



# THE South Street Sentinel

**WESTMINSTER-MA.GOV**

## 10TH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER CRACKER FESTIVAL

**A FREE EVENT FOR ALL**

**October 18, 2025 | 10 AM - 5 PM**  
**Village Square, Westminster**

LIVE MUSIC FROM

**THE FOOLS**

**MR. STRICKLAND | THE TRIBE | FRED ELLSWORTH**  
**WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY BAND**

**CHILI COOK-OFF**



**DRINKS**



**KIDS ACTIVITIES**



**VENDORS**



**5K RUN / WALK**



**JOIN THE FUN  
THIS FALL!**

[WWW.CRACKERFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.CRACKERFESTIVAL.COM) | [FACEBOOK: WESTMINSTER CRACKER FESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/WestminsterCrackerFestival)



### Get Ready To Celebrate!

This October marks the 10th Annual Westminster Cracker Festival!

Since 2015, thousands have filled the Village Center on the 3rd Saturday of October for a day packed with food, music, vendors, contests, events, and plenty of hometown fun.

Hosted by the Westminster Village Foundation, it's our way of showing off all the charm and spirit Westminster has to offer! The festival helps keep our community thriving—because nothing brings people together like a lively downtown full of laughter, local flavor, and shared memories.

Proceeds go right back into supporting our town, so every smile and every dance step makes a difference.

So grab your family, call your friends, and come be part of this unforgettable community tradition. Trust us—you don't want to miss it!

CONNECTING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY  
**WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL**

11 SOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, MA 01473 | COMMUNITY SERVICES: (978) 874-7461 | [EMAIL US](mailto:info@westminsterma.gov)

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN THE FUN

# WESTMINSTER CRACKER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 | 10 AM - 5 PM



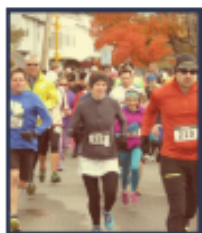
## SCARECROWS ON MAIN STREET

MAKE A SCARECROW WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

FREE TO ENTER, CASH PRIZES!

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE,

VISIT [TINYURL.COM/SCARECROWS25](https://tinyurl.com/scarecrows25) OR FORBUSH LIBRARY

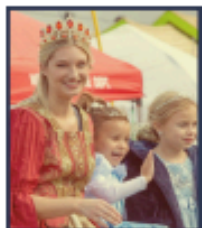


## BLUEPRINT 5K AT 9:00 AM

KICK OFF FESTIVAL DAY RIGHT ON OUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY COURSE

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [TINYURL.COM/WCF5K25](https://tinyurl.com/wcf5k25)

ONE FREE POLAR SELTZER OR BEER (21+) FOR PARTICIPANTS!



## PARADE OF PRINCESSES & PRINCES

KIDS, JOIN THE CRACKER QUEEN IN YOUR ROYAL WEAR

FOR A PROCESSION THROUGH THE FESTIVAL!

<NEW TIME> MEET AT 1:35 P.M. AT HARRIGAN FLOORING

THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM SPONSORS:

**AUBUCHON**  
HARDWARE



THE  
NORMANDIN  
GROUP



[WWW.CRACKERFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.CRACKERFESTIVAL.COM) | FACEBOOK: WESTMINSTER CRACKER FESTIVAL





**Join us as we officially welcome our new Police Chief**, followed by a community meet-and-greet with refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support and get to know the newest member of our police department and public safety team.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

*Swearing in of Westminster's  
New Police Chief:*

**Matthew LeMay**

**TUESDAY** | **SEPTEMBER** | **4:30-6:30PM**  
**30**

**Westminster Senior/Community Center**  
69 West Main Street, Westminster



After many rounds of interviews, the Westminster Select Board ultimately decided that LeMay would be our best next choice for Police Chief.

*Matt LeMay has over 28 years of experience in law enforcements. He most recently served as a Captain with the Fitchburg Police Department. According to his his LinkedIn profile, he is deeply committed to building strong relationships, enhancing department operations, and promoting transparency, trust, and accountability in policing.*

*LeMay has led many larger-scale events, including Fitchburg's first Black Lives Matter demonstration and university operations, developed long-term strategic plans, implemented body-worn camera programs, modernized internal systems, and fostered collaborative public health initiatives.*

He claims to bring a progressive, ethical approach to law enforcement leadership grounded in operational excellence, inclusion, and community engagement.

He is certified through the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy and is a holder of a Master's in Criminal Justice.

