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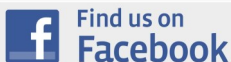
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[Westminster, Maryland](#): Holiday schedule changes, inclement weather and emergency information

[City of Westminster Recreation & Parks Department](#): Events, parade information, fitness classes, park openings

[Downtown Westminster, Maryland](#): News about Downtown Westminster, from business openings and specials to events and business news

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Mayor's Community Meeting

Thursday, April 23 at 6 PM

Westminster Historic District Update

The Westminster Historic District, accepted by the Maryland Historical Trust's National Register of Historic Places, is getting an update after 46 years. The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster have selected EAC/Archeology, Inc. to perform the update. The consultant will note changes in development that have occurred in the district over the past several decades. Join Mayor Mona Becker on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of Exploration Commons, 50 East Main Street, for a project overview and opportunity to connect with the consultant. Parking is available in the Longwell Parking Garage. You can find information about the National Register Update, including an online form to submit stories or photos, on the City's website:

www.westminstermd.gov/NRUpdate



Westminster Wednesdays

Live Music on the Library Lawn Returns in April

April's Westminster Wednesday will enjoy the start of this year's LIVE MUSIC lineup beginning on April 1, 2026 with The Lovable Idiots. This promotion encourages residents to explore all Historic Downtown Westminster has to offer with extended shopping hours, outdoor dining, and live music. Music will be at the Westminster Public Library Stage located at 50 East Main Street. The set time is 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Public parking is free after 5:00 p.m. Performing Artist Honey Sol will be featured in May.



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>



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 are officially sold out, but don't worry- there are still a few Gehr Lot reserved tickets available at westminstermd.gov! All general admission tickets will be available for purchase at the entrance gates the day of the stroll!





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Mommy & Son Date Night

Wednesday, May 6 from 6 – 8:30 PM

Wakefield Valley Park Event Center (1000 Fenby Farm Road)

Dust off those cowboy hats and bring your little partner for a boot-scootin' good time! This country-themed evening is full of music, dancing, and sweet moments you'll both treasure. Whether you're twirling across the floor or just tapping your boots to the beat, it's the perfect chance to slow down and enjoy some special time together. Tickets are selling fast! Make sure you secure yours today at westminstermd.gov.



Flower and Jazz Festival

Saturday, May 9 from 10 AM - 4 PM

Main Street, Westminster

The Westminster Flower and Jazz Festival is an annual event held in historic Downtown Westminster the Saturday before Mother's Day. This downtown street fair features local nurseries offering a variety of plants, flowers, and shrubs for purchase; food vendors serving a multitude of tasty treats; live entertainment across three stages; and over 200 craft and retail vendors showcasing a variety of unique items. This is a great event for the whole family with special appeal to moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, etc.



Free Flowers: Moms stop by the City of Westminster's tent for your free flower! Happy Mother's Day!

Ruck & Rosé 5K – Carroll County's First Ruck Race!

Saturday, May 9 at 9 AM

Wakefield Valley Park (1000 Fenby Farm Road)

Grab your ruck, rally your friends, (or moms!) and get ready for a brand-new event coming to Westminster! Be part of a fun Mother's Day celebration that blends fitness, community, and a little rosé. Rooted in military training, **rucking** is simply walking or hiking with weight in a backpack—making it a beginner-friendly workout and a great alternative to running. Participants will complete a scenic 5K course before celebrating at the **Rocking Ruck Party** with a DJ, race refreshments, free rosé for participants, and an awards ceremony. Every participant receives a **finisher medal and a T-shirt!** We can't wait for you to be part of Westminster's very first ruck race!



\$30/person (individual registration)

\$100/team (4 participants)

Register today by scanning the QR code !





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Archery Summer Camp

July 13 – 17 from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue)

Participants will spend their time learning to use the principles of precision, focus, control, and repetition to start on your way to becoming a good archer. Every participant 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. This program is designed for ages 9 to 12. No experience necessary.

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

Archery Beginners Classes

May 19, 21, 26 and 28 – 11:30 AM for Home School or 4:30 PM for ages 9 and up
And

June 2, 4, 9, and 11 – 11:30 AM for ADULTS ONLY or 4:30 PM for ages 9 and up

Westminster Family Fitness Center (11 Longwell Avenue)

Try your hand at the ancient sport of target archery. No experience necessary. 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 4 days, equipment use and a take home "string bow". Progression will be measured by score keeping. Students must be self-controlled and be able to obey range rules and protocols needed for safe shooting indoors. Classes are open for adults down to 4th grade.



Registration is open now! Please call 410-751-5501 to reserve your space today!

