



THE South Street Sentinel




TOWN BENEFIT DAY IS FINALLY HERE!!!


 FEATURED ATTRACTIONS
 

★ Benefit Thrift Shop ★ Ticket & Over the Top Auctions ★ Kids Flea Market ★ 5K Road Race by Zen
 Yoga & Wellness ★ Teen Challenges by Bread of Life Church ★ School Supply Store by the Ash-West
 Foundation ★ Kids Carnival Games ★ Mechanical Bull by Brenda Albert & LAER Realty Partners ★
 Custom Tie Dyes by Dizzy Lizzy ★ Henna Tattoos by Rachel
 ALL NEW FOOD TRUCKS! ★ Petting Zoo ★ Strawberry Shortcake by the Congregational Church ★
 Fried Dough by Westminster Fire ★ Fast Pitch Contest with the Westminster Police
 ★ LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY!!! with Big Dave and the Captain and tons more!!! ★


 Let's make this the best Benefit yet
 

SUNDAY AUGUST 9 11AM-4PM ON ACADEMY HILL


WestminsterNHN@gmail.com

[WestminsterNHN](https://www.instagram.com/WestminsterNHN)

[Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Westminster, MA](https://www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighbors-Westminster-MA)

As an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, NHN has one simple mission: to be there for the residents of Westminster. Whether it's helping a family through a difficult time, providing support to a neighbor in need, or responding when unexpected challenges arise, NHN is powered by people who care deeply about this community and the people who call it home.

Each year, the NHN Benefit brings that community spirit to life in the biggest way possible. As the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, the event isn't just about raising money—it's about celebrating what makes Westminster such a wonderful place to live. Friends, families, neighbors, and visitors come together for a day filled with fun, laughter, and activities for all ages. It's a chance to reconnect, make new memories, and support a cause that gives back to our town all year long.

This year's Benefit will be especially memorable as NHN proudly presents the first-ever Nancy Green Award for Outstanding Citizenship. It is fitting that the inaugural recipient is Dan McCarthy, a resident whose commitment to helping others and making Westminster a better place reflects the very values this award was created to celebrate. Dan's generosity, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our community make him a deserving first honoree.

Join us as we celebrate community, honor exceptional service, and continue the tradition of neighbors helping neighbors—because that's what Westminster does best.

CONNECTING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY WWW.WESTMINSTER-MA.GOV

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

11 SOUTH STREET, WESTMINSTER, MA 01473 | COMMUNITY SERVICES: (978) 874-7461 | [EMAIL US](#)



Westminster, MA | Est. 1987

Introducing the **NANCY GREEN AWARD**

for Outstanding Citizenship

A brand-new tradition honoring someone whose kindness, generosity, and commitment to our community reflect the spirit of **Nancy Green**.



PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME
TOWN BENEFIT DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
AT 12:00 PM



Honoring a legacy. Celebrating a neighbor. ❤️💛💙

This year is our very first Town Benefit Day without our dear friend Nancy Green. As we planned this year's event, we knew we wanted to do something truly special to honor the incredible legacy of kindness, generosity, and community she left behind.

So this year, we'll be introducing a brand-new tradition on the hill.

The **Nancy Green Award for Outstanding Citizenship** will be presented for the very first time at 12:00 PM on Benefit Day, recognizing someone whose heart for this community reflects Nancy's own.

This year, we are incredibly proud to present the very first Nancy Green Award for Outstanding Citizenship to someone who couldn't be more deserving... Westminster's very own **Dan McCarthy!**

If you've been around Benefit Day for any length of time, you've probably seen Dan (just check out the photos!). He's been part of this event for what feels like forever, but his kindness and generosity stretch far beyond Academy Hill.

Dan is the definition of a neighbor helping neighbor. Whether he's volunteering with the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus, selling Christmas trees, helping at the St. Edward Fair, Vacation Bible School, Monty Tech NHS dinners, Seven Hills cookouts, putting up tents for community events, collecting food for veterans during the holidays, stepping up when immigrant families needed support, or selling Benefit Day raffle tickets and t-shirts... Dan is always there. He never asks for recognition. He just shows up. And that's exactly why he is the inaugural recipient of an award created in memory of our dear friend Nancy Green.