*"I approach every challenge with a strategic mindset, compassion for the community, and a drive for continuous improvement."*







Grab your lawn chairs and bring the whole family for an action-packed, fun-filled evening as our local heroes trade their gear for gloves and go head-to-head on the softball field!



Will the Firefighters bring the heat, or will the Police lay down the law?



**OCTOBER 3RD @ 4:00 PM**

**SOUTH STREET BASEBALL FIELD ACROSS FROM THE TOWN HALL**

The Little League Snack Shack will be Open for Food & Drinks!



**FREE ENTRY**

**SEPTEMBER 20 AT 4:00 PM**

**ACADEMY HILL**

RAIN LOCATION: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 7 SOUTH STREET

*A patriotic show for all ages*  
**BRING LAWN CHAIRS AND WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE**



**WESTMINSTER PARKS AND RECREATION**  
presents our

**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**

*Celebration*

**December 6th**

Rain Date: December 7th

A NICE REMINDER FROM OUR LOCAL CUB SCOUTS!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING THROUGH. A SMILE IS AN EASY WAY TO SAY YOU CARE IN THE SMALLEST OF WAYS!



TO OUR CUB SCOUTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

**IF YOU SEE**

- A CLASSMATE SITTING ALONE.
- A CLASSMATE BEING PICKED ON.
- A CLASSMATE WHO IS NEW, SHY, OR LEFT OUT.
- A CLASSMATE PLAYING ALONE AT RECESS.

**BE BRAVE. BE KIND.  
BE A CUB SCOUT.**

SAY HI. INVOLVE THEM. INVITE THEM TO PLAY.

BECAUSE A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY,  
AND ONE KIND SCOUT  
CAN CHANGE SOMEONE'S WHOLE DAY!





FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY



# HAUNTED LIBRARY

Tour the library and check out the many spooky thrills and chills. IF YOU DARE!

OCTOBER 31



5:00-7:00 PM

Thank you to the *Ryan P. Jones Heart of a Hero Foundation* for sponsoring this event.

JOIN US AT THIS YEAR'S  
CRACKER FESTIVAL!  
DROP A CANDY OR TOY  
DONATION IN OUR  
TRUNK FOR THE  
HALLOWEEN EVENT!



NEW THIS YEAR! ADD [A VISIT TO FORBUSH](#) TO YOUR HALLOWEEN NIGHT SCHEDULE!



WESTMINSTER PARKS & REC

# HALLOWEEN



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
5:00-7:00PM

TRUNK-OR-TREAT IN THE MEETINGHOUSE SCHOOL LOT

BACON, PLEASANT & ELLIOTT STREETS WILL BE OPEN FOR  
TRICK-OR-TREATING (BACON/PLEASANT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)



SCAN TO DONATE CANDY,  
TOYS & MORE! THESE ITEMS  
WILL BE HANDED OUT TO  
THE PARTICIPATING HOMES  
FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING!

COSTUME  
CONTEST &  
BONFIRE AT THE  
FIRE STATION AT  
7PM





**Forbush**  
Memorial Library



TUE-THU: 10AM-8PM  
FRI: 10AM-5PM | SAT: 9AM-2PM  
SUN & MON: CLOSED

SIGN-UP FOR OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE: [FORBUSHLIBRARY.ORG](https://forbushlibrary.org)!

# BOOK SALE

*Saturday, October 18th*

Presented by the Friends of Forbush Library

Stop by the attic and search for your next adventure!



**Forbush**  
Memorial Library

ALL BOOKS ARE ONLY \$1!!



Details and  
registration online at  
[forbushlibrary.org/cal  
endar-events](https://forbushlibrary.org/calendar-events)

for grades 6 - 12+



Fun & interactive financial education!

