



THE South Street Sentinel



The start of a new school year brings a familiar change of pace to our community. School buses are back on the roads, mornings are getting busier, and families are settling into new routines filled with classrooms, activities, and plenty of new experiences.

With more buses, students, walkers, and congestion on our roads, we ask everyone to slow down, stay alert, and take extra care around school zones and bus stops. A little patience and attention can go a long way in keeping our students safe.

But just because school is starting up, there's still plenty of summer to enjoy—and plenty to look forward to this fall! The Farmers' Market continues on Academy Hill through October and Crocker Pond remains open through Labor Day. Looking ahead, the Singing Trooper Patriotic Concert is set for September 19th, with many local festivals, including our own Cracker Festival soon to follow.

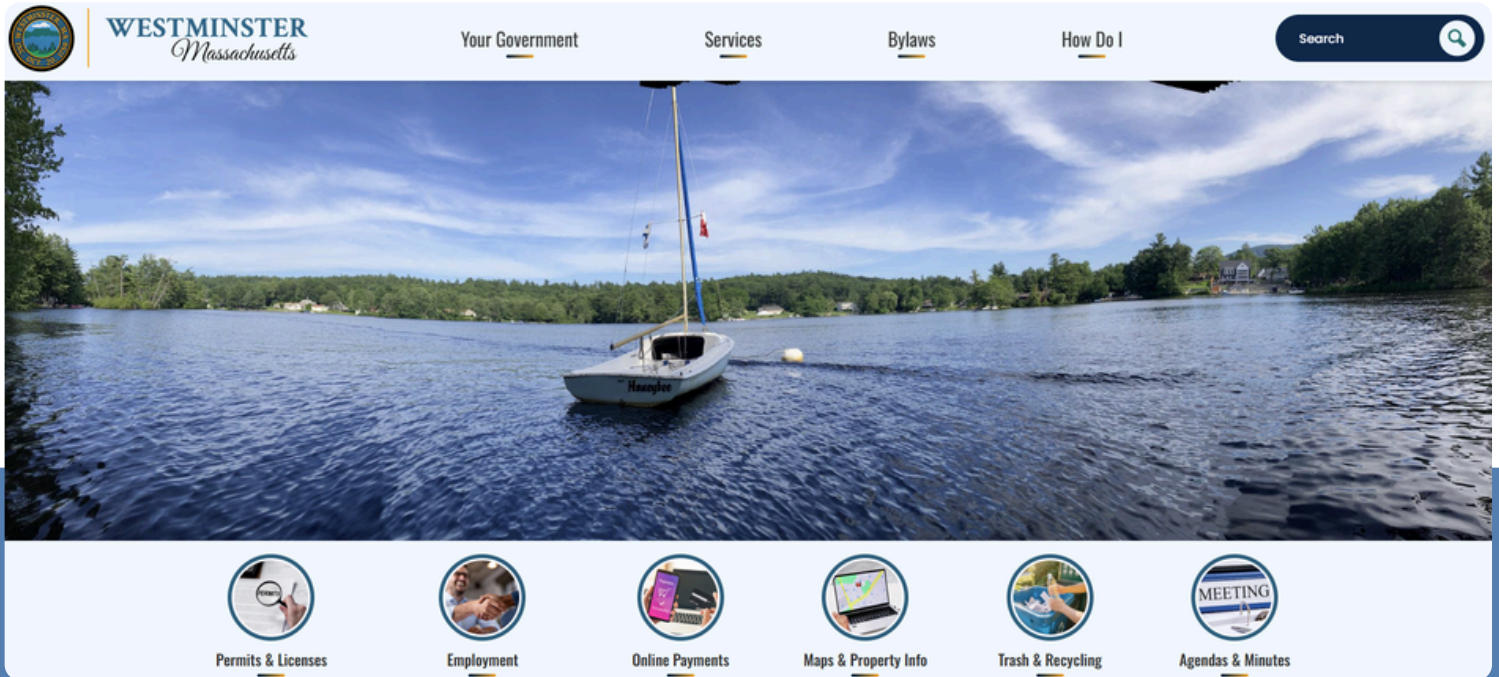
Here's to a safe start to the school year and a season filled with community spirit, local events, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy all that our town has to offer!

CONNECTING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY WWW.WESTMINSTER-MA.GOV

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

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

We Have A NEW Town Website!