Nancy spent her life quietly making Westminster a better place through kindness, generosity, and service to others. Dan carries that same spirit every single day, and we can't imagine a more fitting person to honor as the very first recipient of an award celebrating her incredible legacy.

Please join us as we celebrate Dan McCarthy during the Nancy Green Award for Outstanding Citizenship presentation: Academy Hill, Sunday, August 9, 12:00 PM

We hope you'll be there for what is sure to be one of the most meaningful moments of this year's Benefit Day. Congratulations, Dan! Your hometown is so SO proud of you.



AUCTION DONATION**INFORMATION**

Whether you're an individual, group, small (or big!) business please consider making a tax deductible donation towards our auctions held on Benefit Day

- ★ Donations can be single items, gift certificates, themed baskets or any variety of options. Only *new in box* items are accepted for the auctions.
- ★ Donations are separated into two categories: Ticket Auction, items valued \$20-\$99 and Over the Top, items valued at \$100 and up
- ★ These auctions are our largest fundraiser on Benefit Day and would greatly benefit from your generous support!

Please reach out on any of the platforms below to schedule a drop-off or pickup
OR you can bring your items to the Westminister Public Safety Building.
Donations can also be mailed to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, PO Box 63,
Westminister MA 01473



Westminister NHN@gmail.com



@Westminister NHN



Neighbors Helping Neighbors -
Westminister, MA

T-SHIRTSALE

****NEW** Tie Dye & Heather Grey \$15.00**
All Other Colors & Styles \$12.00

Grab your t-shirt & Ace of Spades Tix! Sales will take place Friday, July 31
4:00-6:00 PM
Saturday, August 1
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sunday, August
9:00 AM-12:00 PM



Whether you're in for the whole weekend, or just looking to give back for a few hours, we've got a spot with your name on it! Did we mention you get a cool green t-shirt for helping!

Sign-up here:

<https://forms.gle/FbH6ZcN42wxoFnnw5>

Clean out.
Make space.
Help a neighbor!

Kids & teens can shop, sell and trade toys, books, games, crafts, sports gear and more!

KID'S FLEA MARKET

DROP OFF AT
WES DURING SUMMER REC
OR
CONTACT NHN FOR PICKUP

NEW & GENTLY USED ITEMS ONLY

ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON BENEFIT DAY!

DONATE YOUR NEW & GENTLY USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

HELP OTHERS PLAY!

WE NEED:

- Cleats
- Lacrosse Sticks
- Tennis Raquets
- Helmets
- Baseball Bat/Mitts
- Volleyball
- Hockey Sticks/Gloves
- Balls of all kinds
- Field Hockey Sticks
- Shin Guards
- and whatever else is collecting dust in your garage!

ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON BENEFIT DAY AT THE **SPORTING GOODS FLEA MARKET**

DROP OFF LOCATION BIN
MEETINGHOUSE SCHOOL DURING SUMMER REC
OR
CONTACT NHN FOR PICKUP

Thank you FOR HELPING OUR COMMUNITY & LOCAL FAMILIES!

SAVE THE DATE!

Go Back to School shopping for the
2026-2027 school year at:

The School Supply Store

Sunday, August 9th
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Town Benefit Day

Contact Luci at Lucasal025@gmail.com if you have
new or gently used items you wish to DONATE.

For more information on Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Town Benefit Day, scan the QR code below.



Sponsored by:



ASHBURNHAM & WESTMINSTER
FOUNDATION for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**Get a little exercise before you hang out
at the Benefit! All for a good cause!**



See the Westminster and Meetinghouse School
Supply List for 2026-2027, posted below or here:
https://www.mhs.awrsd.org/138741_2



MEETINGHOUSE & WESTMINSTER ELEM. CLASS SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2026-2027 (SUGGESTED SUPPLIES)



USB HEADPHONES LAST LONGER BUT ALL HEADPHONES ARE ACCEPTABLE

KINDERGARTEN

- 3.5mm jack headphones
- 4 pack of multi color dry erase markers
- 10 pack Crayola Classic Magic Markers (thick)
- 24 pack Crayola crayons
- Tissue and Clorox wipes
- Crayola twistable colored pencils
- Glue Sticks

1ST GRADE

- Colored pencils
- Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- Tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated!