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00-6:00PM

## COOKBOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST  
12:00PM | ELORANTA ROOM

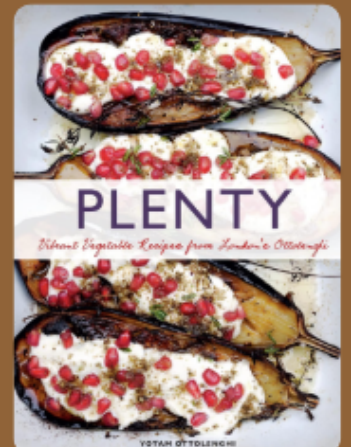
**READ:**

this  
cookbook

**COOK:**  
one of the  
recipes

**EAT:**

a potluck  
lunch





# October Virtual Author Talks



## Nuestra América

Inspiring stories of  
Latinos throughout  
history

Thu, Oct. 2, 2:00 PM



## Leigh Bardugo

10 Years of Daring Heists  
and Lovable Outcasts in  
YA Fantasy with Leigh  
Bardugo

Thu, Oct. 9, 7:00 PM

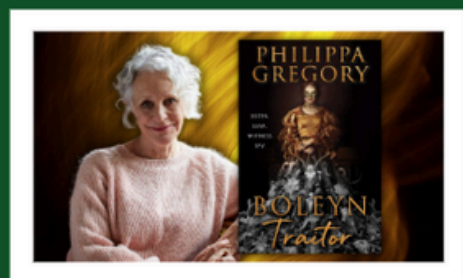


## Malala Yousafzai

Finding My Way  
Wed, Oct. 22, 7:00 PM



Attend live  
online, or watch a  
recording later!



## Philippa Gregory

Courtly Intrigue and  
Whispers as Weapons  
Wed, Oct. 29, 2:00 PM



Hosted by Town Administrator Stephanie Lahtinen



### **We want to hear from you!**

Have an idea for a podcast? A topic that you think should be covered in an upcoming episode? Are you a member of a club or group in town with a special event coming up you'd like to share? We want to know! Please reach out to Stephanie Lahtinen with your comments or ideas: [podcast@westminster-ma.gov](mailto:podcast@westminster-ma.gov).

## ~ RECENT EPISODES ~

### **Episode 14 – Health Director Abby Conlin**

Recently on The Town Crier, Health Director Abby Conlin joins us to cover flu clinics, rodent concerns, home kitchen permitting for local bakers and food enthusiasts, and the everyday permits handled by the Health Department. We also dig into well water vs. town water, Title 5 bedroom rules, the new ADU bylaw, and seasonal reminders on ticks and mosquitoes. Abby shares the latest on PFAS and how residents can get answers to their water quality related questions. We'll wrap with a summer send-off and a look ahead to the MBTA Communities Special Town Meeting on September 16 regarding MBTA Communities Zoning.

**NEW EPISODES EVERY TWO WEEKS! LISTEN IN  
WHERE YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS:**

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 Apple Podcasts



# FIRE DEPT NEWS!



**9/11 Ceremonies** – This September 11<sup>th</sup> marked the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. We held our annual ceremonies with a special dedication. Chief Tamulen with considerable assistance from the Maintenance Staff and DPW re-dedicated the memorials to Officer Nivala and Officer Jupin who were both killed in the Line of Duty serving the Town of Westminster. If you were not able to make it to the ceremonies, I encourage everyone to visit the new location and pay their respects.



## Tolling of the Bell

Long before telephones and radios, fire departments used the telegraph to communicate. When the handle was pulled on the once-familiar red fire alarm boxes found on nearly every street corner of America, a special code was transmitted to every fire station.

When a firefighter died in the line of duty, the fire alarm office would tap out a special signal. That signal was five measured dashes, then a pause, then five measured dashes, another pause...then five more dashes. This became universally known as the Tolling of the Bell and was broadcast over all telegraph fire alarm circuits. This signal was a sign of honor and respect for all firefighters who had made the ultimate sacrifice and has become a time-honored tradition.

## The symbolism of the "four fives" represents:

- **The end of duty.** In the days of bell commands, a bell ringing signaled the start and end of a tour of duty or an emergency call. The repeated sequence of five bells signals that a firefighter's watch has ended and they are returning to quarters for the last time.
- **A final sign-off.** The code is a symbolic "last alarm," a final announcement that a firefighter's service has concluded.
- **A signal of respect.** The ceremony is a solemn way for firefighters and the community to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who have died.



**Old Town Hall** – The following photograph is from the Old Town Hall taken during an inspection. In this part of their construction, they have installed steel beams to support the floor above. This will allow them to do the foundation and structural work to bring the building to code. This phase of their project will include installing footings, a basement and basement slab so they can install future structural components throughout the building.



**Senior Housing** – As the final inspections start to wrap up, one additional step that we have added to these large projects is apartment marking. We have added the requirements to place markings at the floor level annotating the apartment number. The building is fully equipped with a fire alarm and sprinkler system. Should there ever be a fire at this location the sprinklers will activate. Once that happens water turns to steam at a 1,700:1 ratio meaning for every square foot of water there will be 1,700 square feet of steam. Placing markings at the floor level will allow firefighters to be more efficient identifying apartments during search, rescue and suppression operations while crawling down the hallway.

