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City Begins Process to Identify Site for New Drinking Water Facility

In May, the City of Westminster announced the launch of Water 2025, a long-term planning project to replace the city's aging Semper Water Treatment Facility. The goal of the effort is to identify the best location for a

new facility by early 2019 using a comprehensive review process that incorporates technical and operational requirements, as well as significant community engagement.

Developing our city's drinking water system has shaped Westminster's past and will play a vital role in our future. Water is one of our most precious, yet finite, natural resources and we are fortunate to enjoy a high-

quality drinking water supply originating in the Rocky Mountains. Westminster's safe and reliable drinking water system is one of our greatest assets.

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Did you know the city offers a \$60 rebate for trees planted by Westminster residents? Visit www.cityofwestminster.us/plantingprograms for program details and requirements.

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Longtime Westminster Businesses Honored

At the Business Legacy Awards in late March, the city honored 54 businesses celebrating their 25 to 45 year anniversaries of doing business in Westminster. Since 1990, the city has honored local businesses for their service, providing an opportunity for City Council and staff to personally thank them for their commitment to Westminster.

Below are this year's Business Legacy Award recipients:

45 Years: Camp Stone Company Inc.

40 Years: Klein Plumbing; U-Haul Co. of Colorado

35 Years: 7 Eleven Inc.; Claude A Pareja DDS PC; Cleasby Manufacturing Co. of

Denver; Coenen Construction Inc.; Colorado Sound Recording Ltd.; Douglas J. Conway Inc.; DRH Builders Inc.; Hair Styles by Jacque; Dr. Bruce D. Lee; Mark Platek Agency Inc.; Pete Thomas & Sons Inc.; Serpentix Conveyor Corp.; The Augustin Companies Inc.; The TJX Companies Inc.; Tri-State Generation & Transmission Assoc. Inc.

30 Years: 87th and Wadsworth LLC; Accident & Diagnostic Clinic Inc.; All Pest Control/Exterminating; Arrowhead Animal Hospital PC; Bert L. Mofitt; Brewgenes Consulting Co.; Church Ranch; Clear Creek Centers Inc.; Coet @ CPAs PC; Derie Trujillo; Great Westerns Park LLC; Please see **BUSINESS** on page 3

CITIZEN SURVEY RATES WESTMINSTER FAVORABLY

According to the 2018 citizen survey, 90 percent of residents gave a favorable rating to Westminster as a place to live and about 80 percent of residents say Westminster is a good place to raise children.

The city has been conducting a citizen survey every two years since 1992.

The 2018 survey was mailed in January to 3,000 randomly selected households, with a 21 percent response rate.

View the highlights on page 7 or the complete 2018 citizen survey report at www.cityofwestminster.us/citizensurvey.

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Imagine Westminster Event Celebrates the Historic Westminster Arts District

Join us June 1-3 at the Historic Westminster Arts District (on 73rd Avenue, between Lowell and Bradburn boulevards) for your opportunity to celebrate the arts and culture of south Westminster, while also weighing in on what you would do to revitalize the heart of our city's historic center.

Imagine Westminster is a community-led, city-supported event that will highlight the strengths of the area's businesses and resources, and at the same time encourage residents to share their

thoughts on what their neighborhood needs for its revival.

Imagine what south Westminster could be if there were more restaurants, businesses, art and safer streets—you have a say!

Join us for fun and festivities that weekend, including local bands, outdoor movies, a bike rodeo, yoga, beer garden and food trucks, and come with your ideas of how you would 'imagine' your community.

Get the complete schedule at www.cityofwestminster.us/ImagineWestminster.



City Seeks Input as Development of 2019/2020 Budget Kicks Off

Initial work on Westminster's 2019/2020 budget has begun with staff reviewing current operations, identifying potential operational adjustments to meet changing community needs, and initial capital improvement project review. These efforts revolve around the City Council's Strategic Plan, which was adopted in July 2017. Prior to budget development, City Council will receive an update

on progress towards the Strategic Plan goals at their annual retreat on Saturday, June 2.

An initial public meeting is set for Monday, June 11, during the regular meeting of Westminster City Council, where residents may comment and provide input into the development of the 2019/2020 budget. This meeting is designed to allow early community budget input, which will progress over the course of the

summer and into the fall.

A second public meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, and a final public hearing on Monday, Sept. 10. Based on feedback received at these meetings, staff will research any requests with the development of the 2019/2020 budget. Staff will return to City Council throughout the summer, providing updates and additional information on these and other

budget-related items.

The public is welcome to attend and provide feedback at public meetings on the proposed 2019/2020 budget. Staff will track citizen feedback from public meetings, hearings, emails to the Mayor, City Council and staff, and through social media, and will provide a summary of input and recommendations at the proposed budget retreat.