2ND GRADE

- Headphones (in a ziploc bag labeled with your child's name)
- Crayola Crayons (24 pack)
- Crayola Markers (thick) (10 pack)
- Colored pencils (20 or more in a package)
- 10 glue sticks
- Sharpened pencils
- Erasers
- 2 highlighters
- 1 pair of scissors
- Dry erase markers
- 2 pencil pouches large enough to hold supplies
- post it sticky notes 3 x 3 (1 pad)
- Tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated!

3RD GRADE

- USB Headphones
- Crayola crayons or colored pencils (24 pack)
- Crayola markers (10 Pack)
- Watercolors in an 8 color set
- Glue stick multipack
- Sharpened pencils (12)
- Erasers
- 1 pair of scissors
- Dry erase markers
- 1 hard, plastic pencil box
- 1 one-inch binder
- Scotch tape
- Composition book (wide-ruled)
- 1 one subject notebook, wide ruled
- 1 green folder, 1 red folder, 1 folder of choice (durable, long-lasting)
- 5 tab plastic dividers with pockets
- Tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated!

4TH GRADE

- USB Headphones
- Thin Dry erase markers & dry eraser
- 1 pencil case, pencils, erasers
- 12 pack of THIN markers
- 24 pack of Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue sticks (multipack)
- Scotch tape (multipack)
- Black sharpies (ultra & fine)
- 24 pack of crayons
- 1 home/school folder-durable and long lasting
- 3 folders (1 green, 1 red & 1 blue)
- 3 1-subject notebooks (1 green, 1 red & 1 blue)
- Tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated!

5TH GRADE

- USB Headphones
- Colored pencils (24 pack)
- Scissors
- Scotch tape (2 rolls)
- Pencils (12)
- Erasers
- Glue sticks (multipack)
- 1- 1 inch 3-ring binder with pockets.
- 1 Home/School folder (durable)
- Sticky Notes (3x3)
- 4 folders (1 red/1 yellow/1 green/1 blue)
- 1 composition notebook (wide-ruled)
- 1 red single subject notebook (wide ruled)
- 1 blue single subject notebook (wide ruled)
- Dry erase markers & eraser
- Pencil/Supply case
- Black Sharpies (Ultra & Fine)
- Highlighters
- Optional: Hand-held sharpener
- Tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated!
- Paper towels



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT BY CITIZEN'S PETITION

THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WESTMINSTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 4, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

YOU CAN VIEW THE POSTED WARRANT: [SPECIAL TOWN WARRANT](#)

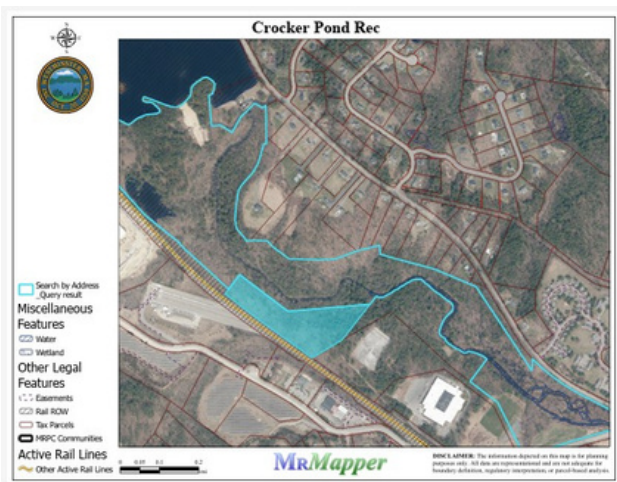
Select Board (7/13/26), Advisory Board (7/13/26), Planning Board (7/21/26),
Open Space Committee (7/21/26) unanimously opposed to Article 1.
Parks and Recreation did not take a position (7/13/26)



June 3, 2024 Seelect Board Meeting



July 21, 2026 Planning Board Meeting



July 13, 2026 Select Board Meeting

For details on Crocker Pond Deeds and other related information, please
visit: [https://www.westminster-
ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf1431/f/uploads/stm_info_for_website_0.pdf](https://www.westminster-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf1431/f/uploads/stm_info_for_website_0.pdf)

WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET

Open Fridays from 3-6pm



PEAK of the HARVEST



August 21st 3:30-5:30 pm

at the WESTMINSTER
Farmers' Market

Learn about
Cultivars
Preservation
Fermentation
Dehydration
and More!

