



THE South Street Sentinel



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Spring into action, Westminster—Voting & Town Meeting season has arrived!

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 28th**, when the **Annual Town Election** takes place at the Community Senior Center from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This is your chance to have a direct say in shaping Westminster's future by electing the leaders who will guide our community forward. Be sure to check out the election details and sample ballot in this newsletter so you're ready when you head to the polls.

Then keep the momentum going! Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00AM** for the **Annual and Special Town Meeting at Westminster Elementary School**. This is where the conversation happens—come hear about the warrant articles and Advisory Board recommendations, ask questions, and make your voice heard. You can find the Advisory Board booklets and Warrant at Town Hall or through the links in this newsletter.

While you're there, don't miss the chance to pick up your Crocker Pond stickers, register for Summer Recreation programs, and visit an informational table with baked goods hosted by our Historical Society. We can't wait to see you there!

CONNECTING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

Town Clerk

NOW HIRING

WESTMINSTER, MA



The Town of Westminister, MA is seeking a Town Clerk to assist our community of approximately 8,400 residents. Westminister is a charming NE community located in Central Massachusetts that is home to substantial year 'round recreational opportunities. With easy access to Route 2 and I-190, Westminister is close to Worcester, 56 miles west of Boston, and 15 miles from the New Hampshire border. The Town is governed by a 3-member Selectboard, with an appointed Town Administrator.

Full-time 35
hours/week

Monday-Thursday

Full Benefits

Vacation, Personal
& Sick Time

Full job description:
westminster-ma.gov/human-resources/pages/current-positions

TO APPLY

Submit a resume and cover letter to hr@westminster-ma.gov by May 14, 2026

Anticipated hiring range:
\$64,931 – \$74,160

EEO



POSITION SUMMARY

The Town Clerk is responsible for managing and maintaining official municipal records, issuing licenses and documents, and administering fair and accurate local, state, and federal elections. The role also oversees the posting of meetings for all boards and departments and maintains records of postings and meeting minutes.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain and preserve official municipal records
- Issue licenses and official documents
- Administer and oversee elections in compliance with applicable laws
- Post public meetings and maintain accurate records of postings and minutes
- Perform administrative and supervisory duties
- Occasional evening and weekend availability required

Qualifications

- Thorough knowledge of local, state, and federal laws related to elections and public records
- Working knowledge of office administration, financial recordkeeping, and office technology
- Proficiency in standard office software
- Understanding of municipal government operations and meeting procedures

Education & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in political science, public administration, or a related field
- 3-5 years of relevant experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience

Additional Requirements

- Certification as a Notary Public
- Ability to be bonded



ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION -- TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

The Annual Town Election takes place on Tuesday, April 28th from 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the Westminister Senior/Community Center.

[Click here](#) for Absentee Ballot information for those of you who will not be in town or unable to make it to the polls on election day. The last day to come in for an absentee ballot is Monday, April 27th up until 12:00 noon.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING -- Saturday, May 2, 2026

Our Town Meeting will be held at the Westminister Elementary School beginning at 10:00AM. Any questions regarding Town Meeting should be directed to our Town Administrator/Select Board at 978-874-7408.

Last day for New Voter registration for the Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday, April 22, up until 5:00PM in the Town Clerk's Office, or online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/> up until 11:59PM. For questions, reach the Town Clerk's Office at 978-874-7406 or esheehan@westminister-ma.gov.

The warrant may be viewed and/or downloaded from the Town's website by [clicking here](#). The full Advisory Board booklet for FY2026 is [available here](#). If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call Tamie Chiarelli at 978-874-7408.

Applications for the 2026 **Senior Tax Work-off Program** are available at the Senior Center! Please stop by for an application or any questions you may have. Thank you!

Walk-in **notary services** are now available once again. Appointments are not required but are appreciated. We do not notarize any deeds or documents for a real estate closing. In addition, if your documents require witnesses you need to bring your own witnesses. The individual who is having their signature notarized must have proper identification. All documents to be notarized need to be signed in the presence of the notary public, NOT before you arrive with your document to be notarized.

DOG LICENSES DUE FOR RENEWAL!