City Council Community Meeting Lets Residents Take the Lead

Your Westminster City Council hosts twice annual community meetings designed to connect with community members and get feedback about issues that matter. Traditionally, topics are selected and updates provided based on current city trends and

projects. But this past April, City Council decided to try a different, more resident-led approach. By asking residents to register prior to the event, City Council was able to get feedback about what you wanted to talk about. This led to a list of table topics

that community members could rotate amongst to learn more about what was of specific interest to them. Topics selected included: future developments and growth, affordable housing, homelessness, community safety, water and more. View a

summary of the event on the City Council outreach webpage: www.cityofwestminster.us/CouncilOutreach. Join your City Council for their next community meeting in the fall!

<p>CITY HOLIDAY FACILITY SCHEDULE</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed: Libraries, Westminster Sports Center, City Hall and the Municipal Court. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open: Walnut Creek Golf Course, Legacy Ridge Golf Course and Standley Lake will be open regular hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close at 3 p.m.: City Park Fitness Center, Countryside Pool, The MAC, Swim & Fitness Center and West View Recreation Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close at 6 p.m.: City Park Recreation Center
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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

Snooze to Host Fundraiser for Westminster Firefighter Cancer Awareness

Snooze restaurant in Westminster has paired with the Westminster Fire Department and Westminster CFIRE (Citizens for Fire Department Improvement, Recognition and Education) to raise funds and awareness to the rising cause of firefighter deaths, cancer.

Snooze, 6315 W. 104th Ave., Suite 100, will host a fundraising event on Friday, July 27, from 5:30-9 p.m. that will help CFIRE create a fund that will provide relief to Westminster firefighters in the unfortunate event that they develop cancer, and will also pro-

vide cancer prevention, education, training and equipment.

Participants will dine at Snooze after hours, starting with a cocktail hour with appetizers, as well as a plated dinner and dessert. Additionally, guests can bid on exciting silent auction items, take photos with puppies and firefighters from the 2018 Fire Rescue Dogs Calendar, and meet Westminster firefighters.

To purchase tickets for this event, please visit www.westycfire.com. All of the proceeds from the ticket sales and the event will go directly to CFIRE



Firefighters join Snooze staff at their grand opening in June 2017.

for this fund. If you have any questions, please contact

Kim Christensen at kim@westycfire.com.

Transportation Improvements on the way for 92nd Avenue and Westminster Boulevard

As progress continues on Downtown Westminster, the city is working to improve the safety and connectivity of residents and businesses in the surrounding neighborhoods.

This summer, the city will be repaving Westminster Boulevard between 92nd Avenue and Church Ranch Boulevard. The repaving of the street will facilitate the first phase of implementation of the Westminster Boulevard bike lanes (identified

in the Downtown Westminster Mobility Study).

The on-street bicycle facility will transition from traditional bike lanes near 92nd Avenue to buffer bike lanes between 94th and 98th avenues. These improvements will occur within the existing curb-to-curb width of the street. Key cycling connections will be provided to neighborhoods, Betty Adams Elementary School, the Westminster Sports Center and the U.S. 36 Bikeway.

City staff is also in the design process to address safety concerns on 92nd Avenue between Eaton Street and Ingalls Street. The project includes the modification of the westbound acceleration lanes between Eaton Street and Ingalls Street for the installation of dedicated right turn lanes at Eaton Street, Westminster Boulevard and Ingalls Street.

Safety enhancements include the construction of new curb and gutter, and potential im-

provements to sidewalk conditions along the corridor. Also included in the project will be an evaluation to the existing street lighting conditions at the Ingalls Street and 92nd Avenue intersection. Construction will start in fall 2018.

Visit the city's Cone Zone page for more information about these projects, www.cityofwestminster.us/conezone.

Dockless Bike Share System Comes to Westminster

Big changes are coming to Westminster's bike share program. Zagster, the nation's leading provider of flexible bike share services, will launch Pace, a new dockless bike sharing service.

The service will begin in Westminster on July 1. More than 80 smart bikes will be available for residents, students and visitors to make on-demand trips with just a tap on their smartphones.

Zagster launched traditional bike share in Westminster in 2016. Under traditional docked models, users were required to

rent and return bikes to designated stations. Under a dockless model, users can ride the bike around for a fee and then leave it at their destination, rather than having to return it to a station. This provides enhanced convenience for users.

Unlike other dockless bike share services, Pace features smart bikes with a two-point security system to ensure bikes lock to fixed objects, not just to themselves, to mitigate theft and abuse, and preserve public right of way. This new system provides

predictability and flexibility for riders while preserving order and safety for communities.

In Westminster, riders will be able to rent and return bikes from one of Pace's 15 dedicated bike parking racks, any public bike rack or any other bike securing locations available throughout the city. This mix of intelligently-placed bike share hubs, plus the freedom of being able to lock Pace bikes to public racks, enables true point-to-point travel while ensuring riders can reliably add bike sharing to their daily

commute or recreational mix.