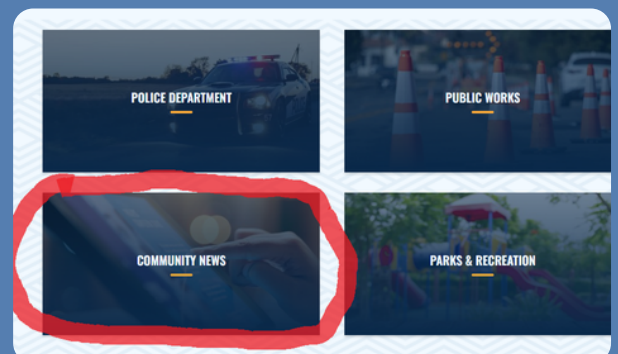
We are excited to announce the launch of our New Town website!

As with any new technology, there may be some issues and glitches, as we continue to navigate the new site and work through any necessary corrections. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to get everything running smoothly. As we have been reviewing the new website, we have identified several items that still need to be addressed. For example, some of the minutes for various Boards and Committees did not transfer to the new site. We are actively working to correct this issue. If you need to access minutes that are not currently available on the website, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

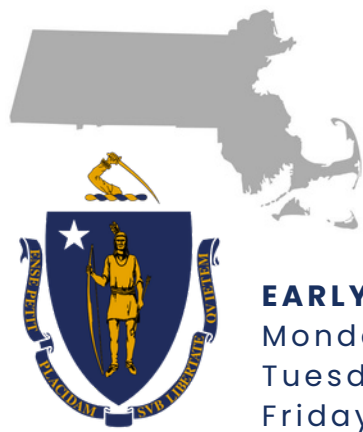
Another issue we have identified involves Community News Alerts. If you previously subscribed to receive News alerts via email and are no longer receiving them, please resubscribe. Unfortunately, some email addresses were returned as undeliverable, and were removed/dropped from the subscriber list during the transition. To resubscribe, visit the front page of the website, locate the blue boxes, and click on "Community News." You will then be able to subscribe again. See the photos below to help direct you.

ALSO... it is possible that your email is considering our emails to be SPAM, so please be sure to add noreply@civicplus.com and listserv@civicplus.com to your safe senders list.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to explore and familiarize themselves with the new website. We hope you will find the new site easier to navigate and that you will be able to quickly locate the information and resources you are looking for.



If you encounter any problems with the website or notice an issue with any of the links, please contact Tamie Chiarelli at tchiarelli@westminster-ma.gov. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this transition.



MASSACHUSETTS STATE PRIMARY TUESDAY, SEPT. 1ST

In-person Primary Day voting
will take place
at the Senior Center, 69 Main
Street, Westminster from
7:00AM to 8:00PM.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:

Monday, August 24: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Tuesday-Thursday, August 25-27: 7:30AM-4:30PM

Friday, August 28: no voting, town hall closed

[See the State
Primary
Specimen
Ballots Here](#)

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.



Episode 31: Roadwork, Recreation and a Special Town Meeting

In this brief summer update, Stephanie shares what's happening around Westminster, including Neighbors Helping Neighbors Benefit Day, the Nancy Green Award presentation, local events, recreation updates, road work, the Farmers Market, Crocker Pond and the Westminster app now in development.

The episode also includes an important reminder about the August 4th Special Town Meeting involving a citizens' petition related to approximately ten acres of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area. Stephanie reviews the positions taken by local boards and committees, explains that there is no absentee or early voting for Town Meeting, and reminds residents that they must attend in person to participate and vote.

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>

9/8 - Revisions- Traffic & Stormwater
10/6 - Conditions / Determination

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS EMAIL RDOHERTY@WESTMINSTER-MA.GOV



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



St. Edward's ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 12 10AM-4PM

St. Edward the Confessor Parish
10 Church Street, Westminster, MA 01473

JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS!

ATTIC TREASURES!
Inside & Outside (early-bird entry 9:30-10AM \$5 per person) Free Entry starting at 10AM

EDDIE'S AUCTION ROOM **THEME BASKETS** **JEWELRY ROOM**

***HOLIDAY ROOM** **BAKERY ROOM** **KIDS' GAMES * CASTLE BOUNCE HOUSE**

RAFFLE TIX/BIG RAFFLE **PHOTO BOOTH** **GROCERY WHEEL**

CHICKEN BBQ DINNER at NOON!
Includes all the fixings! By Reservation ONLY! Eat-in or To-go!
Call the St. Edward's Office: 978-874-2362 by Sept. 4th

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE LAWN @ 12:30PM!
Additional ongoing music throughout the day!