All 2025 dog licenses have expired and need to be renewed with an up to date rabies certificate if not already done. Late fees of \$15 per dog in addition to the licensing fee went into effect on Wednesday, April 15th. Visit the Town Clerk's office to renew.



REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY TAXES DUE!

FY26 Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax Bills for Quarters 3 & 4 were mailed back in January. Payment for Quarter 4 Coupons are due by May 4th, 2026. Please visit the Collector's office to make an in person payment.



WooSox Town Takeover Day at Polar Park

Tuesday, July 21st

Supporting our local scouting troops!

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE:

www.gofevo.com/event/westminster26



WooSox Massachusetts 26
TWN TKOVR
The Spirit of America

Proceeds from ticket sales will be benefitting our local Boy and Girl Scouting Troops. More details to come as we continue to coordinate the events of the day with the WooSox. But mark your calendars and save the date!



NHN
Neighbors Helping
Neighbors
Westminster, MA

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Town
Benefit Day: August 9th



Adams Street Comprehensive Permit (40B) Information & Schedule

Dates subject to change. Be sure to check the town website
<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/minutes-and-agendas>

- 4/21** - What is a 40B? Overview & Introductions
- 5/19** - Traffic
- 6/16** - Stormwater
- 7/21** - Department / Peer Review / Board Comments
- 8/18** - Site Plan
- 9/15** - 2nd Round of Peer Review comments (if needed)
- 10/6** - Conditions / Determination

Subject to Change

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS EMAIL CALBERT@WESTMINSTER-MA.GOV



Please scan QR code for a link to all documents or find them under Zoning Board of Appeals > Pending Applications

<https://www.westminster-ma.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/pending-applications>

INFORMATIONAL PFAS MEETING

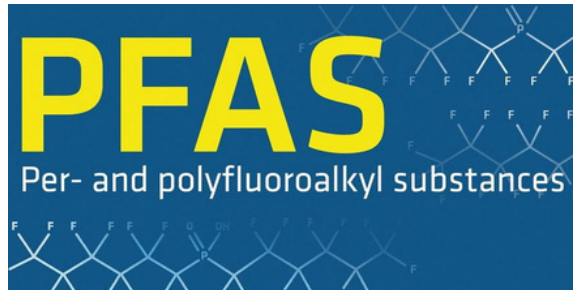
JUNE 1ST | Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Location: Community Senior Center, 69 West Main St.
(an online, listen only option will be available, closer to the meeting date) check back for the link

The following participants will be in attendance to answer questions:

- ◆ DPH
- ◆ DEP
- ◆ Westminster Board of Health
- ◆ Public Involvement Plan Petitioners

All residents of Westminster are welcome to attend. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) will provide a presentation and Q&A on a planned Westminster health evaluation. This Health Evaluation is applicable to all residents in Westminster!



PFOS (Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid)



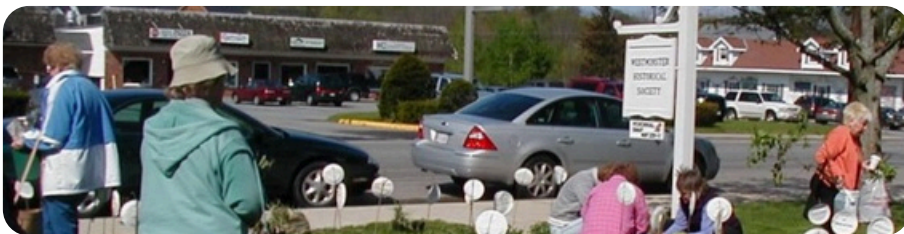
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WESTMINSTER TOWN WIDE YARD SALE!

Saturday, June 13th

Stop by the Historical Society at 110 Main Street for a map of the various sale locations and yard sales taking place.



WESTMINSTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANT SWAP & SALE

Saturday, May 9th | 9AM–1PM

Need help getting your garden started?? Come to the plant sale and help support the Historical Society!

WESTMINSTER BOARD OF HEALTH



Spring is a good time to get your well water checked! Please see the suggested companies below and report all results to the BOH.

Nashoba Analytical Lab
31A Willow Road
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 391-4428
FAX (978) 391-4643
www.nashobaanalytical.com

Nelson Analytical
Our new address:
103 Monadnock Highway
N. Swanzey, NH 03431
Phone: 603-357-2577
<https://www.eai-labs.com/>



Agricultural Commission Updates!