To ride Pace, riders simply download the free Pace bike share app, available in the App Store or Google Play. Riders find available bikes and parking locations in the app, and can unlock bikes at the touch of a button. There is no membership fee to join Pace, and rides start at just \$1.50 per half hour. Traveling outside of Colorado? Zagster is available in 200 markets in 35 states. For more information, visit www.zagster.com/westminster

BUSINESS

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Interior Design Concepts; Lita's Daycare; Marque - Interior Remodel; Onofrey & Hirschfeld PC; Radiant Lighting Services Inc.; S&L Floor Covering Inc.; Smart Reservoir & Irrigation Co. Inc.; Spa Brokers II Inc.; Sprinkler Doctor; Westminster Area Historical and Museum Society; Wittek Licensed Daycare.

25 Years: American Awards & Engraving Inc.; Ayers Front Range Lock; Cartel Realty Inc.; Ewing's

Appliance Service; Olive Garden; Himyak & Associates LLC; MBR Electric Inc.; Pola Ocana NYE; Public Storage Inc.; Steve M. Wagner & Associate Inc.; The Auto Specialist Inc.; The Hair Station; Type Communications; USV Optical Inc.

Tools for Small Businesses

Most of the honored legacy businesses are small businesses, defined by the city as companies with 50 or less employees. With the vast majority of businesses in Westminster (approximately 94 percent) being small businesses,

the city provides a variety of programs, services and resources geared toward their growth.

"We offer a couple of grants that will help offset the costs that businesses typically incur," said Stephanie Troller, senior economic development officer for the city. "Our Small Business Scholarship Grant reimburses 50 percent of the cost of tuition, fees and required materials up to \$500 per business, per year. We have a lot of businesses that take advantage of this program to help with ongoing education of their employees.

"We also have a Small Business Capital Grant that will reimburse 10 percent up to \$5,000 for one-time related capital costs," added Troller. "We are quickly approaching the July 1 application deadline for this program and encourage eligible businesses to learn more and apply online at www.westminstereconomicdevelopment.org."

For any other small business related questions, feel free to contact Stephanie Troller at stoller@cityofwestminster.us or 303-658-2318.

WESTMINSTER'S NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Gather a few friends or family members for a relay race including a run, bike ride and paddle. Other activities include: Scavenger hunt, nature presentation and opportunities to find the Standley Monster's eggs.



MOVIES IN THE PARK (FAMILY SERIES)

- June 15, Legacy Ridge Golf Course, "Despicable Me 3"
- July 13, Big Dry Creek Park, "Coco"
- Aug. 24, City Park, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"

It's better than going to a drive-in movie! Watch your favorite family movies on a giant, outdoor screen. Activities and food concessions begin at 7 p.m. and the movies start at dusk.

JUNE

LINKSTERS LEVEL 1, 2, 3

Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve or Westminster Sports Center

Small group golf instruction for children ages 5-12 with focus on skill acquisition, athletic movement and learning through fun and games. \$65.

NEVER PLAY HUNGRY

Monday-Friday, May 29-Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This free program is offered during the summer to encourage all children to eat healthy as they stay active. Youth, 18 years and younger (19+ can purchase meals for \$3.50) are invited to join us for a free lunch. Families are encouraged to stay for fun activities, including music, crafts and games.

GET GOLF READY

June, July and August, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve and Legacy Ridge Golf Course

Designed for new golfers, you'll enjoy learning the basics of golf—rules, etiquette, fundamentals and navigating the course. Gain the tools necessary to get out and play with confidence! \$129.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - TUNE IN TO YOUR LIBRARY

June 2-July 29, College Hill Library and Irving Street Library

Earn prizes by participating in weekly contests, reading and attending library programs. Watch for pop-up musical performances shaking up your libraries! Register online. All ages.

LIL' TYKES SUMMER CAMP

Camp 1: June 4-14;
Camp 2: June 18-28;
Camp 3: July 9-19;
Camp 4: July 23-Aug. 2
• Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon or

12:30-3:30 p.m., City Park Recreation Center (age 3-5)

• Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon or 12:30-3:30 p.m., West View Recreation Center (age 3-6)

Your lil' tyke can enjoy adventure, fun and make new friends during these two-week camps. Each camp features a theme that involves arts, crafts, drama, games, music, outside play and more. Resident \$115; non-resident \$125.

GUITAR I

Mondays, June 4-July 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Geared towards players with some experience. Learn basic melodies and simple chords in just weeks. Ages: 14+. Resident \$65; non-resident \$68.

YOGA FOR TOTS

• Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 5-28, 1-1:45 p.m., West View Recreation Center
• Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 10-Aug. 2, 1-1:45 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Help your young child bring peace to their afternoon through guided yoga exercises and mindfulness practice. Age: 3-6. Resident \$45; non-resident \$50.

TUMBLING AND MORE!

Wednesday, June 6-27 and July 11-Aug. 1, 9-9:45 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m., City Park Recreation Center

Develop gross motor movements and coordination through activities that stretch the imagination and build self-confidence! Spring, roll, tumble, jump, balance, improve coordination and build strength. Ages: 1½-5. Resident \$30; non-resident \$35.