ICE CREAM TRUCK!
Onsite from 12-2PM

FOOD FOR ALL!
Burgers, dogs, pizza, mac'n cheese & more!

For up-to-date information & details, please visit: <http://stedwardconf.org/fall-festival>



FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and ART!

Interactive Painting Class

Instructed by **Bob Ruberti**

Thursday October 8, 2026 10AM

First Congregational Church
Covenant Hall
138 Main Street, Westminster

COST IS \$10 PER PERSON

Space is limited! Register today!

Contact: Sammi Dawley
978.430.9359
scdawley@yahoo.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hosted by the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church



Westminster Parks & Recreation

THE SINGING TROOPER

FREE ENTRY

WEAR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS

PICK UP YOUR SCARECROW FRAMES
For Westminster Cracker Festival's upcoming Main Street Scarecrows Competition!

Enjoy the powerful voice of **Daniel M. Clark**

4:00 PM
19 SEPTEMBER

ACADEMY HILL
WESTMINSTER, MA

COMMUNITY FITNESS class UPDATE

starting in October

Starting on Monday, October 5th, Paula Magee, who teaches fitness classes at the Westminster Senior Center during the day, will now be offering two classes on Monday Evenings, open to both seniors and other community members. While the classes are geared more towards seniors, anyone is welcome to join in for either of the following classes.

Monday 5-5:45PM: Cardio Strength
Monday 6-6:45PM: Yoga

Registration is not required, just show up ready to move with comfortable clothing and sneakers. We provide the weights, balls, chairs, and exercise bands as needed.

**Note, there will still be an 8:15-9AM 'Full Body Fitness' class taught by Audra Kirtland on Monday mornings*



Crocker Pond's schedule for the remainder of the 2026 Season is as follows:

- Monday, August 24 - Sunday, August 30 (OPEN 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Monday, August 31 - Thursday, Sept. 3 (CLOSED)

- Friday, Sept. 4 - Sunday, Sept. 6 (OPEN 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 7 (OPEN 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026 **(CLOSED FOR SEASON)**



THE FESTIVAL SEASON HAS STARTED! LOCATED JUST AROUND THE CORNER AT WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ALL THE FUN EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AHEAD! CLOSE OUT AUGUST WITH THE NEW, SUMMER FIESTA!

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER: LABOR SALE SALE & WEEKEND LAWN PARTY, BBQFEST, AND KIDSFEST!

CLICK HERE FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS





SAVE THE DATE FOR HALLOWEEN!!

Stay up to date on the Parks and Rec facebook page as lots of details will be coming out soon about this year's event, additional halloween happenings, and much more spooky fun taking place in town!

**AUGUST IS
NATIONAL WATER
QUALITY MONTH**



**THE ONLY WAY TO
KNOW THE QUALITY
OF YOUR PRIVATE
WELL WATER IS TO
TEST IT!**

Testing your well water is your responsibility as a homeowner. You should test regularly, but may need additional testing if you notice changes to the smell or color of your water. Always use a state accredited Lab for testing.

SAVE THE DATE!!

WESTMINSTER CRACKER FESTIVAL

A free event for all!

Saturday, October 17, 2026

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM — rain or shine

10 Village Square

Westminster, Massachusetts

**Stay
Healthy
This Flu
Season!**



Town of
Westminster
Board of
Health &
Montachusett
Public Health
Network

**Get your Flu
Shot**

September 29th
9AM - 12PM

At the Senior Center!



The Senior Center is waiting for full details and will have them available soon. Please ask at the front desk. Walk-ins on the day of the clinic will also be accepted.