BIONUTRIENT FOOD ASSOCIATION

NUTRIENT DENSE FOOD

WHAT IS IT?
Are You Growing It?

Discover what Nutrient Density really means, how farming practices influence the nutritional quality of food, & what you can do to grow or source more nourishing crops. This introductory lecture is designed for those interested in developing these skills further through a three-year Principles of Biological Systems course. **Bring your favorite fruit or vegetable & test how it measures up!**

SUNDAY 3RD MAY
2:30 - 4.30PM

presented by the
WESTMINSTER AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Westminster Senior Center
69 West Main Street
Westminster, MA 01473

with Dan Kittredge

Bionutrient.org/Westminster



2026 Farmers' Market Entertainment Schedule

WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET

Open Fridays from 3-6pm on Academy Hill

Opening Day!
FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

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

<https://westminsterfarmersmarket.com/>
www.facebook.com/westminsterfarmersmarket

- May 8 - Renaissance Duo / Deb Hood
- May 15 - Joe Reidy
- May 22 - Tribe / Nate Grigos
- May 29 - John Sullivan
- June 5 - John Warren
- June 12 - Louis Arnold
- June 19 - Lizards in the Hayloft
- June 26 - Daniel Cate
- July 3 - Anna Perry
- July 10 - Hip Swayers
- July 17 - Casey LJ
- July 24 - Ralph DeFlorio
- July 31 - Jeff Mendoza
- Aug 7 - John Warren
- Aug 14 - Bob Jordan
- Aug 21 - Dr. Sway / Norman Bowne
- Aug 28 - Daniel Cate
- Sept 4 - Joe Reidy
- Sept 11 - Tribe / Nate Grigos
- Sept 18 - Chuck & Mud
- Sept 25 - Louis Arnold
- Oct 2 - Joe Pete as 3/N1
- Oct 9 - John Sullivan
- Oct 16 - The Westminster Strummers



Council on Aging Happenings - Events for those 55+



MAY DAY DINNER DANCE | FRIDAY, MAY 1 | 5-8PM

Get ready for a night of great food, music, and fun! Join us for a lively dinner dance featuring a mouthwatering taco bar loaded with all the fixings, plus delicious desserts from McNally's Catering. Hit the dance floor as DJ Paul Doucette spins all your favorite tunes and keeps the energy high all night long.

Be sure to sign up at the front desk by April 24th to save your spot—tickets are just \$10 per person, and the memories? Absolutely priceless. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend and make it a night to remember!



SWAP SHOP

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH | 12:30-4:00PM

Spring cleaning is here! As you sort through your home, set aside gently used items you no longer need and bring them to our community swap. Tables will be set up in the community room for you to drop off items and discover something new.

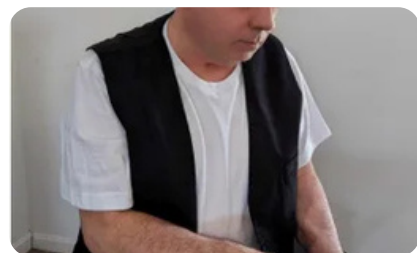
We welcome household goods, working kitchen appliances, garden tools, sports equipment, small furniture, and more—all in good to like-new condition. Please no large appliances (like air conditioners), clothing, shoes, or textiles.

Need help unloading? Just pull up and we'll assist you. You don't need to bring anything to participate—everyone is welcome to browse!

Questions? Call the senior center. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity or the Westminster Swap Shed. *We have the right to refuse any items brought to the swap.*

THE MUSIC OF MCCARTNEY MAY 27TH 1:00-3:00PM

Dan Kirouac will present an engaging program titled **"The Music of McCartney,"** offering a musical journey through the illustrious career of Paul McCartney. This captivating presentation will feature Dan performing on piano and vocals, showcasing McCartney's iconic tunes from his legendary years with The Beatles, through his successful era with Wings, and into the 1980s. The program is enriched with insightful commentary that delves into McCartney's vast career, providing audiences with an understanding of his musical evolution. With a remarkable 40-year history in the New England music scene, Dan Kirouac brings a wealth of experience to the stage, having been a part of two Beatles tribute bands from 2000 to 2022. Audiences can expect an entertaining blend of music and storytelling that celebrates one of the most influential artists in modern music history. Please sign-up at the senior center by May 22nd!