BRIGHT IDEAS

Thursday, June 7, 6-7:30 p.m., College Hill Library

Through presentation and discussion, we'll explore the history of Phamaly Theatre Company and how it has supported and propelled disability advocacy and opportunity. Ages: 18+.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 2-July 29

LITTLE LEARNERS

Thursdays, June 7-28, 12:30-2 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

This class allows exploration and investigation of scientific concepts and beginning math skills. Each class engages children in a hands-on experiment while being introduced to basic STEM concepts. Ages: 4-6. Resident \$49, non-resident \$54.

NATURE'S EDUCATORS ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Sunday, June 10, 7-8 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Get a closer look at wildlife with live animal programs hosted by nature's educators at Standley Lake! Class is free. All ages.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

Monday-Friday, June 11-12, City Park Recreation Center
Ages 4-6: 9-10:30 a.m.; ages 7-12: 10:30 a.m. to noon; ages 13-18: 1-3 p.m.

This two-week program is uniquely designed to allow kids of all ages to explore several dance styles. Dancers will enjoy learning combinations from various productions, with a showcase concluding camp.

MINECRAFT ENGINEERING USING LEGO®

Monday-Friday, June 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon, Westminster Sports Center

Go on exciting, adventurous quests by designing and building different Minecraft worlds with LEGO® sets. Ages: 5-7.

Resident \$163; non-resident \$196.

GOLF WESTMINSTER SUMMER CAMP

• June 12-14, 9 a.m. to noon, Legacy Ridge Golf Course
• July 24-26, 9 a.m. to noon, Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

An introductory three-day program to learn, enhance and apply the fundamentals of the game.

BABYSITTING BOOTCAMP

Saturdays, June 16-23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Be the best sitter in your neighborhood! Become certified in infant/child CPR and learn health, safety, emergency skills, basic first aid, bathing, toy and home safety, and common illnesses. Ages: 11-18. Resident \$150; non-resident \$180.

STANDLEY LAKE PADDLING TOUR

Sunday, June 17, 9-11 a.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Immerse yourself in the oasis Standley Lake provides for people and animals as you paddle alongside the park naturalist, discovering the rich history behind the lake. \$25 per person. Ages: 8+.

DENVER MOB PRESENTATION

Tuesday, June 19, 1:30-3 p.m., The MAC

Join Denver's Mob Historian for an armchair tour through North Denver's Little Italy. Photos and stories cover social clubs, homes and haunts of Denver's most influential mobsters and uncovers the truth behind many of these legends. Ages: 18+. \$6.

S'MORE STORIES

Sunday, June 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Gather around the campfire for delicious s'mores and storytelling. Westminster Public Library and Standley Lake want to share their appreciation for nature, wellness and literacy with you! All ages.

GETTING TO KNOW GOOGLE

Monday, June 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The MAC

Learn how to use all things Google, including Gmail, calendar, drive, docs, sheets, slides, photos and maps. Ages: 18+. Resident \$24; non-resident \$26.



FATHER DAUGHTER BALL

Denver Marriott Westminster
Saturday, June 16
6-9 p.m.

CHIP AND SIP GOLF CLINIC

Friday, July 20, 6-7 p.m., Walnut Creek Golf Preserve

One hour with friends (or sign up to make new ones) to learn some of the basics of golf in a casual atmosphere. The wine will be flowing and available throughout the clinic and continue on the patio after the game! \$25/person.



JUNIOR RANGERS EXPLORER SERIES

Saturday, July 21, or Sunday, July 22, 10 a.m. to noon, Standley Lake Regional Park

Do you have what it takes to be a Junior Ranger? Explore the duties of a ranger with hands-on activities related to the plants and animals at Standley Lake. \$8/person. Age: 6-10.

JULY

GIRL-POWERED INTRO TO STEM WITH LEGO®

Monday-Friday, July 2-3, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Westminster Sports Center

Girls who love to build, this is for you! Build engineer-designed projects such as boats, snowmobiles, catapults and merry-go-rounds. New and returning students explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of a Play-Well instructor. Ages: 7-12. Resident \$163; non-resident \$196.

SOUND BITES

Sunday, July 8, 1:30-3 p.m., Irving Street Library

Cook up some rock 'n' roll and savor desserts based on popular food-themed songs. Cooking supplies and ingredients provided. Register online. All ages.

KITE AND WIND CHIME WORKSHOP

• Tuesday, July 10, 6-7 p.m., Irving Street Library
• Tuesday, July 24, 6-7 p.m., College Hill Library

Create a kite and wind chime to catch the breeze all summer long. The library provides all building materials. All ages.

WESTMINSTER THEATER CAMP

Monday-Friday, July 11-22 (Alice in

Wonderland), July 16-27 (Into the Woods), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Act, sing, dance, design the set and create your costume for Westminster Theater Camp. All participants have a speaking role including the song and dance chorus. Auditions will be held on the first day of class for specific roles. Prepare a one-minute song to perform at auditions. Final performances will be on the last day of program at Westminster High School at 6 p.m. Lunch is provided. Ages: 8-16.