MARKET HOURS
3:00-6:00 pm



Find the three chicklets!

Thanks for
supporting
local growers
and makers!



WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET - FRIDAYS 3-6 pm
22 Academy Hill Road – WestminsterMAFarmersMarket.com

2026 Farmers' Market Upcoming Entertainment Schedule

AUG 7: JOHN WARREN | AUG 14: BOB JORDAN | AUG 21: DR. SWAY / NORMAN
BOWNE | AUG 28: DANIEL CATE



2026 SEASON INFORMATION UPDATE!

June 18th–August 30th, open 7 days a week! | August 31st–September 7, open weekends only.

Closing Day, September 7th, Labor Day.

Hours: 10am–8pm through August 9th, then 10am–7pm starting August 10th.

Hours/days of operation may be adjusted due to weather or decisions made by the Crocker Pond Recreation Area Committee. Follow on [Facebook!](#)



CLICK HERE FOR A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUMMER AND FALL FESTIVAL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...
LOCATED JUST AROUND THE CORNER AT WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ALL THE FUN EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AHEAD!

FREE OUTDOOR YOGA

ALL ZEN CLIENTS AND WESTMINSTER TOWN RESIDENTS WELCOME!



ACADEMY HILL - WESTMINSTER
WEDNESDAYS 7:30-8:30AM

Crocker Pond Yoga

FREE
to Westminster Town Residents

Tuesdays & Saturdays
7:30-8:30am
all through the month of July

REGISTER AT
WWW.ZENYOGAANDWELLNESS.COM

The Westminster V.F.W. Cruise Night

every Tuesday
thru Summer
weather permitting

5p.m. - dusk
978-874-2424



BAR OPEN • BEER & GRILL
available outside



One more chance this season to enjoy our Town Band on Academy Hill! Join us on August 5th for an engaging concert from 6:30-8:30pm! Stay up to date with information, delays or cancellations by visiting the band's FB page: facebook.com/westminstertownband

COMMUNITY MAHJONG

Tuesdays 6-8PM

**Westminster Community Center
STARTING TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH**



This new community program is open to all ages and levels! It's an open play style where you can choose your group. A great opportunity to meet new people. You must have your own mahjong setup and card to play. A setup and cards can be purchased at NATIONALMAHJONGLEAGUE.ORG

Check out the latest edition of the Westminster Police Bulletin! 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](#).