2026 KIDS' SUMMER REC PROGRAM

**ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES, SPORTS, TEAM BUILDING,
WATER FUN AND MORE FOR WESTMINSTER KIDS
ENTERING GRADES 1 THRU 6 NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!**

2026 SUMMER REC SCHEDULE:

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM-12:30PM

**JULY 6-10 | JULY 13-17 | JULY 20-24
JULY 27-31**

Information: 978-874-7461 or akirtland@westminster-ma.gov

**FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION
DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT:**

facebook.com/parksandrec

westminster-ma.gov/parks-and-recreation

SUMMER REC IS HELD AT

**WESTMINSTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

FOR THE SUMMER OF 2026, REGISTRATION WILL BE LIMITED TO APPROXIMATELY 125 CHILDREN PER DAY.

IN-PERSON registration will take place:

Monday, April 27 | 3-7pm | at Town Hall

Saturday, May 2 | 10am-11:30am | at the Town Meeting @ W.E.S.

Monday, May 4 | 3-7pm | at Town Hall

Wednesday, May 6 | 9am-1pm | at Town Hall

APPLICATIONS CAN BE PRINTED BY VISITING OUR [TOWN WEBPAGE](#)



Open to and
FREE!
for Westminster
Residents
ONLY!



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER POLICE BULLETIN

Massachusetts

In 2026, Chief LeMay is proud to introduce our new biweekly Police Bulletin, which provides an overview of the reporting period and highlights the daily work, dedication, and professionalism of our officers. By sharing information about our activities, initiatives, and enforcement efforts, we aim to keep residents informed, strengthen community trust, and recognize the hard work our officers perform each day in service to the Town. You can view all of the reports by visiting our [Police Department Police Bulletin town webpage](#) or stay up to date by viewing the latest reports and other police-related activities on their [Facebook Page](#).



WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE BULLETIN

March 15-31, 2026

Matthew D. LeMay
Chief of Police



Professionalism • Accountability • Community Partnership • Transparency & Trust

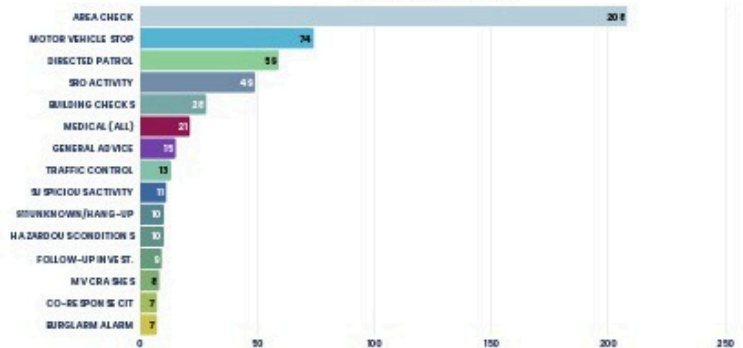
During this reporting period, the department responded to **712** calls for service, reflecting an active and visible police presence throughout the community, particularly during overnight and early morning hours. The majority of these calls were related to routine patrol functions, including area checks, traffic enforcement, proactive patrol, and community assistance, with relatively few incidents involving serious or violent crime.

This level of activity highlights the department's ongoing commitment to proactive policing and community safety. Officers maintained a consistent presence while responding to calls for service in a timely and professional manner.

Proactive policing accounted for the largest portion of weekly activity:

AREA CHECK – 208, DIRECTED PATROL – 95, Building Checks – 85, MOTOR VEHICLE STOP – 74

TOP 15 CALL REASONS



Public Safety & Service Activity

Community Assistance & Medical

- Medical Calls: 21
- Assist other Agencies: 8
- Lost/Found Property: 4
- Burglar Alarms: 7
- Served Papers: 8

Investigative & Crime-Related Activity

- Disturbances: 7
- Suspicious Activity: 11
- Larceny / Fraud: 3
- Threats / Harassment: 3
- Domestic Incidents: 1

Traffic Enforcement Update

During this period, officers conducted 75 motor vehicle stops as part of ongoing traffic enforcement efforts. These stops resulted in 5 civil citations, 3 criminal citations, 25 written warnings, and 42 verbal warnings. The majority of encounters were resolved through warnings or guidance, reinforcing education, voluntary compliance, and overall traffic safety. Enforcement efforts remained balanced and focused on maintaining a safe and orderly community.



NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week -

This week, we recognize and thank the dedicated professionals who serve as emergency dispatchers. They are the voice you hear on the radio and the first person a citizen hears when they call 911 during an emergency. They serve as the first point of contact in an emergency. They gather critical information, provide life-saving instructions to callers, and ensure that police, fire, and EMS crews are sent where they are needed most. Every call they answer could be someone's worst day and their service is a vital role in the role of public safety.

Thank you to all the dispatchers for the vital role they play in keeping our community safe.

Thank you to Mike Cooley who provided a luncheon for our team members!





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!



THE LIBRARY WILL BE **CLOSED ON SATURDAY, MAY 23RD** IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY! THE LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, PER THE USUAL SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY MAY 24TH AND 25TH AS WELL.

Summer Reading
is coming...



new arrival!

We now have Switch 2 games!



Find them next to the original Switch games on the 1st floor.



Look for the yellow spine labels!

NEW

Free access with your library card!



kanopy
stream smarter



THERE ARE MANY MORE EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT THE LIBRARY THAN THE FEW LISTED IN THE SENTINEL. PLEASE VISIT THEIR EVENTS CALENDAR FOR ALL THE DETAILS BY [CLICKING HERE!](#)

NEW!

OMS and ORHS students can take the bus straight to the library on Wednesdays!

Email Catt Miller to request a pass or for more info: cmiller@cwmar.org

Check the online calendar for details about after-school programs.



New Discovery Kits

The collection is growing! Visit the Children's Room see them all.



presented by **All in One CASH CREDIT UNION**

for grades 6 - 12+



Forbush Memorial Library



Details and registration online at forbushlibrary.org/calendar-events

**Wed. May 6
4:30 - 5:30 PM**

Fun & interactive financial education

Popular Music and Veterans



**Thu. May 21
6:00 PM
Eloranta Room**

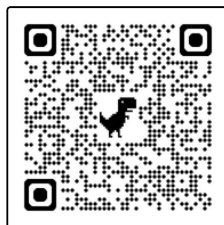
Jon and Li Waterman explore the experiences and sacrifices of veterans throughout American history.



AIR-DRY CLAY SCULPTING

**Wednesday
May 27**

12:30 - 2:00 PM

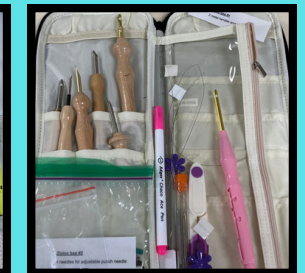


**AWRSD
half day**

Email Catt if you want to take the bus here after school: cmiller@cwmar.org

grades 6-12

Check out our Library of Things!



10 Steps to Researching the History of Your House



presented by house historian
Marian Pierre-Louis

Tuesday, May 26

6:00 PM

Eloranta Room



Join the Friends

Contribute resources, time and your talents to support the library! Your volunteer service helps the library thrive.

Westminster Cultural Council 2026 Programs & Events

Please check the Town of Westminster's South Street Sentinel newsletter, the Senior Center's Council on Aging newsletter and Forbush Library for continued updates to the schedule!