Daddy & Daughter Date Night

Wednesday, June 17 from 6 – 8:30 PM

Wakefield Valley Park Event Center (1000 Fenby Farm Road)

Put on your boots and grab your little cowgirl! This country-themed evening is all about sweet smiles, spinning on the dance floor, and making memories that will last a lifetime. From twirls and two-steps to laughter and special moments together, it's a night dads (or father figures!) and daughters won't want to miss. Tickets are on sale now at

westminstermd.gov!



Beer and BBQ Stroll

Saturday, June 20 from 12 - 4 PM

(Early VIP Ticket Holder Access at 10:30 AM)

Main Street, Westminster

Get ready to raise your glass and fire up your appetite! The Beer & BBQ Stroll is the ultimate celebration of bold flavors, cold brews, and good vibes. Sample craft beers from local Maryland breweries, sink your teeth into smoky, mouthwatering BBQ, enjoy live music across three stages, and shop with local artisans. Bring your friends, bring your appetite, and get ready for a finger-lickin', sip-tastic good time! Secure your VIP tickets today at westminstermd.gov!





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Westminster Municipal Pool (325 Royer Road)

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to start planning for summer at the pool! Memberships are available for purchase with a **10% discount** through April 30. Take advantage of this limited-time savings and get ready for a season of sunshine, swimming, and fun with family and friends. Don't miss your chance to lock in your membership early by calling 410-751-5501! For more information, please visit westminstermd.gov.



The Municipal Pool opens on Saturday, May 23, and remains open through Monday, September 7. Hours of operation are 12 – 7 PM daily, with weekend hours only while Carroll County Public Schools are in session.

New! We now offer Private/Semi-Private Swim Lessons for ages 3 & up, all skill levels welcome. To schedule, please fill out an interest form online, by scanning the QR code!



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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
Community Building at the Westminster Municipal Pool Meeting Room <i>capacity 40</i>	Tables, Chairs, Kitchen, Restroom	Times vary. \$50/hr. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov
Dutterer Park	Baseball/Softball Field, Multipurpose Field, Brick Plaza, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms, 1/2 Basketball Court, Walking/Biking Path	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 <u>Field Reservation:</u> \$75/Hour Email inquiries to: WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov
King Park	Basketball Court, Tennis/Pickleball Court, Pavilion, Playground, Restrooms	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 <u>Court Reservation:</u> \$25/Hour
Wakefield Valley Park Event Center 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> Full facility rentals available.	Tables, Table Linens, Chairs, Catering Prep Kitchen, Restrooms	Rates and times vary. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: events@wakefieldvalleyevents.com
Westminster City Park	2 Baseball/Softball Fields, Basketball Court, 2 Pavilions Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Playground, 1/2 Basketball Court, Full Basketball Court	<u>Pavilion Reservation:</u> 10 AM - 2 PM: \$75 3 - 7 PM: \$75 10 AM - 7 PM: \$125 (Cost is per pavilion- 2 available) <u>Field Reservation:</u> \$75/Hour <u>Court Reservation:</u> \$25/Hour Email inquiries to: WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov
Westminster Family Fitness Center Gymnasium Yoga Studio Barre Studio	Indoor Full Court, Bas- ketball Court, 3 Indoor Pickleball Courts, Studio Space, Meeting Rooms, Tables, Chairs, Restrooms	Rates and times vary. Tours are available by appointment. Email inquiries to: WestminsterRec@Westminstermd.gov



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Volunteers

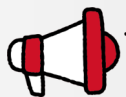
The City of Westminster's Recreation and Parks Department proudly hosts signature events like the Irish Celebration & Celtic Run Fest, Wine Stroll, Fallfest, and many more—bringing thousands of visitors to Downtown Westminster each year. These fun, one-of-a-kind events wouldn't be possible without the help of our amazing volunteers, and we'd love for you to join us!



As a thank you for volunteering, we offer a volunteer incentive program! Visit www.westminstermd.gov to explore this program. Incentives may include general admission tickets to a stroll, tickets to a Carroll County Arts Council show, Fallfest ride wristbands, a branded volunteer long-sleeve t-shirt, and more!

Have questions or interested in volunteering as a team, organization, or business? Email us at westminsterrec@westminstermd.gov —we'd be happy to hear from you!

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:

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

Events Happening at McDaniel College

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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.

<https://www.mcdaniel.edu/about-us/event-calendars>





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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.

2026 Season Opening Soon!

DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS 8:00AM-NOON
MAY 16-NOVEMBER 21
ON CONAWAY LOT
27 RAILROAD AVE, WESTMINSTER, MD



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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