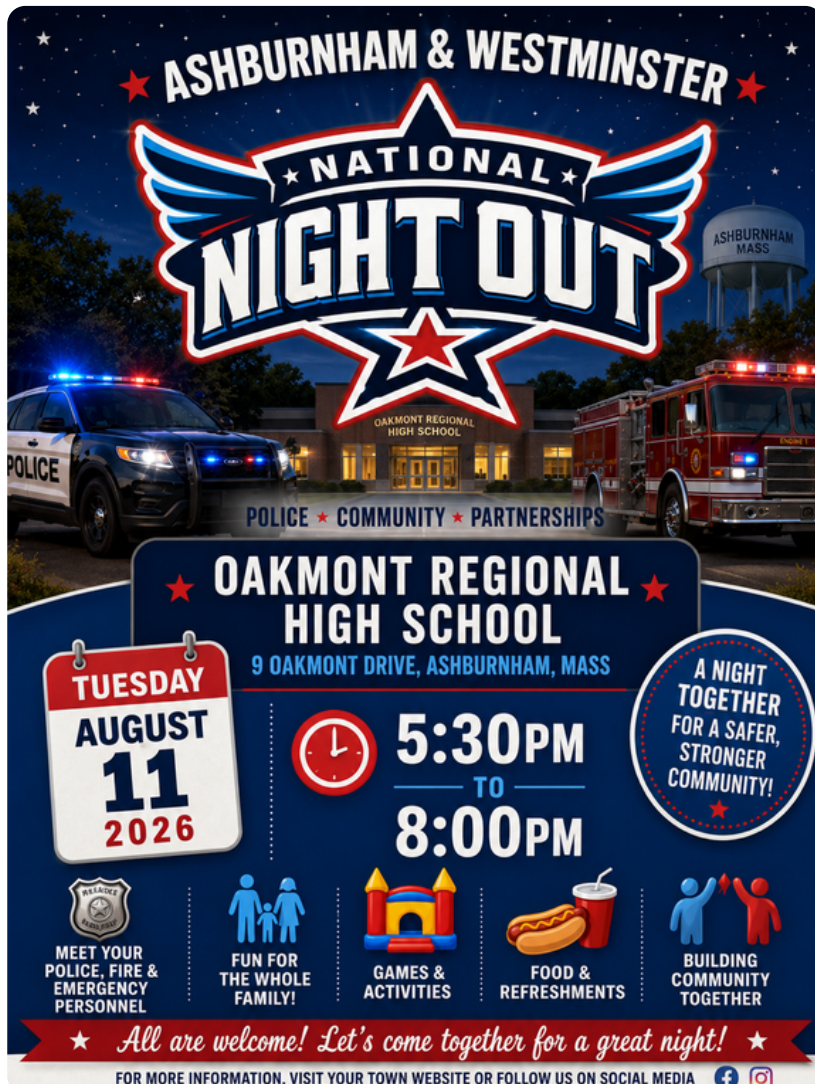


POLICE BULLETIN – WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

LEINO PARK BRIDGE – SAFETY REMINDER

The Westminster Police Department has received several concerns regarding groups of juveniles gathering in the Leino Park bridge area. Reported concerns include jumping from the bridge into the water, throwing rocks, littering, blocking traffic, using inappropriate language, and other disruptive behavior. While we encourage young people to enjoy the outdoors during the summer, we ask everyone to do so safely and respectfully. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss appropriate behavior with their children, including respecting private property and nearby residents.

OFFICERS WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE AREA AND RESPOND TO CALLS FOR SERVICE AS NEEDED.



ASHBURNHAM & WESTMINSTER

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

ASHBURNHAM MASS WATER TOWER

OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

POLICE ★ COMMUNITY ★ PARTNERSHIPS

OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

9 OAKMONT DRIVE, ASHBURNHAM, MASS

TUESDAY AUGUST 11 2026

5:30PM TO 8:00PM

A NIGHT TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY!

MEET YOUR POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

★ All are welcome! Let's come together for a great night! ★

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT YOUR TOWN WEBSITE OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the Westminster Police Department at these upcoming events in August! Support not only our town, but other local towns as well while having fun together as a community!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – FITCHBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – GARDNER
POLICE DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

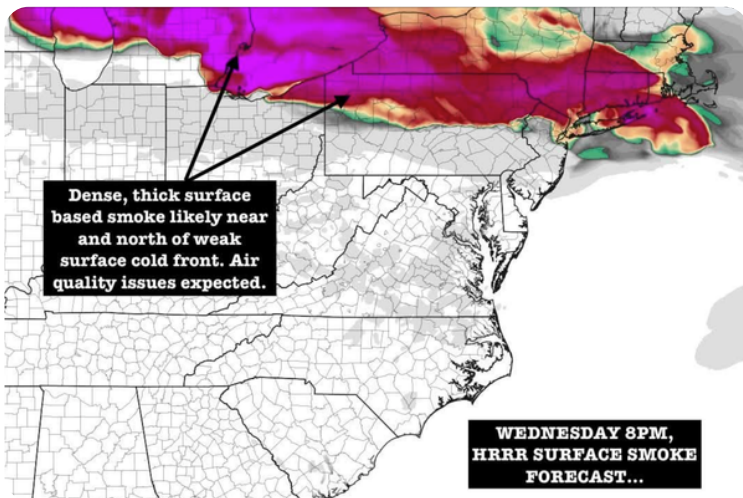
39TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORS HELPING
NEIGHBORS – WESTMINSTER, MA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY TOUCH-
A-TRUCK EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM BIKE
RODEO WITH MASSBIKE
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 10



Call/Vol Graduation – Congratulations to Firefighters Cassidy Cox and Ryan Provencal for graduating from Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program #126 on Thursday the 16th at the Stow Campus.