DATE	Summary / Description	Location
2026	"Open Door Connections" A no/low cost range for families to visit the & participate in learning experiences.	Discovery Museum Acton, MA
Jan thru Feb	"Zumbini" A music/dance program for children 0-4 and caregivers using instruments and original music. Presented by Mindful Hearts Yoga.	Forbush Library
Feb thru April	"2026 Great Decisions" Each week a critical topic in current American foreign policy will be discussed and led by a local volunteer expert. Thursdays from 6:00-7:30PM.	Forbush Library
Feb 18th	"Carve Your Own Stamp" Tweens, Teens, and Adults will make their own carved custom stamp that can be used repeatedly on paper/fabric.	Forbush Library
March 13	"Be An Upstander" The assembly, centered around bullying, will focus on the importance of standing up for what is right & look out for others with an emphasis on kindness, inclusion, and tolerance.	Meeting-house School
March 17	"Irish Storytelling & Harp for St. Patrick's Day" "Fairy Tales of Ireland" will be performed by storyteller Diane Edgecomb, accompanied by Celtic Harp, Margot Chamberlain. Open to all!	Forbush Library
Spring/Summer	"Winchendon Winds" This 40 piece professional wind ensemble will present a 4 concert series with a special tribute to our country's semiquincentennial celebration using music, costumes, and speakers.	Winchendon, MA

DATE	Summary / Description	Location
May thru Oct	"Westminster Farmer's Market Entertainment" Live family-friendly music in a variety of styles for all ages. Every Friday 3:00-6:00PM.	Academy Hill
May 27	"Music of McCartney" Piano, vocals, stories, and anecdotes are performed by Dan Kirouac about Paul McCartney's music from the 1960's through the 1980s.	Community Senior Center
Spring	"Chain Reactions & Creative Contraptions" Playful Engineers presents a hands-on event where students design, build, test & play with Rube Goldberg "machines," creating complicated chain reactions to accomplish simple tasks.	Westminster Elementary School
June 5	"Great East Festival" Fourth and fifth grade band students will attend the Great East Festival. They will perform before an adjudicator, have their performance evaluated, and given input in order to improve.	Location TBD
June 21- Sept 9	"90th Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft" Juried exhibition of extraordinary artists/crafters living within 30-miles of Westminster.	Fitchburg Art Museum
June 30	"Women of '76" A one-woman theatrical program performed by Rita Parisi, highlighting women who witnessed and, in some cases, changed the course of The American Revolution. Tweens, teens, adults, and seniors with an interest in American history will enjoy this program.	Forbush Library

DATE	Summary / Description	Location
July thru Aug	"Westminster Town Band Series" Performing since 1933, the band will perform 'pops style' concerts. Selections will include marches, movie themes, Broadway hits, pop, and more! Family fun! Wednesday's July 8th to August 5th.	Academy Hill
July 18	"Music at the Blissful Summer Concert" Fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music for families of infants to 8 years of age.	Academy Hill
Mid-late Summer	"Galileo Galilei the Starry Messenger" Galileo, dressed in a 17th century costume, will lecture about his newly devised spyglass including experiments and demonstrations. Middle-schoolers through adults interested in living history, science, and astronomy.	Community Center or Academy Hill
Fall	"Beginner Abstract and Representational Watercolor Exploration" Learn the technique of how to use water to move paint as you create two works of art.	Senior Community Center
Oct 31	"Oakmont Invitational" This event is a showcase for area marching bands to share their talent and entertain the communities from Westminster, Ashburnham & surrounding towns.	ORHS
Nov 10	"Homemade Pasta Workshops" One workshop for children grades 3-5 and one for adults. Participants will learn how to make pasta from scratch and take their creation home for dinner!	Forbush Library



FOR THE LOVE OF READING WITH JOHN STAMMOS
NEW AUTHORS EVERY MONTH
VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS
LIVE AND ON DEMAND

THE VIRTUAL SERIES TAKES PLACE TWO TO THREE TIMES A MONTH AND INCLUDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE AUTHOR. A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ON BOTH OUR [EVENT CALENDAR](#) AND THE [VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK SERIES WEBSITE](#).

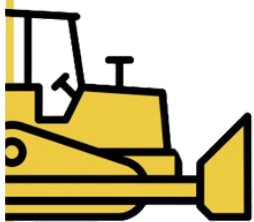
MEMORIAL DAY OPENING WEEKEND

DID YOU KNOW!?

Crocker Pond is not only a great place to hang at the beach, swim and enjoy the playground, but there are also hiking trails, a story walk, basketball court, volleyball, and activities taking place throughout the season!



This gem of Westminster is open to Town residents with parking permits. To secure your permit, stop at the gate at Crocker Pond with your license and registration and our staff will set you up for the season. Two parking permits per family/residence are allowed. Stickers will also be available at the Town Meeting on May 2nd. Bring your license and registration for proof of residency.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPRING IS HERE!