HOLA NIÑO'S
Thursday, July 12-Aug. 2, 12:30-2 p.m., City Park Recreation Center

Grab your passport and join us as we travel into the fun-filled world of the Spanish language and culture. Our journey will include learning simple songs, games, colors, numbers, greetings and days of the week. The session will end with a Spanish Fiesta! Ages: 4-6. Resident \$49; non-resident \$54.

UKULELE II
Monday, July 16-Aug. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Class is designed for players who are familiar with basic chords and can read melodies from the treble clef. Ages: 12+. Resident \$65; non-resident \$68.

GUITAR II
Monday, July 16-Aug. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Participants work toward playing classic pop and rock songs using simple chord progressions. Ages: 14+. Resident \$65; non-resident \$68.

ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY
Wednesday, July 18, 6-7:30 p.m., The MAC

Get out on the dance floor or sit back and listen as local singer, Michael Angiolillo, performs rock 'n' roll classics from the 50s and 60s. Blue jeans, T-shirts, poodle skirts and bobby socks are encouraged. Menu: hot dogs, chips, root beer floats and watermelon. Registration deadline: Sunday, July 15. Fee: \$8.

GRILL FANTASTIC FRUITS
Thursday, July 19, 6-7:30 p.m., West View Recreation Center

Explore cooking fruits on your summer grill. Get ideas for choosing the best fruits to use and discover techniques for creating simple fruit dishes to enjoy. Samples and recipes provided. Register by July 31. Ages: 18+. Resident \$14; non-resident \$16.

CULT MOVIE CLASSICS
• Saturday, Aug. 25, City Park, "Napolean Dynamite"
• Saturday, Sept. 8, City Park, "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure"
• Saturday, Sept. 29, City Park, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"

It's better than going to a drive-in! Watch your favorite cult movies on a giant, outdoor screen. Enjoy food vendors, beer and laughs during these interactive screenings - audience participation is highly encouraged! Activities and food concessions begin at 6 p.m. and the movies start at dusk.

JEDI MASTER ENGINEERING USING LEGO®
Monday-Friday, July 23-27, 1-4 p.m., Westminster Sports Center

Discover key engineering concepts such as gear trains, worm drives, pneumatics and eccentric motion. Build proj-

ects using LEGO® materials such as X-Wings, AT-AT walkers, Pod Racers, Star Destroyers and other complex machines and structures from a galaxy far, far away. Age: 8-12. Resident \$163; non-resident \$196.

FULL MOON HIKE
Friday, July 27, 8-9 p.m., Standley Lake Regional Park

Experience Standley Lake in a whole new light. Walk alongside the park naturalist and learn about the park in the glow of the moon. Class is free. Ages: 10+.

GEEK GIRL CAMP
July 30-Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m., College Hill Library

No boys allowed at our summer STEM camp for girls! Each day you'll meet different women working in the fields of science, technology and engineering, have an opportunity to ask questions and participate in hands-on activities related to the day's featured field. Ages: 11-13.

2018-19 PRESCHOOL-KINDER KIDS AND TINY TOTS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Sept. 5-May 10; Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 4-May 9; two and three hour morning or afternoon classes.

Please call 303-658-2215 or 303-658-2222 for class times, days and fees. Register now for any remaining spots for the 2018-19 school year. This continuous school year program prepares your child for kindergarten while focusing on the "learning is fun" philosophy. Class emphasizes social, emotional and cognitive development along with teaching pre-kindergarten and creative skills. Age: 3-5.

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

Water Use in Your Home and Yard

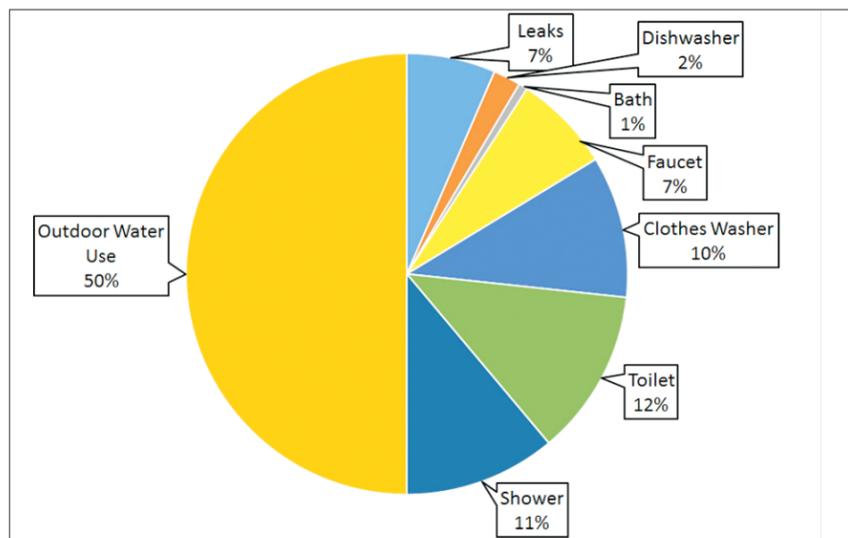
Water comes to your home or business from over 60 miles away through Westminster's treatment and distribution systems. Once in Westminster, we use that water in many ways. About 70 percent of our water is used for single-family homes and apartments. The remaining 30 percent is used in businesses and public facilities. In general about 50 percent of all Westminster water use is used to irrigate landscape areas. In all, the city has 32,825 separate water accounts and about 90 percent of the accounts serve residential customers.