COMMUNITY MAHJONG

**Tuesdays 6-8PM
Westminster Community
Center**

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 card to play which can be purchased at NATIONALMAHJONGLEAGUE.ORG

**NO MEETUP on SEPTEMBER 1ST DUE TO THE
ELECTION AT THE COMMUNIT CENTER!**



Little Art Gallery

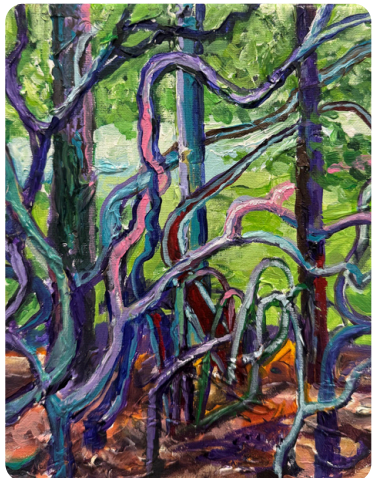
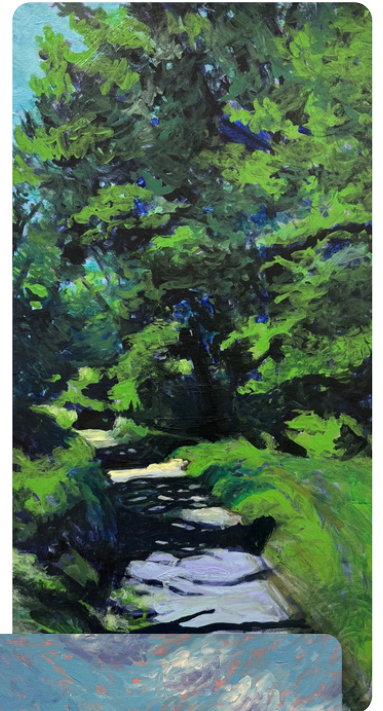
**AT THE TOWN
HALL**

Currently Featured
Artist:
Bridie Wolejko

Currently Displaying local
landscapes done with acrylic paint
on stretch canvas or wood panel.
There is a focus on expressive
brushstrokes, directional mark-
making, color, texture, and light.

Artist Bio

Bridie Wolejko has been an artist for over 20 years. She began as a self-taught artist exhibiting her work in the Boston area. Since that time, she has gone on to complete her Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary studies with a minor in studio art at Fitchburg State and is now an MFA candidate at Clark University. She won the 86th Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft at the Fitchburg Art Museum and her subsequent solo exhibit at the museum was featured in WBUR's Summer Art Guide. Her work has been exhibited all over the world including New Zealand, Zurich, SXSW, and the U.N. to name a few places. She helps to run the community-based Gallery Marquee art gallery in Fitchburg, MA and teaches art at Fitchburg State's ALFA program.



Bridie's artwork is for sale! You can find pricing and details at the Little Art Gallery, just inside the Town Hall.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS BEST MOMENTS 2026 TOWN BENEFIT

TO VIEW A FULL SLIDESHOW OF ALL THE
BEST PHOTOS FROM THE DAY, VISIT:
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/REEL/377150
2499656775](https://www.facebook.com/REEL/3771502499656775)

OR VIEW ALL THE POSTS AT:

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WESTMINSTER
NEIGHBORSHelpingNEIGHBORS](https://www.facebook.com/WESTMINSTER
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CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN MCCARTHY, THE 2026 RECIPIENT OF
THE NEW **NANCY GREEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
CITIZENSHIP!** PLEASE SEE A FEW PHOTOS BELOW OF DAN
RECEIVING HIS AWARD.



THE CANNON IS BACK ON ACADEMY HILL!

Special thanks to our 'always-on-the-go' maintenance team of Marty and Randy for their continued efforts to help restore the Academy Hill cannon, which recently received a new set of authentic wooden wheels. It's nice to have the concrete platform covered again with a piece of town history.



NEW UPPER PAVED LOT AT THE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER!

Thank you to our DPW Department for the recent paving job at the Community Senior Center. The back lot look amazing and will allow for safer footing and snow and ice clearing come the winter season. This needed expansion shows just how many people are visiting the center daily!



WESTMINSTER FARMERS' MARKET

Open Fridays from 3-6pm

RUNNING THROUGH OCTOBER 16TH!