As the weather continues to transition from winter to spring, our crews are preparing for many **spring maintenance activities** around town. These include projects such as road and sidewalk sweeping, roadside mowing, drainage pipe repairs, and additional tasks to be determined. Please share the road with our crews and maintain a safe barrier when passing any work zones or maintenance areas. We appreciate your cooperation! As the season continues, road paving projects and other activities will take place. We will continue to update this newsletter with details, but always feel free to visit the Department of Public Works Facebook Page for updated information, along with many great tips about the environment, sewers, watering and more!

SCHOOL NEWS

Early Release Day!

**EARLY RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
ALL GRADES!**

Early Release Day!

**EARLY RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH
ALL GRADES!**



Support your Oakmont Spartans and Overlook Eagles! View all of the athletic team schedules [HERE!](#)

**REMINDER
NO SCHOOL**

**NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, APRIL 25TH
ALL GRADES!**

SAVE THE DATE

The Oakmont Regional High School Visual Arts Department invites you to attend:

Evening with the Arts 2026

**Friday May 1, 2026
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Displays include Visual Arts from all levels; Senior Showcase; Technology Engineering; and the award winning Oakmont Jazz Band!

Ashburnham Westminster Regional School District - 2026-2027 Calendar

AUGUST (1) 1-31	24-25: No School New Teacher Orientation 26-28: No School First Days for Staff Professional Development 31: First Day of School Grades 1-12	FEBRUARY (1) 1-28
SEPTEMBER (20) 1-30	4: No School Labor Day Weekend 7: No School Labor Day Weekend 8: First Day of School Kindergarten & Preschool 14: Early Release	MARCH (22) 1-31
OCTOBER (21) 1-31	12: No School Columbus Day 21: Early Release	APRIL (17) 1-30
NOVEMBER (17) 1-30	3: No School Professional Development 11: No School Veteran's Day 25: Early Release 26-27: No School Thanksgiving	MAY (20) 1-31
DECEMBER (17) 1-31	23: Early Release 24-31: No School December Break	JUNE (11) 1-30
JANUARY (18) 1-31	1: No School New Year's 18: No School MLK Jr. Day 25: No School Professional Development	JULY (1) 1-31

Superintendent's Office: 978-827-1434
 Pupil Services: 978-827-3662
 Oakmont Regional High School: 978-827-5927 7:30am-1:30pm
 Overlook Middle School: 978-827-1425 7:30am-1:30pm
 J.R. Briggs Elementary School: 978-827-5795 8:30am-2:30pm
 Westminster Elementary School: 978-874-2043 8:30am-2:30pm
 Meetinghouse School: 978-874-0163 8:30am-2:30pm
 Early Release Times:
 Oakmont 11:04am
 Overlook 10:50am
 Elementary Schools 12:00pm
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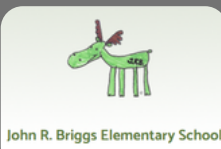
THE 2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE! [CLICK HERE TO VIEW IT!](#)

Labor Day is later this year! The first day of school for grades 1-12 is August 31st, and the first day for preschool & K is Sept. 8th.

**OAKMONT CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION
MAY 29TH @ 6PM**



**THE MOST UPDATED LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL IS NOW
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH
(5 SNOW DAYS ADDED)**



THE BRIDGE ARTISTIC NETWORK PRESENTS

MY HIDING PLACE

RECOLLECTIONS FROM
CORRIE TEN BOOM

A STORY OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS AT ANY COST

Saturday May 9th @ 3:00pm

First Congregational Church
138 E. Main Street
Westminster, MA

Free Admission- Donations accepted.



For more information:
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MY HIDING PLACE!

Recollections From Corrie ten Boom
A story of Love and Forgiveness at Any Cost!

