



# City of Westminster, Maryland

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March 2026 Issue

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## Irish Celebration and Celtic Run Fest

**Saturday, March 14 from 7 AM - 12 PM**

### Downtown Westminster

Join us in historic downtown Westminster for the annual Irish Celebration and Celtic Run Fest. The Celtic Canter 5K run, the 1-mile Leprechaun Chase, and the 0.5K (Don't Miss the Point!). After the 5K race, enjoy a post-race party and awards ceremony.



Not a runner? Come out to enjoy the Irish Festival from 8 AM – 12 PM, complete with live music, themed vendors, demonstrations, and free activities for children. This event benefits local charities.



For even more fun after the celebration, join the pub crawl from 12 – 4 PM! Hop on the trolley that is continuously circulating throughout the day from 12 – 5 PM, stopping at many of Westminster's excellent eateries. For more information and to register, visit [www.celticcanter.org](http://www.celticcanter.org).

## Egg-Citing Bunny Trail & Egg Hunt

**March 28, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Wakefield Valley Park (1000 Fenby Farm Road)**

**Fee: FREE!**

This fun, Easter-themed trail features children's activities and crafts, a petting zoo and light concessions provided by the Carroll County 4H Rabbit and Cavy Club, and photos with the bunny as well as a traditional egg hunt: ages 1-4 at 1:30 PM and ages 5-8 at 2:30 PM. The egg hunt features over 20,000 treat-filled eggs, some of which are special prize eggs that can be redeemed for a surprise!



## 43rd Annual Main Street Mile!

**Wednesday, April 8 at 7 PM**

**Main Street, Westminster**

This isn't just any mile — it's a fast one. From the starting line to the finish, the course features an exhilarating 144-foot vertical drop, giving runners the perfect chance to crush personal records. Whether you're chasing your fastest mile yet or simply want to enjoy a lively run down Main Street, this is the race you don't want to miss.



Bring your friends, bring your energy, and get ready for a great evening in downtown Westminster. Let's fill Main Street with runners, cheers, and finish-line smiles. All runners receive a FREE ice cream sandwich at the finish.

**Register today** → <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Westminster/wrrcMainStreetMile>



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## Wine Stroll

**Saturday, April 25 from 12 - 4 PM (Early VIP Ticket Holder Access at 10:30 AM)  
Main Street, Westminster**

Sip, swirl, and savor your way through a day of pure wine-soaked fun! This stroll is bursting with bold flavors, good vibes, and unforgettable memories. From crisp whites to robust reds, explore a delicious lineup of local Maryland wines while enjoying live entertainment, great food, local artisans, and plenty of laughs. Grab your friends, raise a glass, and let the good times pour! VIP tickets on sale now at [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov)



## Summer Camp

**June 15 - August 28  
Wakefield Valley Park  
(1000 Fenby Farm Road)**



Looking for a great summer day camp for your kids? Look no further! The City of Westminster's Summer Camp Program offers a fantastic summer camp experience for children ages 6-12. Camp begins June 15th and runs through August 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Activities include crafts, field trips, swimming, sports, games, movies, and more! Weekly Tuition: City Resident \$190/ Non-City Resident \$219. Before care (7 - 9 AM) & after care (4 - 6 PM) sessions are also available for an additional fee of \$20 per session/per week. For more information or to reserve your space, please call 410-751-5501.

## Archery Summer Camp

**July 13 - 17 from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue)**

This is an archery camp, and participants will spend their time learning and shooting — there are no additional activities included. You will learn to use the principles of precision, focus, control, and repetition to start on your way to becoming a good archer. You must use our equipment for this course. (Genesis bows and aluminum target arrows by NASP.) Fee includes certified instruction/practice for 5 days, equipment use and a take home "string bow".



Progression will be measured by score keeping, plus other fun games and mini competitions. Students must be self-controlled and be able to obey range rules and protocols needed for safe shooting indoors. These written standards will be reviewed on the first day. Any misbehavior may result in being asked to leave the camp. SAFETY is our highest priority. Please wear athletic style clothing and shoes that enclose your whole foot. The gym is NOT air conditioned. Tie back long hair and no arm jewelry, dangling earrings, or hats. This program is designed for ages 9 to 12. No experience necessary.