Theodore Drive Warehouse – The warehouse under construction on Theodore Drive has completed the exterior walls and the contractors are beginning the roof framing. Once the roof has been completed installation of the life safety systems will begin. This milestone also means a major increase in the need for fire department inspectional presence on the building site.



Wildfire Smoke – Starting Tuesday and continuing through today, our area experienced noticeable haze and smoke associated with wildfires burning in Canada. The smoke was brought our way by prevailing winds, creating hazy skies and reducing air quality across the region.

Wildfire smoke can travel long distances from the source and may contain fine particulate matter that can affect air quality at ground level. Although the smoke originated a significant distance away, its presence in our community was a reminder of how large-scale wildfires can have impacts well beyond the immediate fire area. Conditions gradually improved Thursday as the smoke and haze began to move out of the region.

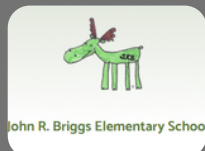
SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Ashburnham Westminister Regional School District - 2026-2027 Calendar

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SEPTEMBER 4TH & 7TH

STAY UP TO DATE! VISIT AWRSD.ORG

CALLING ALL SPARTAN FAMILIES!



HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF OAKMONT ATHLETICS

We are exploring the formation of an **ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB** and are looking for parents, guardians, alumni, and community members who are passionate about supporting our high school student-athletes.

Together,
we can build a stronger Spartan community by supporting our high school student-athletes, coaches, and athletic programs.

A BOOSTER CLUB CAN HELP:



Organize volunteers



Promote school spirit and community pride



Support fundraising efforts to enhance athletic programs



Create memorable experiences for our student-athletes



Be a positive voice for Spartan Athletics



Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little, *your involvement can make a meaningful difference.*

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to:



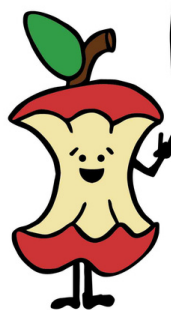
ABBY SHEA

OakmontAthleticsBoosterClub@gmail.com

TOGETHER,
WE CAN STRENGTHEN
SPARTAN ATHLETICS!



FOOD SERVICE WORKERS!



OUR TEAM IS
AWESOME
TO THE CORE

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Today!

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Ashburnham Westminister Regional students.

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- Career growth opportunities
- Paid sick days and holidays
- Part time positions

Email Dennis Mueller DDS dmueller@awrsd.org or call 978-827-5907 ext.5202 for more information.



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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!

Plant
a Seed,
read

Summer Reading ends August 15th,
so you still have a couple weeks to read,
earn prizes, and add stickers
to our Mystery Mosaic competition!

We've SO enjoyed seeing you this summer!



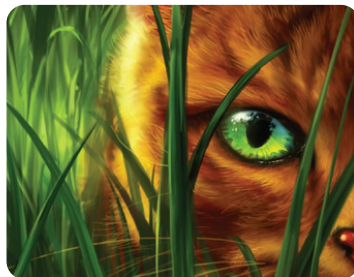
Touch a Truck

August 15th, 10am-1pm
Westminster Elementary
School parking lot
Come and touch the new
police trucks, a fire engine,
and a school bus!

Thanks to Westminster Police, Fire, and
Public Works Departments, and NRT Bus!

Warrior Cats Gathering

August 4th, 4-5pm
Children's Room, Library
Grades 3+



The World of Owls with Wingmasters

August 6th, 4:45-5:45pm
Community/Senior Center
Age 6-adults!
Registration required
Funded in part by the Altobelli Fund



Alpaca Visit w/ Harvard Alpaca Ranch

8.11, 10-11am
Multipurpose Rm.
All ages
Registration
required





Wool Felt Mending Workshop

August 1st, 11am-12pm
Multipurpose Room, Library

Learn how to mend with wool felt! Patch a hole, cover a stain, or add a fun felted design to your clothes.