UPCOMING FEATURED EVENT: CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE

September 18th

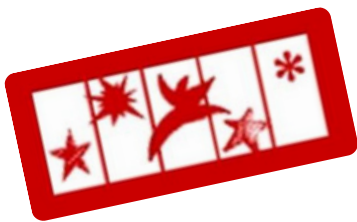
Please visit the following pages for more details,
coming soon:

westminsterfarmersmarket.com
facebook.com/westminsterfarmersmarket



2026 Farmers' Market Upcoming Entertainment Schedule

AUGUST 28: DANIEL CATE | SEPT. 4: JOE REIDY | SEPT. 11: TRIBE/NATE GRIGOS
SEPT. 18: CHUCK & MUD WITH WALTER CROCKETT | SEPT. 25: LOUIS ARNOLD



Westminster Cultural Council

Seeks Funding Proposals

This year the Westminster Cultural Council will distribute funds for community - oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. Funds can be used for a variety of projects and activities in Westminster including, but not limited to exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures, performances, etc. Programs can service children, teens, adults, or our elderly.

Grant applications are available through the Massachusetts Cultural Council as of Sept. 1, 2026 at: massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/

The online process must be completed by Thursday, October, 15, 2026.

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

www.westminster-ma.gov/665/Cultural-Council

Applicants are welcome to reach out to local contacts Sammi Dawley scdawley@yahoo.com and Pat Gendron pgendron@yahoo.com.

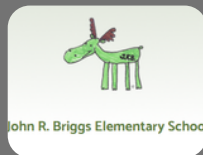
SCHOOL NEWS

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 Westminster Regional School District - 2026-2027 Calendar

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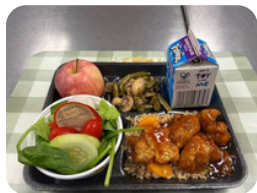
SEPTEMBER 4TH & 7TH

CLICK THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR A VIEWABLE CALENDAR

STAY UP TO DATE! VISIT AWRSD.ORG OR MONTYTECH.NET

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Never go hungry at school! School breakfasts and lunches remain free for all K-12 students in participating Massachusetts public schools for the 2026-2027 academic year.



25-26 BUS ROUTES

This year, school bus routes are NOT being published on our school's general websites. To find your child's bus route, please see emails from the schools with directions on how to find the routes through Parent Square. For questions about transportation, please email bussing@awrsd.org and provide your child's full name, school, address, and the question/issue.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
EARLY RELEASE!
ALL GRADES!

SCHOOL HOURS:

PRE-SCHOOL

AM Session 8:45-11:10AM
PM Session 12:00-2:30PM
Full Day Session 8:45-2:30PM

MEETINGHOUSE / W.E.S.

ARRIVAL: 8:20 - 8:30AM
DISMISSAL: 2:55PM
HALF DAYS DISMISSAL: 12:00PM

OVERLOOK

ARRIVAL: 7:20-7:35AM
DISMISSAL: 1:55PM
HALF DAYS DISMISSAL: 10:55AM



As the challenges of a new school year begin, please remember you are not alone! Do not hesitate to reach out for support!




CONTACT US
ParentSupportGroup@PPAL.net

WEBSITE
www.PPAL.net

FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/PPAL.net

**Support Group for
North Central
Caregivers of
Teens and Young Adults**

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

444 Green Street,
North Cafe, Room #H-140,
Gardner, MA

Are you raising or supporting a teen or young adult with social, emotional, or mental health needs? Join us for connection, support, and learning! We welcome you both virtually or in person!

FUNDED BY THE MA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP!

The Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area (ALFA) program at Fitchburg State University has opened registration for their 2 fall sessions. ALFA is a lifelong learning institute that serves adult learners in our area. They offer non-credit daytime classes (in- person and online), trips, special events, and a free speaker series. There are some terrific offerings this fall with minimal fees. Limited scholarships available. Browse the printed catalog at this center or access the online catalog by clicking to the right.

Course Offerings **FALL 2026**



**Adult Learning
IN THE Fitchburg Area**

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Registration
opens:
**August 11
9AM**



Love of Learning Lasts a Lifetime!

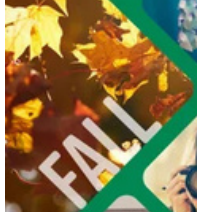
fitchburgstate.edu/ALFA

Learning

ISN'T JUST FOR
THE KIDS!

If you have a passion for learning, Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) offers personal enrichment courses for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy. At the Mount, we believe that learning never ends. Our Community Education department offers a wide variety of courses to help you enhance your skills, learn a new hobby or earn a certificate to help your career. We schedule Community Education courses during evenings, weekends and even online. If you're searching for opportunities to expand your mind, there's always something new to learn at MWCC!