Registration for camp starts May 1st for residents/Family Fitness Center members and June 1st for nonresidents/nonmembers.



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## GIVE THE GIFT OF SUMMER FUN! Westminster Municipal Pool (325 Royer Road)

Forget the pot of gold—the real treasure at the end of the rainbow is our crystal-clear, cool pool water! Pool memberships are still on sale with 15% off when you purchase by March 31st. Don't miss your chance to lock in savings and enjoy a season full of swimming, sun, and fun. Call today and reserve your membership (410) 751-5501.



The Municipal Pool opens on Saturday, May 23rd, and remains open through Monday, September 7th. Hours of operation are 12–7 PM daily, with weekend hours only while Carroll County Public Schools are in session. Memberships for residents in city limits are \$185 (Individual Membership) or \$360 (Family Membership). For more information, please visit: <https://www.westminstermd.gov/221/Pool>



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## City of Westminster Recreation and Parks Facility Rentals

Are you looking for rental space for your next party or additional court space for your team? Look no further! Call 410-751-5501 for more information or to make your reservation today!



Facility Rentals	Features	Times & Fees
<b>Community Building at the Westminster Municipal Pool</b> Meeting Room <i>capacity 40</i>	Tables, Chairs, Kitchen, Restroom	Times vary. \$50/hr. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: <a href="mailto:WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov">WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov</a>
<b>Dutterer Park</b>	Baseball/Softball Field, Multipurpose Field, Brick Plaza, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms, 1/2 Basketball Court, Walking/Biking Path	<b><u>Pavilion Reservation:</u></b> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125  <b><u>Field Reservation:</u></b> \$75/Hour
<b>King Park</b>	Basketball Court, Tennis/Pickleball Court, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms	<b><u>Pavilion Reservation:</u></b> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 <b><u>Court Reservation:</u></b> \$25/Hour
<b>Wakefield Valley Park Event Center</b> Multipurpose Room- <i>capacity 350</i> Large Meeting Room- <i>capacity 110</i> Small Meeting Room- <i>capacity 72</i> Pavilion- <i>capacity 190</i> <b>Full facility rentals available.</b>	Tables, Table Linens, Chairs, Catering Prep Kitchen, Restrooms	Rates and times vary. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: <a href="mailto:events@wakefieldvalleyevents.com">events@wakefieldvalleyevents.com</a>
<b>Westminster City Park</b>	2 Baseball/Softball Fields, Basketball Court, 2 Pavilions, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Playground, 1/2 Basketball Court, Full Basketball Court	<b><u>Pavilion Reservation:</u></b> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 (Cost is per pavilion- 2 available)  <b><u>Field Reservation:</u></b> \$75/Hour <b><u>Court Reservation:</u></b> \$25/Hour
<b>Westminster Family Fitness Center</b> Gymnasium Yoga Studio Barre Studio	Indoor Full Court, Basketball Court, 3 Indoor Pickleball Courts, Studio Space, Meeting Rooms, Tables, Chairs, Restrooms	<b><u>Reservation Cost:</u></b> City Resident/ Gym Member \$50/hr. Non-City Resident/ Non-Member \$60/hr.  <b><u>After-Hour Rates</u></b> , Mon.- Fri. after 8 PM, Sat-Sun after 1 PM City Resident/ Gym member \$75/hr. Non-City Resident/ Non-Member \$85/hr. \$30/hr. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: <a href="mailto:WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov">WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov</a>



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## Volunteers

The City of Westminster's Recreation and Parks Department hosts events like the Irish Celebration & Celtic Run Fest, Wine Stroll, Fallfest, and many more! These events attract thousands of people to Downtown Westminster every year. To operate these fun and unique events, we need your help. We hope you will consider volunteering!



Visit our website at [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov) to check out our volunteer incentive program. Volunteer incentives include general admission tickets to a stroll, a show at the Carroll County Art's Council, Fallfest Ride Wristbands, a branded volunteer long-sleeve t-shirt, and more!

Please email [westminsterrec@westminstermd.gov](mailto:westminsterrec@westminstermd.gov) if you have any questions or are part of a team, organization, or business that would like to volunteer.



## Calling All Vendors!

The City of Westminster Recreation and Parks Department is searching for vendors to set up during downtown special events!