Based on a study done on Westminster homes in 2011, the largest amount of water goes right down the toilet. Runner up for the largest in-home water use is the bath/shower, followed closely by the clothes washer and faucet use. In fact, of all the water used in our homes, we

only consume about 5 percent.

Water use has been in steady decline on a per person basis since the drought of 2002. With all the new development in Westminster, we are generally using the same amount of water used in 2001. The city's costs to run the water and sewer systems continue to increase, but that is a different article.

Some of the best ways you can keep your water use (and bills) down are to update water-using appliances such as toilets, washing machines and shower heads. How you use those appliances can also make a big difference. Simple actions such as using a waste basket for trash instead of the toilet, washing only full loads of laundry or dishes, and turning the faucet off when brushing your teeth or washing dishes can add up to real water savings.



The city is offering free irrigation system inspections for single-family homes through our partner, Resource Central. These inspections can help you save water and have a healthy yard. Call 303-999-3824 for an appointment.

Understanding how you use water in your home and implementing small changes can have a major impact on your water use and the amount you pay for both water and sewer services.

Stay Green, Save Blue with a Free Sprinkler Consultation



Just like a car, your sprinklers need a check-up once in a while to make sure they're running efficiently. The city of Westminster and Resource Central have teamed up to provide residents with free irrigation system inspections. These simple check-ups will find out if your system is wasting water and costing you money; all you need to do is sign up!

You'll receive a thorough outdoor sprinkler inspection by a trained technician. During a 90-minute appointment, the technician will troubleshoot your system and measure your sprinkler output, grass root depth and water pressure. They'll even

provide a new, state-of-the-art irrigation schedule specific to your yard. The average home can save 5,000 gallons of water per year!

Why Should You Participate?

- Learn practical, easy, do-it-yourself sprinkler maintenance tips.
- Learn simple ways to have a healthier, more beautiful landscape.
- Receive a customized, water-efficient sprinkler schedule.

Spaces are limited, so sign up today and get your irrigation system back on track! Visit www.ResourceCentral.org/sprinkler or call 303-999-3824.

Drinking Water Quality Report Available July 1

Westminster is proud to report another year of providing high quality drinking water that meets all of the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Two city-owned water treatment facilities draw water from Stanley Lake for filtration and disinfection before the water is delivered to homes and businesses. The city remains vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation and community education, while continuing to serve the needs of our water users.

Each year, thousands of water samples are collected and analyzed to ensure the treatment process is operating effectively and efficiently. The city summarizes the quality of the drinking water for the previous year in the Water Quality Report. The 2018

report details the results of water testing performed in 2017 and provides additional information about our distribution system, source water protection and recommendations for conserving water. By July 1, the Water Quality Report will be available online at www.WestminsterWQR.us. Copies of the report will also be posted at city recreation centers and libraries, and provided to apartment complex managers for distribution to tenants upon request. Customers may request a paper copy of the report by calling 303-658-2461 or by emailing water@cityofwestminster.us. The city's Water Quality staff welcomes the opportunity to address any questions or comments about your drinking water.



Our Ditches and Why They're Important

Irrigation ditches meander through the Denver metro area, including the City of Westminster. Many of the ditches were constructed in the 1860s, including the Farmers' High Line Canal (FHL), Croke Canal and the Church Ditch. Urban areas have grown up around the ditches. Since they run water seasonally, not everyone realizes their purpose and importance. Do you live nearby, walk along or ever wonder about ditches? Here is a quick FAQ.

What are irrigation ditches?

Irrigation ditches own water rights. The FHL, Croke and Church ditches deliver water seasonally from Clear Creek to Standley Lake, which is the city's primary water supply. In addition, the FHL and Church continue past Standley Lake.

How can I find out the name of the ditch near me?

Google Maps has some of the ditches mapped and labeled. Another good resource is your library, or the city's Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department or the Public Works and Utilities Department.

Who owns irrigation ditches?

Each irrigation ditch is an independent company. Individuals and municipalities own shares in the company, making them shareholders who own the company jointly. Westminster owns shares in multiple ditches, including the above mentioned ditches.

How are irrigation ditches different than stormwater ditches?

Stormwater ditches are swales that receive storm runoff from your neighborhood and direct the water to the nearest

natural stream, such as Big Dry or Little Dry Creek. Because irrigation ditches are an important source of drinking water, they should only convey high-quality water from Clear Creek.