JOIN US FOR A

# THANKSGIVING

## Dinner Dance

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> | 5:00-8:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM | DINNER SERVED 5:00-6:00PM

MUSIC & DANCING 6:00-8:00PM

Join us for an autumn evening full of flavor, music, and fun! Enjoy a hearty Italian-style buffet prepared by S'amorerays, then dance the night away (or simply relax and sing along!) to timeless hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond. It's the perfect chance to share good food, great music, and plenty of smiles with friends old and new. Reserve your spot at the front desk today! Cost is \$15 per person. Guests 55+ are welcome—bring a friend and make it a night to remember!

AT THE WESTMINSTER SENIOR  
CENTER

# HAPPENING AT THE SENIOR CENTER!



## Foot Care Clinic

**Wednesdays  
Sept. 10 & 24**

**HOURS:**  
9:00AM-3:00PM

**COST:** \$45  
cash, check, card

Goodbye Vanessa, but hello Debbie! The Senior Center staff and clients would like to thank Vanessa for opening the doors to our very successful Foot Care Clinic! We are forever grateful and wish her well. We'd like to give Debbie Giniewicz (BSN, RN) a warm welcome! She looks forward to meeting everyone. Appointments will be offers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month!



## SENIOR CENTER SALON

FEATURING

~ TINA TILLINGHAST, HAIRSTYLIST ~

**Offering Hair & Manicure/Pedicure Services!**

**\$20** Haircut | **\$25** Haircut & Blow Dry

**\$5** Beard/Mustache Trim

(hair washing services are unavailable)

**\$30** Manicure | **\$50** Pedicure

**Both Men & Women welcome!**



Every Tuesday!  
Appointment Times: 9:00AM-12:30PM

PLEASE CALL WESTMINSTER SENIOR CENTER 978-874-7402  
TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

\*VAN SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR WESTMINSTER SENIOR RESIDENTS\*  
PLEASE REQUEST VAN PICKUP WHEN SCHEDULING HAIR APPOINTMENT



## VACCINE CLINIC

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Westminster Senior Center**  
**69 West Main St., Westminster**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Flu vaccine available for ages 5 years old+

COVID vaccine may be offered, pending  
availability and federal recommendations

*Registration encouraged; walk-ins accepted*  
*Please bring insurance card if you have one*

**Call the Montachusett Public Health Network**  
**at 978-602-2356 for registration and questions**

## FALL WORD SEARCH



P	Y	A	I	M	N	L	M	E	O	N	L	T	E	C
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SEPTEMBER

HARVEST

ACORNS

TREES

SCARECROW

SWEATER

CIDER

APPLES

OCTOBER

AUTUMN

FALL

NOVEMBER

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A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin in the top left corner. The text "No School" is written in a black, cursive font.

**MONDAY, OCT. 13TH**  
*COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY*  
**ALL GRADES!**

A logo featuring a green cartoon moose with antlers.

John R. Briggs Elementary School

A logo featuring a bald eagle's head in a circular frame.

Overlook Middle School

A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin in the top left corner. The text "Early Release!" is written in a black, cursive font.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8TH**  
*EARLY RELEASE!*  
**ALL GRADES!**

A logo featuring a stylized, colorful horse head.

Westminster  
Elementary/Meetinghouse School



Stay in the know!  
click any of the schools  
to bring you directly to  
that school's webpage!

# UNIQUE COMMUNITY VOICES

Panel Discussion  
Brought to you by AWRSC Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee

A logo featuring a red apple with a green leaf. Below the apple, the text "ASHBURNHAM WESTMINSTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" is written in a green, sans-serif font.

**OCTOBER 8TH**  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Oakmont Auditorium**

A circular portrait of Doreen Johnson, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer.

Doreen Johnson  
Educator

A circular portrait of Wendy Smolinsky, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white top.

Wendy Smolinsky  
IT Director - Automation  
AWRSD School Committee  
SEPAC

A circular portrait of Helen Yan, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark top.

Helen Yan  
Third Year College Student  
at Harvard  
AWRSD Graduate



Support your Oakmont Spartans  
and Overlook Eagles !

View all of the athletic team  
schedules [HERE!](#)



Chromebook insurance is available  
for all students! Please visit your  
MSB page or contact your school  
for more information!

Join moderator Dr. Todd Stewart, Superintendent, to hear  
about life stories, lived experiences and how various  
elements of identities have shaped those experiences.  
Light refreshments and informal discussion to follow.