FALL

Fall 2026
Lifelong Learning

**COMMUNITY
EDUCATION
CATALOG**

Personal Enrichment & Professional Development
Gardner | Leominster | Online



GLOW DAY!

Summer Rec Program HIGHLIGHTS



ARTS & CRAFTS!



FIRE TRUCK DAY!



MAKING
MUMMIES!



Thank you to our
Counselors!



PLAYGROUND DAYS!



MOVIE &
POPCORN
DAY!



COSTUME DAY!



ACADEMY HILL DAYS



WATER SLIDE
DAY!



FACE PAINT DAY!



TIE-DYE DAY!



SPORTS!



FIELD DAY!



SLIP & SLIDE DAY!

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](#).

We were pleased to join Forbush Library, DPW and the Fire Dept. for the library's recent Touch-A-Truck event on August 15th!



Neighbors Helping Neighbor Benefit Day on August 9th was also a huge success!



Mental Health Awareness



Clinical Support Options (CSO):

- 978-488-8888 – 24/7 emergency screenings, behavioral health assessments for all ages
- 978-730-1275 – Family Resource Center: parenting groups, clinical services, skill building
- 978-632-9400 – CBHI: wraparound in-home family services

Other Resources:

- GAAMHA – Gardner 978-632-0934
- Open Sky – 774-502-5334 – Emergency Rm Diversion
- Learn to Cope – 508-738-5148 – Support for families of loved ones with addiction
- PPAL (Parent/Professional Advocacy League) 508-767-9725
- YWCA – Domestic Violence Services – 508-767-2505
 - 24/7 Hotline: 508-755-9030
- Community Health Link 800-555-9777 – Youth & adult emergency behavioral screenings
- LUK Crisis Center – 800-579-0000
- McLean LEADER Program – 617-855-3141 – First Responder Mental Health

Suicide & Crisis Lines:

- National Lifeline: 800-273-8255 or text 988
- Good Samaritans State Hotline: 877-870-4673
- Veterans Crisis Line: 800-870-4673
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Hotline: 800-799-4889
- Trevor Helpline (LGBTQ+ youth): 866-488-7386
- Runaway Safeline (Youth/Teens): 800-786-2929

Local Help:

- Westminster Food Bank: 978-874-7970
- Addiction Support: addictionresource.net

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out at Oakmont! What a night we had with countless local community organizations, along with Ashburnham Police and Fire Departments. A special thanks to the life flight crew for flying in!



See all the photos from National Night Out by visiting facebook.com/WestminsterPD



FIRE DEPT



NEWS & UPDATES!



Animal Rescue – Recently, the department received a call for a hawk in distress after it became entangled in fishing line on Wyman's Pond. Crews were able to safely reach the hawk and carefully remove the fishing line. After the bird was safely removed and secured in a safe transportation container, they coordinated with a local wildlife rehabilitation center. The hawk was brought back to the station, where it was picked up by the rehabilitation center for evaluation and any additional care it may need.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Thank you to all of the Emergency Management and Fire Department volunteers who volunteered to run the Fried Dough Booth. We had a busy afternoon making fried dough and a special thank you to Town House of Pizza who donated the dough for the event!



If you need an Inspection by the Fire Department we have some useful links on our website to help you get ready and/or apply. As always if you need additional help give us a call at the station and one of our Firefighters will be able to help you out. Please visit: www.westminster-ma.gov/743/Fire-Permits-Inspections



Touch a Truck – On August 15th, the department, along with our Police and Department of Public Works partners, participated in the Forbush Memorial Library's Touch-a-Truck event. This annual event provides a great opportunity for children and families to get an up-close look at some of the vehicles and equipment the we use to keep the community safe every day. Firefighters were able to showcase fire apparatus, answer questions, talk about the equipment we carry, and give children the opportunity to climb aboard and see what it is like inside a fire truck. Thank the Forbush Memorial Library for organizing a great community event and we also want to thank everyone who stopped by to visit with our crews.





Home Depot – Last week we were invited to the Home Depot grand opening ceremony. Over the past two months they have been bringing stock in and they will begin outbound operations starting late August. This has been a long project and one in which the department has been involved each step of the way. It's good to see it all come together successfully.

