



City of Westminster, Maryland

Election Information Newsletter

Candidate for Mayor Dennis Dillon

My name is Dennis Dillon and I am running for mayor of Westminster I live in the heart of Westminster on Willis Street with my wife Jaimie, a local realtor at the Keller Williams Legacy Brokerage Group, sons Brady and Brendan, Brooke and Bailey II, our two black Labrador retrievers.

I have been Vice President of ARC Document Solutions, a publicly-traded company with over 2500 employees and locations nationwide, for the past 11 years and have over 20 years with the company in sales, sales management, operations and marketing for managed print services, color graphics, digital reprographics and services. I have an MBA in Business Development and a Bachelor of Science Frostburg State University. I have also coached youth soccer and football in Carroll for over a decade, including the Central Maryland Christian Crusaders football organization.

Three things that compelled me to run for mayor. First, I noticed that along Main Street and in other parts of our City businesses were hurting and closing due to the effects of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Second, I kept hearing stories from my friends and neighbors and reading in the *Carroll County Times* about increasing crime in and around Downtown Westminster, and I became a crime statistic when my car was broken into and vandalized. Third, I observed that Westminster, home to McDaniel College, a liberal arts college smack dab within our City with over 1600 students and spreading out over 160 acres, did not have the look and feel of a college town. The absence of students in and around the community on nights and weekends is striking.

As your mayor, I will bring all my skills and experience to bear to improve the business climate in our City, fight crime by supporting the brave men and women who serve and protect us while fostering better relationships between the community and law enforcement, and strengthen the relationship between McDaniel and the City government and its residents.

As your mayor I will achieve these three main goals by promoting the following policies to help our city:

- Support our businesses, especially small businesses, to not only recover from the devastating impact of the Pandemic but thrive in the future. I will work with members of the Common Council and business owners to promote policies that provide a shot in the arm to City businesses, especially restaurants and bars.
- Reaching out to the Westminster Police Department and the community to identify how our friends and neighbors in uniform and we can work together to keep our City safe.
- Talking with the administration at McDaniel and surveying the students to open a dialog on how to best integrate our neighbors who attend the college fully into the City scene and make sure that our City is a welcoming community.

If you would like to know more, please visit my campaign Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DillonforMayor, or if you have a question, please email me at: dillonformayor@gmail.com. Please consider voting for me, Dennis Dillon for Mayor on Tuesday May 11th!