**THIS EVENT IS  
OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC**

**FREE CHILDCARE  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE**







# WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET

Open Fridays from 3-6pm on Academy Hill

Fresh, Local Foods, Friends and Fun!  
Bringing you local meats, cheeses,  
vegetables, fruits, crafts and live entertainment.

<https://westminsterfarmersmarket.com/>  
[www.facebook.com/westminsterfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/westminsterfarmersmarket)



THE MARKET  
CONTINUES  
EVERY FRIDAY  
THROUGH  
OCTOBER 17TH

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - THE WESTMINSTER STRUMMERS PERFORM



## Arts & Crafts in Agriculture

Westminster Farmers' Market – Sept 19th 3:00-6:00 pm  
Arts & Crafts in Agriculture in the Big Tent from 3:30-5:30 pm

- Flower & Pollinator themed Fine Arts
- Fiber Arts & Crafts including Felting, Knitting, Crocheting
- The return of Soil Your Undies
- Visit with Show Chickens and Alpacas
- Shop your favorite Farmers' Market Vendors



Thanks for  
supporting  
local growers  
and makers!

Sponsored by the  
Westminster Agricultural Commission  
[westminsterfarmersmarket.com](https://westminsterfarmersmarket.com)

Find us on Academy Hill Road in Westminster (up the hill from the red Westminster Cracker building)

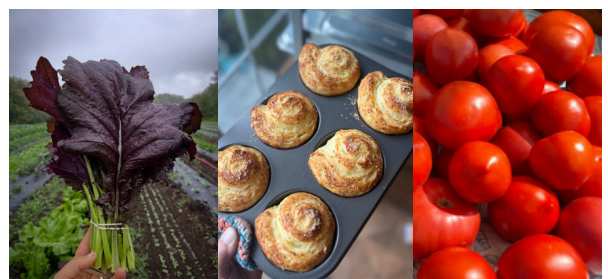
### WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET 2025 LOYALTY CARD


MARKET VENDORS STAMP WITH EVERY PURCHASE. FILL THE CARD REDEEM FOR \$5 MARKET MONEY!

PSST... FILL YOUR MARKET LOYALTY CARDS and TURN THEM IN TO BETH MELLOR, the Market Manager, for \$5 MARKET MONEY. Add contact info to the back for A CHANCE TO WIN OUR END-OF-SEASON BASKET RAFFLE!



And kids (or adults) if you've been playing our CHICKLET GAME bring your CHICKLET CARDS on the last market day for a chance to WIN A CHICKLET! You'll need to have at least 3 circles filled (find at least 3 chicklets). We hide THE THREE CHICKLETS at the Market EVERY WEEK, ask a vendor for a card!







## PUBLIC NOTICE – TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

### BOARD OF HEALTH

### MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please be advised that the the BOH will be changing the day of its regular meetings.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2025**

**MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE FIRST  
AND THIRD **MONDAY** OF EACH MONTH**

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please let us know! Thank you!

~ Westminster Board of Health



**MEETING  
TIME  
REMAINS AT  
4:30PM**



**NEW LOCATION:  
ROOM 222**

October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Please note that the Town Hall will no longer be offering free covid testing tests. The state of massachusetts will no longer be providing them free fo charge. our board of health is looking into other options, but if you do not see tests at the town hall, please understand that at this time we are unable to offer them. please contact your doctor or local drugstore for additional assistance. thank you!



As the seasons change and both allergies and illnesses start to increase, please remember to stay home or out of crowded public spaces when sick. This goes a long way to ensuring the safety of others who may be compromised.

**Stay home  
when sick**





# THE WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY



## SEEKS DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

**To Help Local Residents in Need!**

The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the First Congregational Church of Westminster, 138 E. Main Street and is open to Westminster residents on Thursday evenings from 6:30–7:30PM.

Since 1998 the pantry has assisted Westminster residents with supplemental food assistance. The pantry is run entirely by volunteers and since it is not affiliated with any other agencies, it depends entirely on donations from individuals and businesses. Space for the pantry is generously donated by the First Congregational Church of Westminster, so virtually 100% of donated funds are used to purchase food. We also bring food items to the Westminster Senior Center weekly so our Westminster seniors have easy access to supplemental food they might need.