Hose Testing – Through the month of August members of the department have been completing the annual hose testing on the handlines. The supply line was tested earlier in the year. Annual fire hose testing is an important component of our preventive maintenance and safety program. Testing ensures that hose can safely withstand required pressures and identifies deterioration, leaks, coupling problems, or other defects before the hose is needed during an emergency. Hose failures during a fire can result in injury, loss of water supply, and increased risk to firefighters operating in hazardous conditions. Annual testing also provides documented verification that the hose is being properly maintained and ready for reliable use.



National Night Out – On August 11th, the department participated in a fun-filled evening at Oakmont for National Night Out. This annual event provides a great opportunity for public safety agencies to interact with members of the community in a fun and welcoming environment. Throughout the evening, our department was able to showcase apparatus, provide fire prevention and safety information, and offer realistic, hands-on education through the SAFE Trailer. Life Flight also joined us and gave residents the opportunity to see their aeromedical helicopter up close and learn more about the important role they play in emergency medical care.



National Night Out is truly a community-wide event. Our law enforcement and Public Works partners were also on hand providing information, demonstrations, and opportunities for residents to meet and interact with the people who serve our community every day.

An event like this would not be possible without a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. Lt. Tamulen is instrumental in coordinating this event each year, and we greatly appreciate the time and effort he puts into making the evening such a success.

Great job to everyone involved, and thank you to all of the residents who came out and spent the evening with us!



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!

KIDS WIN!

SUMMER READING CHAMPIONS!



PLANT A SEED, READ



The Kids'
winning mosaic!



Kids Win the Adults vs. Kids Summer Reading Challenge!

Kids and Adults each had their own reading mosaic, with 1 hour of reading = 1 sticker added to their mosaic.

And the Kids absolutely crushed it!

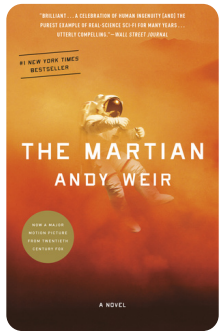
Kids: 3,666 hours
Adults: 1,488 hours

Awesome job, Kids! You read more than twice as many hours as the Adults!

The Art of Fighting: Building Better, Stronger Relationships with Priya Parker

9.15, 4pm, virtual

Register and see a full list of upcoming author talks.



Adult Book Club

9.2, 6-7pm OR

9.3, 2-3pm

Pick up a copy at the desk!



Literacy Volunteers Information Session

9.9, 6-8pm

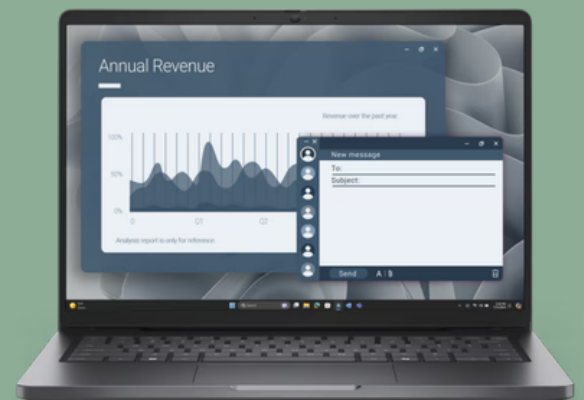
Registration required.

With Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area



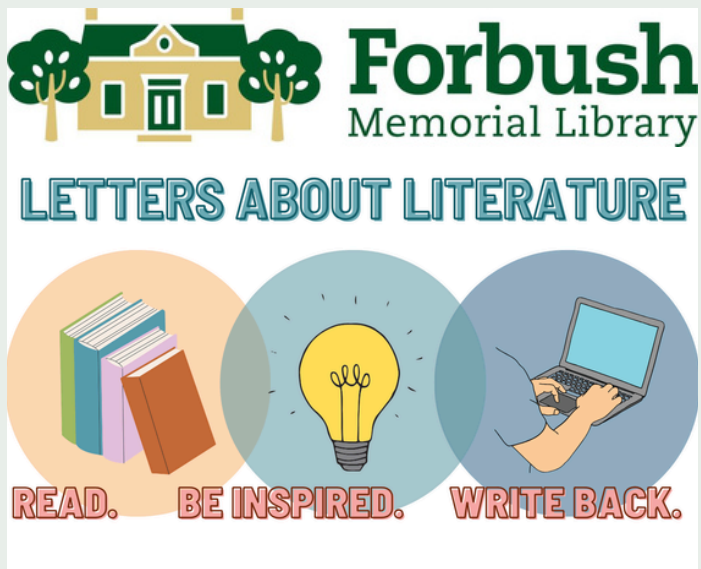
Book donations are temporarily paused while the Friends of Forbush sort through their current inventory.