Tweens, teens, and adults
Registration required



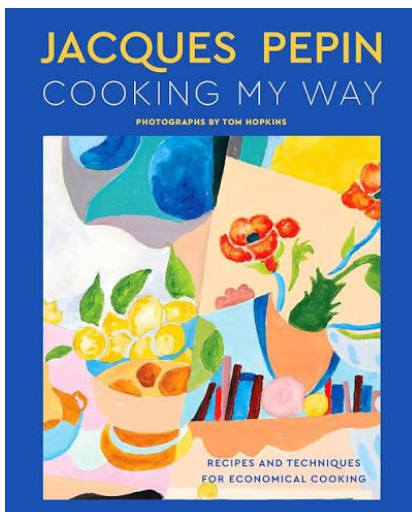
The Call of Kilimanjaro

August 12th, 6-7pm
Eloranta Room, Library
Adults



Discovering New England Stone Walls with Kevin Gardner

August 15th, 11am-12pm
Eloranta Room, Library
Adults



Cookbook Club - Cooking My Way by Jacques Pepin

August 18th, 12:30-1:30pm
Eloranta Room, Library
Adults



Tabletop Gaming w/ Community Gaming Coalition

August 22nd, 11:30am-1:30pm
Eloranta & Multipurpose Rooms, Library
All ages

Collection Spotlight

Stream Award-Winning Stories from PBS

Watch now on Kanopy



kanopy
stream smarter

PBS

Broadchurch (2013)

We have a new video streaming resource for Westminster residents with library cards!

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/forbushlibrary>

TOWN CRIER PODCAST



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? 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@westminster-ma.gov.

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Episode 29: Celebrating 250 Years & Summertime Updates

In this episode of The Town Crier, Stephanie shares Fourth of July and summer updates for Westminster, including the delivery of the Town's official 250th anniversary reproduction of the Declaration of Independence by Representative Kim Ferguson's office and the return of patriotic bunting on Town buildings and properties.

This episode also includes a recap of the June 29 Select Board meeting, an update on the new Westminster app, the adoption of the Strategic Staffing Plan, and information explanation of the Depot Road/Route 2A/State Road East roundabout as a MassDOT project, programmed for 2030.

Episode 30: Citizens' Petitions & A Summertime Special Town Meeting

It's a big day, the Town Crier is turning 30! This week, we're trading our usual summertime topics for a review of the democratic process, twenty year old deeds and some unexpected big Town business.

Stephanie breaks down the August 4 Special Town Meeting called by citizens' petition, explains how the petition process works, review the proposal involving approximately ten acres of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area, and discuss why the several town boards and committees oppose the article. Plus, quick updates on first-quarter tax bills, the July South Street Sentinel and the latest Select Board meeting.

1st Qtr Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills are Due August 3, 2026

FY27 1st & 2nd Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills were mailed on June 29, 2026. The 1st Quarter tax will be due by August 3, 2026 and the 2nd Quarter tax is due November 2, 2026. If you need a copy of your bill, please contact the Treasurer/Collector Office. Town Hall hours are Monday 7:00am - 7:00pm, Tuesday -Thursday 7:30am to 4:30pm (cash or check only at the counter), and closed on Fridays.

For your after-hour convenience, we have a locked drop box located in front of the Town Hall for checks only. Checks are made payable to the "Town of Westminster". You can also pay with a debit or credit card at the Online Payments link: <https://unipay.gold.unibank.com/default.aspx>



National Purple Heart Day, observed on August 7 each year, serves as a poignant reminder of the bravery and sacrifice of U.S. service members

who have been wounded or killed in combat. This day traces its origins back to August 7, 1782, when General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit, the precursor to the modern Purple Heart. This was the first military award in the United States accessible to enlisted soldiers, recognizing their valor and dedication. Today, the Purple Heart stands as a symbol of courage and resilience, honoring those who have selflessly served and sacrificed for the nation.

Have an event coming up? News that you think our community would want to hear? Want to see something in the Sentinel? **Please send your ideas and details** to Community Services Director, Audra Kirtland: akirtland@westminster-ma.gov

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

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Agendas, Meetings, and Minutes

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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>

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>

"TOWN DUMP 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 for updates.



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Monday: 7:00am-7:00pm

Tue-Thur: 7:30am-4:30pm

Friday: CLOSED



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