### There are multiple ways to help:

**Donate Food:** Food donations can be dropped off at the Congregational Church in the collection bin on the side porch. *If you have a larger, food-drive sized donation, please call us at 978-729-8934.*

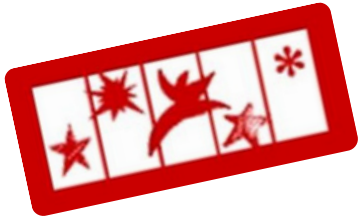
**Consider a Monetary Donation:** These can be sent to the Westminster Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 767, Westminster, MA 01473.

**Volunteer:** If you are interested in learning more about the pantry and volunteering, stop by on Thursdays and see us, or contact Cathy McDonald at (978) 729-8934.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





# *Westminster Cultural Council*

## Seeks Funding Proposals

This year the Westminster Cultural Council will distribute over \$12,000 in grants for community-oriented arts, humanities, sciences, technology, visual and performing arts, and history. Funds can be used for a variety of projects and activities in Westminster including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures, performances, etc. These programs can service children, teens, adults, or our elderly. Previously funded projects include music events at the Community Senior Center, cultural programs in town schools, entertainment at the Farmer's Market, various programs at the Forbush Memorial Library, and so much more!

We are grateful to all who participated in our "2025 Cultural Needs Survey" which provided us with valuable information. We heard that you want to prioritize funding for: \* Music, theater and dance events \* Food and gardening programs \* History programs \* Science, technology, engineering, and math activities \* Programs for teens and young adults WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Cultural Council can only fund projects if we receive applications for them. We always encourage successful past projects to submit in future years, but if you know of someone who could offer our community an opportunity related to one of the priorities, please encourage them to apply to us.

Grant applications are available through the Massachusetts Cultural Council as of Sept. 2, 2025 at: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>

**The online process must be completed by Thursday, October, 16, 2025.**

For details about the Westminster Cultural Council and the results of the "Needs Survey" indicating the types of programs the community would enjoy, please visit:

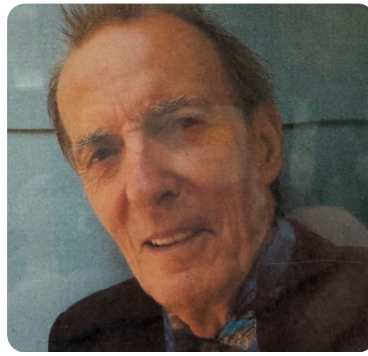
<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/cultural-council>

Applicants are welcome to reach out to local contacts Sammi Dawley [scdawley@yahoo.com](mailto:scdawley@yahoo.com) and Pat Gendron [pgendron@yahoo.com](mailto:pgendron@yahoo.com).





Currently Featured  
Artist: **Den Poitras**



# *Little Art Gallery*

## AT THE TOWN HALL

Den was born in 1950 and raised in Fitchburg, eventually settling in Ashburnham after traveling out west. He taught art for many years while honing his own creativity. Den's art is "one-of-a-kind!" It's a relief collage of old and new or antique manmade or nature made found objects, put together in a potpourri of mystery, grace and beauty that tell a different story to everyone when studies and looked at. It can be described, as Den puts it, as: "Painted Found-Objects Shadow Box Surrealism."

Said best by Den himself, "As you ponder my art, let your heart be your guide, awaken your awe, and don't forget your sense of humor because most of my stuff is downright funny!"





## Share Your Story...

Have news to share? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to our Community Services Director, Audra Kirtland, at [akirtland@westminster-ma.gov](mailto:akirtland@westminster-ma.gov).

**Please note:** While we welcome your submissions, the Town reserves the right to decide what gets published.

### SOLID WASTE DROP-OFF CENTER

165 Fitchburg Road - Route 31 Westminster

#### HOURS:

Monday: 7:30am-3pm  
Tuesday-Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 7:30am-3pm  
Saturday: 7:30am-1pm  
Sunday: 9:00am-1pm



\*Please check the town website or sign up for town alerts in the case of closures due to weather, etc.

2ND QUARTER REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE **DUE** NOVEMBER 3RD!



**CLOSED MONDAY OCT. 13TH**



Click below to bring you to our Town Calendar page or (<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/calendar/month>)

Town Calendar						
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Agendas, Meetings, and Minutes

Stay up to date on our recent meetings and upcoming agendas.

See our job **OPENINGS!**

[www.westminster-ma.gov/human-resources/pages/current-positions](https://www.westminster-ma.gov/human-resources/pages/current-positions)

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES: [CLICK HERE!](#)**



### TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday: 7:00am-7:00pm  
Tue-Thur: 7:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: CLOSED



### TOWN HALL

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