Collection Spotlight



Dell Pro 14 Laptops

Use them in the library or take them home for 3 weeks!



Letters About Literature

9.16 at 2-3pm, and 9.23, 9.30, 10.14, 10.28, 11.4 at 3:30-4:30pm

Grades 4-12

Letters About Literature (LAL), sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book, invites students in Grades 4-12 to read a book of their choice and write a personal letter to its author about how the book impacted them. Through Forbush Library, Ms. Catt will lead six workshops to guide students through developing, writing, and editing their letters; attendance at all six is encouraged but not required. Registration required.

Read with TheraPAWS

9.25, 4:30-5:30pm
Grades preK+

The BePAWSitive Therapy Pet team will be bringing therapy pets to the library to listen to kids read them stories!

Sign up for a 15 min. time slot at the Children's Room desk starting at 3:30 PM.



Regular Early Childhood Programs



Babytime

Ages 0-2
Thursdays
at 10am



Storytime

Ages 3-5
Tuesdays at 10am



Tot Time

Ages 2-3
Fridays at 10am



MOC Playgroup

Ages 0-6
2nd Thursdays at 10am
With Making
Opportunity Count



Council on Aging Newsletter

Are you a senior living in our community!? Be sure to check out the Council on Aging newsletter, printed monthly and available on our town website, or at numerous local establishments around town. The newsletter is filled with valuable information including events, resources, classes, activities, and more!



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LIVE Well FAIR

Your Health. Your Community. Your Life.

SUPPORTED BY

Westminster Council on Aging

 **Thursday, October 1, 2026**
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

 **Westminster Council on Aging**
69 W. Main Street, Westminster, MA

 Meet local businesses, organizations, and service providers while learning about the many resources, programs, and products available to help you live a **healthy, happy, and independent life.**

> EXPLORE • CONNECT • LIVE WELL <

 Health & Wellness Resources

 Home Care & Support Services

 Senior Programs & Community Organizations

 Products for Safety, Comfort & Independence

 Giveaways & Raffle Prizes

 Ask Questions & Connect with Local Experts

 **FREE ADMISSION!**
Everyone is welcome!

 For more information, please call:
978-874-7402

Come explore, connect, and discover ways to Live Well!

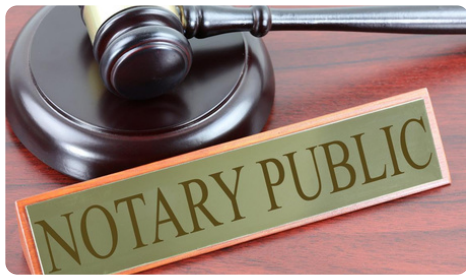


Are you concerned about a Senior living in our community? Please let us know so we can help! Contact the Community Senior Center at 978-874-7402 or email klawrence@westminster-ma.gov and we will conduct a confidential wellness check and provide any assistance or services that may be needed.

Important Community Resource Numbers

Westminster Sr. Center	978-874-7402
MART Transportation	978-345-7111 x1
Elder Helpline	800-243-4636
Exec. Office Elder Affairs	800-922-2275
MOC Meals on Wheels	978-345-8501
Aging Services NCM	978-537-7411
Mass Agency on Aging	508-852-5539
Westminster Food Pantry	978-874-7970
SNAP (food stamps)	978-665-8700
Veterans Department	978-829-1797
Fuel Assistance	978-342-4520
Mass Health	800-841-2900
Medicare	800-633-4227
Legal Aid of Central MA	978-516-5155

NEXT COA BOARD MEETING!
Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30am
All are welcome to attend!



Walk-in notary services are now available. 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 with you. 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.

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.

September 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	01	02	03

See our job **OPENINGS!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

COMMUNITY NEWS



CLOSED MONDAY SEPT. 7th
(and Friday, September 4th as usual)



Online Payments



Agendas & Minutes

"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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FIRE



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AWCM
ASH-WEST COMMUNITY MEDIA



POLICE



TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday: 7:00am-7:00pm

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

Friday: CLOSED



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