I live adjacent to a ditch. Who will trim the trees along the ditch?

If you are an adjacent landowner, the vegetation along the ditch is your responsibility. The ditch company generally does not own the land under and along the ditch. Instead, they have prescriptive easements, which allow them to dictate the use of the land within the easement. The ditch companies prioritize removal of trees and vegetation that impede water flow. The rest is up to you.

Can I throw yard waste or other trash in the ditch?

Please do not throw anything

in the ditches, even grass clippings. Never throw dog poop in the ditch. Keep in mind that the ditches are a vital water source, and you or someone downstream may drink this water (after treatment). Yard waste left piled on the ditch banks tend to promote sloughing of the banks by trapping moisture underneath.

I have a ditch in my backyard. Can I use the water?

No, not unless you have purchased shares in that ditch company and are a recognized shareholder. Using the water without owning shares is considered water theft.

Contact information

FHL: 303-451-7604
Church Ditch: 303-423-6010
Croke Canal: 303-659-7373



WATER

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As Westminster's current drinking water treatment system continues to age, it becomes more expensive to maintain and increasingly vulnerable to threats posed by drought and wildfire. We need to responsibly plan for the needs of future generations so our children can enjoy the same quality of life we do today.

Westminster's existing Semper Water Treatment Facility has served Westminster faithfully for almost 50 years. However, as Semper nears the end of its planned lifecycle, the city must begin proactively planning for a new drinking water facility. Long-range planning forecasts show that building a new facility will be more efficient and cost-effective for the city's customers than challenging and expensive major upgrades to the existing Semper facility.

A new drinking water facility using the latest advanced technology will provide:

- Greater resiliency in times of challenging treatment, such as a wildfire in our watershed
- Greater flexibility to adapt to changing regulatory standards
- Greater security to address future shortages in our water supply
- Greater opportunities for environmental sustainability and resource stewardship

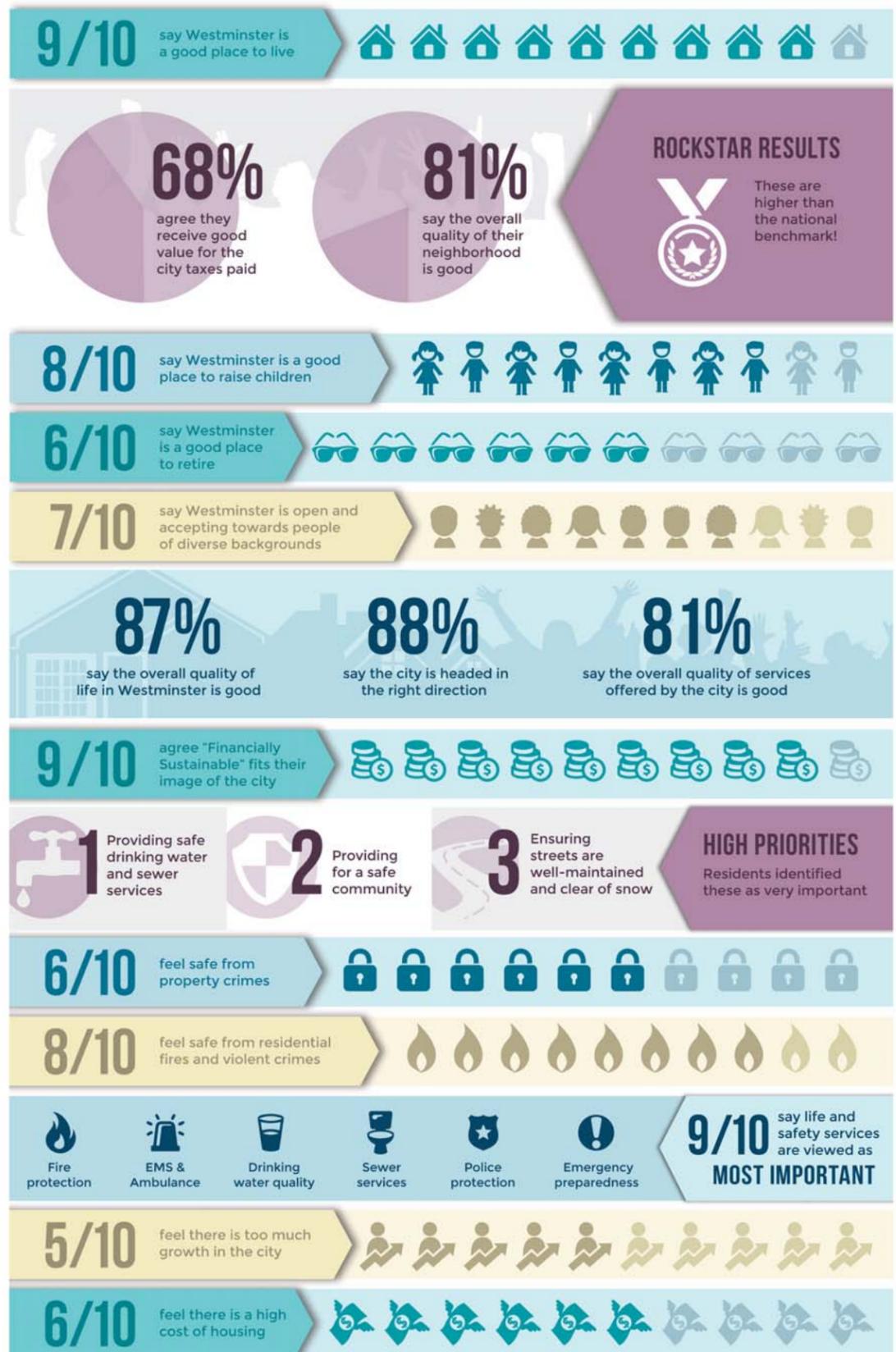
The City of Westminster's Water 2025 team understands the importance of community feedback in locating a site for our new drinking water facility. A community working group comprised of representatives from neighborhood, civic, business and faith-based organizations will provide input into the site identification process. Additional community feedback will be gathered throughout the project through a series of neighborhood events and workshops, digital surveys, online updates and more.

