, 2018

Program Requirements/ Guidelines

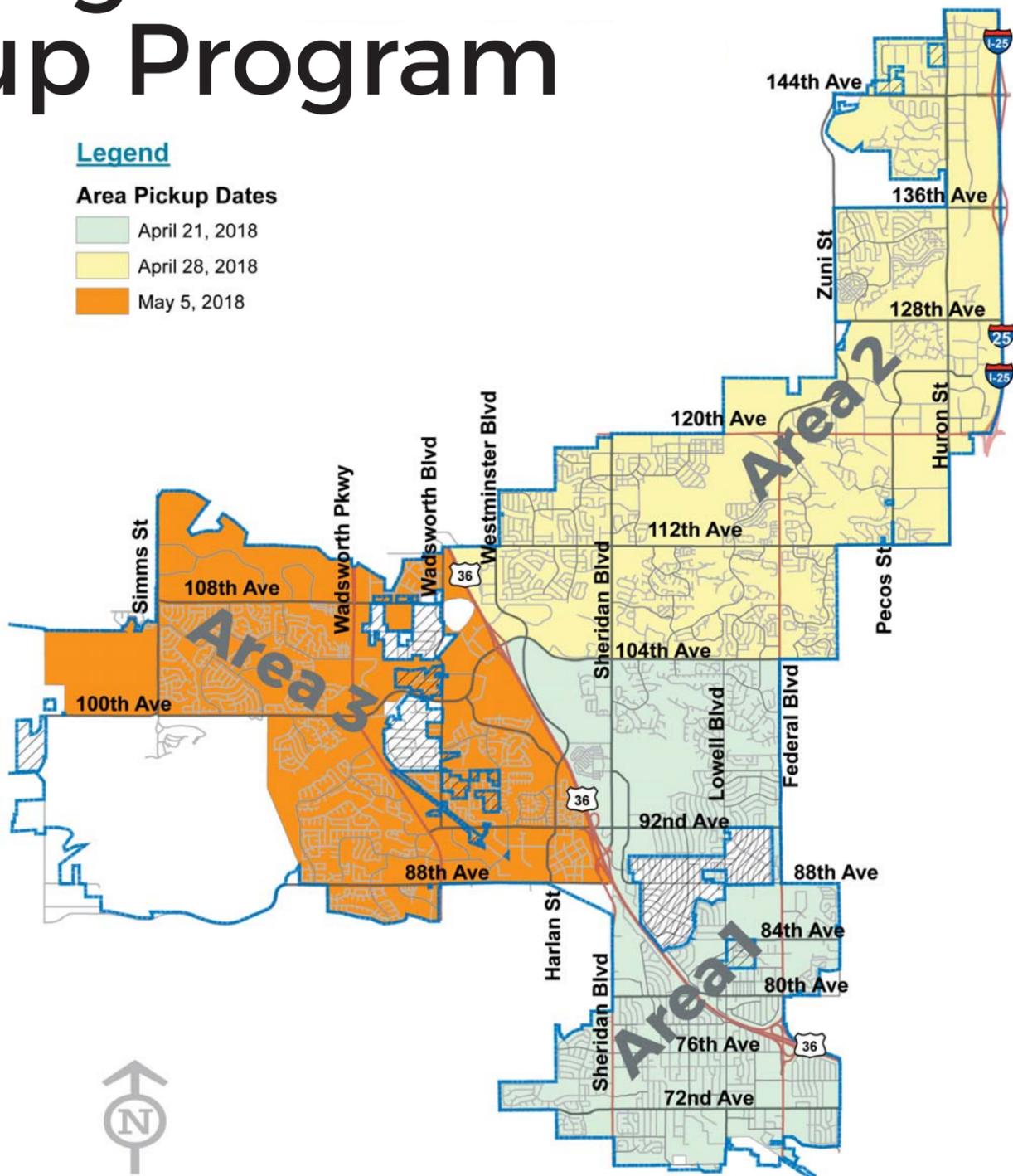
- Registration is required on-line through Tuesday, April 3: www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp
- Fee: \$30 per household.
- Debris piles cannot be larger than 4-feet wide, by 8-feet long, by 4-feet high. Debris in excess of standardized size will not be removed.



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

When is your pick-up day?

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



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

Registration Timeline

- Registration \$30 fee is non-refundable.
- Registration is open online through midnight on Tuesday, April 3, at www.cityofwestminster.us/LargeItemCleanUp.

Acceptable Items

Mattresses, washers, dryers,

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

Unacceptable Items

Household waste that would be picked up with normal weekly trash service, appliances with Freon units (such as refrigerators, freezers and air condi-

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

To dispose of hazardous waste, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/Residents/TrashRecycling/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste.

Information

streets@cityofwestminster.us or 303-658-2501.

Obtain Your Annual RV Dump Station Access Card



For the convenience of recreational vehicles users, the City of Westminster operates an RV dump station at its facility located at the Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility, 13150 Huron St.

An access card is required to use the dump station at a cost of \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Access cards are valid Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year.

Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/Residents/TrashRecycling/

RVDumpStation to obtain the application for the access card in advance and to review the RV dump station guidelines.

Dump station access cards can be purchased at City Hall, 4800 W. 92nd Ave., from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Proof of residency is required. Please bring a copy of your water bill and your driver's license to verify resident status.

The cashier counter accepts cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard and American Express.