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A Love offering will be taken
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MOTHER'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE



1. FNLHUAKT
2. HETFLTERA
3. JYLOUF
4. RNUITNGRU
5. UQBTUOE
6. AEFNCOTI
7. AEOTIMLNO
8. HRCIHES
9. ASHPPNISE
10. TENIVATE
11. ECSMBERA
12. LMANRTEA
13. ECLBTERAE
14. BQTUOUE
15. FKABTRSEA
16. LFBAUTEIU
17. CTERPES
18. EOLV OOM
19. UGH GTIHT
20. MLISE GHTRIB

STAY SAFE WESTMINSTER



The Westminster Police Department is urging residents to stay alert. While we strive to keep our community as safe as possible, it is everyone's responsibility to take the proper precautions to avoid becoming a target.

#9PMRoutine

- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Lock vehicle doors
- Close the garage door
- Close and lock all exterior doors
- Turn on exterior light
- #9PMRoutine complete





Episode 23: Town Meeting 101: What You Need To Know

Town Meeting season is here, and in Episode 23 of The Town Crier, we break it all down in a way that actually makes sense. This solo episode walks you through what to expect at the May 2 Special and Annual Town Meetings, highlights key warrant articles including the FY2027 budget, staffing requests, capital plan, and bylaw updates and explains how to use the Advisory Board booklet to understand what you're voting on.

We also cover what Chapter 40B means for Westminister and provide an update on the proposed Adams Street project and upcoming public hearings. Plus, a reminder that the Annual Town Election will be held on April 28 from 7AM-8PM at the Senior Community Center.

We want to hear from you!

Have an idea for a podcast? A topic that you think should be covered? Are you a member of a 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@westminister-ma.gov.

**Hosted by Town Administrator
Stephanie Lahtinen**

CO-EXISTENCE & CAUTION:

Living Safely with Wildlife

A quick scroll through any Westminister community Facebook group makes one thing clear – wildlife is everywhere. From eerie nighttime cries to regular sightings of bears, foxes, bobcats, and fisher cats, we share our home with some serious predators.

Spring and early summer bring even more activity, as young animals venture out and protective, hungry parents are on high alert. That means bird feeders, loose pets, and even curious kids can become unintended targets.

Now's the time to be extra cautious: keep pets leashed or fenced in, bring in feeders, and steer clear of the woods' edge. And while those memes of kids calling bears "puppies" are funny online, in real life, wild animals are no joke – no matter how cute they seem.

Let's appreciate our incredible wildlife – from a safe distance. Stay smart, stay safe, and enjoy all that our wild and wonderful community has to offer.



Photo from Hannah Harrington's video on Wonderful Westminister



Photo by Jo Grant

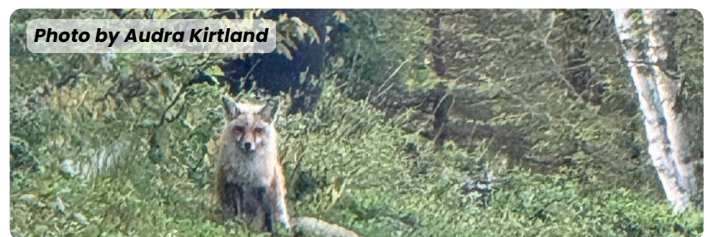


Photo by Audra Kirtland

Open Burning Permits

Residents wishing to Open Burn during the allotted season should obtain a permit and pay the fee. Please visit the Fire Department to obtain this, or use the online portal: westminster.burnpermits.com.

See the OPEN BURNING PERMIT RULES: www.westminster-ma.gov/fire-department/pages/open-burning-permit-rules



"OUR FLAG DOESN'T FLY BECAUSE THE WIND MOVES IT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE LAST BREATH OF EACH SOLDIER WHO DIED PROTECTING IT"

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

Town Calendar						
May						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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

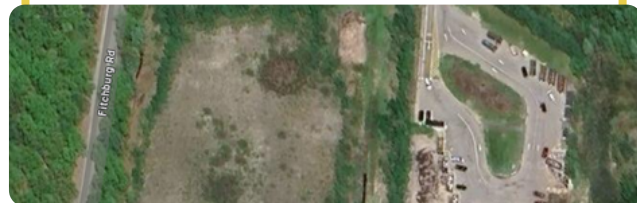
BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES: [CLICK HERE!](#)



THE TOWN HALL WILL BE **CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH** IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY. Please plan accordingly. We will re-open at 7:30am on the 26th.

SOLID WASTE DROP-OFF CENTER 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.



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



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