Once a site is selected, the following design and construction phases anticipate the new facility will be operational by 2025. For more information and to sign up for project updates, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/Water2025.



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CITY OF WESTMINSTER CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS



Fourth of July

Wednesday, July 4, Westminster City Park, 10455 Sheridan Blvd.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8-11 a.m. - Fire Department Fishing Derby

4-9 p.m. - Activities, food vendors and beer garden open

7-9 p.m. - Free concert by "Face"

9:15 p.m. - Fireworks begin

PARKING

Parking is limited at City Park; use the FREE shuttle bus from many locations in Westminster and Hyland Hills. For a shuttle schedule and more information, visit www.cityofwestminster.us/specialevents.

Grills, personal fireworks, glass containers and outside alcohol are not allowed at the event.

UNCLE SAM'S SPLASH BASH

Wednesday, July 4, 1-3 p.m., Countryside Outdoor Pool, 10470 Oak St.

Celebrate the 4th of July with water games, hot dogs, hamburgers and activities for the whole family. No registration required. Children 8 years and younger must be with an adult. General pool admission applies.



Wednesday, July 4
Westminster City Park
10455 Sheridan Blvd.

Don't miss the best fireworks display in the north metro area! Get there early for activities, food vendors, beer garden, and performances at 4 p.m.

Concert featuring Face begins at 7 p.m.

FREE shuttle bus from many locations in Westminster and Hyland Hills! For a shuttle schedule and more information, visit www.CityofWestminster.us/SpecialEvents.

No outside GRILLS, FIREWORKS, ALCOHOL, and GLASS CONTAINERS are not allowed.

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Bring the Family Out for the Annual July 4 Fishing Derby

The Westminster Fire Department invites families to come on out to City Park Lake, 5875 W. 104th Ave., from 8-11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, to participate in their annual fishing derby. This free family event is a great way to kick-off your Independence Day celebration, so grab the fishing poles, bait, lawn

chairs and sunscreen and c'mon out! Kids 15 and under compete for prizes for the biggest fish and for the first fish caught. There are goodies for all the kids, plus rides on the vintage fire truck, not to mention a barbecue lunch for the whole family. Call 303-658-4500 for more information.



Fireworks Laws and Safety - The Keys to a Safe July 4th Holiday

Limited fireworks use in Westminster is allowed, but watch the news! If the risk for fires is high, fireworks could be banned at the state level. If there is no statewide ban, then Westminster residents may use some lower-risk fireworks, but only from midnight on July 3 to noon on July 5.

There are no "safe" fireworks, but fireworks that are legal in the Colorado are allowed in Westminster.

Fountains and sparklers are permissible, but nothing that explodes or flies through the air (no cherry bombs or bottle rockets). Make sure and use permissible fireworks in an open area with nothing flammable nearby, and it's wise to have a means of putting out a fire on hand, whether it's a hose, a fire extinguisher or other extinguishing source. Also be sure to watch kids closely and tell them the risks and rules before you start - most fireworks in-

juries are from sparklers!

Don't fool yourself into thinking fires from fireworks are unusual - Westminster Fire Department responds to fires caused by fireworks every year. Fields, fences, decks - even entire homes - have burned because of fireworks use.

Be careful, follow the law, and be considerate of neighbors. Of course the safest choice is to go to a professional fireworks display like the excellent show at

Westminster City Park.

Illegal fireworks use happens every year and Westminster Police and Fire departments coordinate to tackle the issue. Citations are issued, illegal fireworks are confiscated and if illegal firework use causes a fire, the guilty party may have to pay restitution.

You may report use of illegal fireworks to the non-emergency police/fire number, 303-658-4360. To report a fire, call 911.