### Save the date for our 2026 vendor shows:

**Irish Celebration & Celtic Run Fest** – March 14

**Wine Stroll** – April 25

**Flower and Jazz Festival** – May 9

**Beer and BBQ Stroll** – June 20

**A Toast to Italy** – July 11

**Westminster Fallfest** – September 24 - 27

**Oyster Stroll** – October 10



For more information and to complete an application for consideration, visit [www.westminstermd.gov/FormCenter](http://www.westminstermd.gov/FormCenter)



## Events Happening at McDaniel College

Check out the McDaniel website or scan the QR Code for the most up-to-date information on events that are open to the public, including lectures, theatre performances, concerts and more.





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## Important Notice: Convenience Fee for Credit/Debit Card Payments

Starting **April 1, 2026**, the City of Westminster will begin assessing a **convenience fee** for all transactions paid using a credit or debit card, except those charges for on going memberships fees, such as fitness center memberships and pool memberships.

### Why is this change being made?

Currently, the costs associated with processing credit and debit card payments—including transaction fees charged by payment processors and card issuing banks—are absorbed by the City's general fund. This practice ultimately impacts the budget allocated for essential municipal services. By implementing a convenience fee, the City can ensure that the processing costs for these optional payment methods are covered by the users who elect to utilize them, allowing the City to redirect resources back into improving vital services for our residents.

### Key Details

- **Fee Structure:** The convenience fee will be a percentage of the total transaction amount.
- **Transparency:** The exact fee amount will be clearly displayed before you finalize any credit or debit card payment, giving you the opportunity to choose an alternative payment method.

### Alternative Payment Options

We understand that you may prefer to avoid this fee. With the exception of the Police Department, which can only accept check or money order, the City of Westminster will continue to accept the following payment methods at no additional cost:

- Cash
- Check or Money Order (in person or mailed)
- ACH (Electronic funds transfer from a bank account, where available)

We appreciate your understanding as we implement this change to manage administrative costs effectively. For questions, please call (410) 848-3255.



### Sign up to receive alerts!

Do you receive alerts from the City of Westminster? If you would like to receive them, sign up for an account on the City's website at <http://www.westminstermd.gov/>. The City uses Notify Me®, a mass notification system, to inform residents of emergency and general notifications such as changes to the refuse schedule.

Once signed in, you may select to receive information by phone text message or email. If you want to receive text messages, enter your phone number and select Save. Then, click the Email icon and/or SMS icon next to the requested subscription lists.



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## Household Trash Schedule for 2026

The following dates are recognized as holidays during 2026 and will result in altered schedules for household trash collection provided by Ecology Services.

- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November)
- Christmas (December 25)
- New Years Day (2027)

For these holiday weeks, if the collection day falls on the holiday, trash will be collected the next day. This includes Friday pick ups, which will be collected on Saturday.



## Scheduled Yard Waste and Bulk Trash Curbside Collections

- To schedule a pickup request for any of the below items, please call: **410-848-9077**
- Bi-weekly curbside collection of tree limbs and brush, metal and tires, and other bulk trash also continues. Pickup requests must be scheduled in order to guarantee collection on the appropriate date.
- Weekly curbside collection of yard waste continues every Wednesday. Yard waste must be in paper bags or bushel containers, and pickups must be scheduled to ensure collection.
- Christmas tree pickup is available with tree limb and brush. Please call to schedule a pickup.

## Winter Snow Removal

As a reminder to City residents, snow or ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after any snow or ice ceases to fall, in accordance with City of Westminster Code regulations as stated below:



City of Westminster Code §139-4(B)- “Owners and occupants of premises fronting any street with paved sidewalks shall remove snow and ice from the traveled portion of the sidewalk to a width of at least 30 inches within 24 hours after any snow or ice ceases to fall.”

Non-compliance with this Code provision could result in a fine of \$200 or more. Please be a good neighbor by maintaining your property in an appropriate condition. If you have a concern about possible non-compliance with this Code provision, please contact the City’s Code Enforcement Officer at 410-848-2261.





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## 2026 City of Westminster Bulk Trash Schedule (City Residents Only)

Call 410-848-9077 to schedule a pickup

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\*Yellow indicates pickup days

\*\*Red indicates City of Westminster holidays