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The South Street SENTINEL

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WHAT'S INSIDE THE NOVEMBER ISSUE...



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Town news, updates & announcements, including election details, our Annual Town Meeting, BOH meetings & more.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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PUBLIC SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Police, Fire and DPW news. Including the public safety building Woodland project updates.

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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! Reach out to Stephanie Lahtinen with your comments or ideas: podcast@westminster-ma.gov.

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Episode 35: Talking About All Things Elections with Town Clerk Jayne Davolio

Meet Westminster's first appointed Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio! Jayne joins Stephanie to share her experience and explain voter registration, checking your voting status, early voting, and preparing for the November 3 State Election. Plus, hear the latest Select Board updates, a preview of the November 17 Special Town Meeting, and reminders about the upcoming Cracker Festival and Halloween festivities.

Episode 36: Fall in Full Swing, Special Town Meeting Preview & Community Connections

Catch up with Town Administrator Stephanie Lahtinen for a recap of the October 19 Select Board meeting, a preview of November's Special Town Meeting, and updates on the Woodland Loop water main project and upcoming election. Plus, big thanks to the Cracker Festival and Farmers Market organizers, a Halloween candy donation request, Westminster's first-ever Community Spaghetti Supper, and a call for local artists to exhibit at Town Hall!



IMPORTANT ELECTION RELATED LINKS...

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

ONLINE APPLICATION
VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

PRINTED FORM TO REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL

PRINTED FORM TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

PRINTED FORM TO APPLY FOR VOTE BY MAIL

You can always visit or call the Town Clerk with additional questions or concerns!





REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due Date Reminder

2nd Quarter Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills are Due November 2nd

FY25 2nd Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills were mailed with the 1st Quarter bills last July and are due by Nov. 2, 2026. If you do not have your bill, please contact the Treasurer/Collector Office immediately.

Town Hall hours are Monday 7am - 7pm, 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 on our Town website (www.westminster-ma.gov).



FALL 2026 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
6:30 PM

Westminster Elementary School
9 Academy Hill Road, Westminster

The warrant has been reviewed and discussed at the Oct 5th & Oct 19th Select Board meetings and on the latest Town Crier Podcast.

NEXT STEPS
Please stay tuned to the upcoming Select Board Meeting on **November 2nd** when the warrant will be approved.

WARRANT POSTED
Once approved, the warrant will be posted to our Town website on **November 3rd.**

www.westminster-ma.gov

POSTCARDS
Postcards regarding details for the Special Town Meeting will follow in the mail.

For any additional questions, please contact Tamie Chiarelli ***978-874-7408*** *or* ***tchiarelli@westminster-ma.gov.***

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Town Fuel Assistance Apps will be available at the Senior Center and Town website as of December 1st!

The Westminster Select Board has instituted an Emergency Home Heating Assistance Program (EHHAP) for eligible Westminster residents. Funding for the program is provided from monies available in the Fred Smith Poor Fund as well as the Giles Fund. To be eligible, residents must have lived in Town for the past six months or longer and must meet income eligibility guidelines established by the most recent HUD low-income limits for the Westminster area. Applicants are able to receive a benefit once during the season. The EHHAP will be administered through the Emergency Home Heating Assistance Committee, appointed by the Select Board. Information provided will be kept confidential.



WESTMINSTER BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTIFICATION OF HEALTH EVALUATION

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will be present at an upcoming Board of Health meeting to provide updates on the ongoing Town Wide Westminster Health Data Evaluation and will be available to answer questions that residents may have.

DATE
November 16, 2026

TIME
6:30 PM

LOCATION
Community Senior Center
69 West Main St.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the ongoing Health Evaluation, please reach out to DPH at **(617) 624-5757 ext. 5,** or submit questions in writing in advance of the meeting, by **(November 2nd, 2026)** to **DPH-EnvEpi@mass.gov.**

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!









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STAY UP TO DATE
WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN
Westminster

FACEBOOK.COM/
WESTMINSTERMACOMMUNITYSERVICES

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
CORNHOLE
Every Monday
Westminster Community/Senior Center
Bags fly 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
All ages and all skill levels are welcome !

VOLUNTEER
Make a Difference
IN WESTMINSTER

Our Community NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy meeting people, being part of community events and having fun? The Town of Westminster is looking for volunteers to help out at community events!

We have some great events in the works — and now all we need is YOU!

COMMUNITY EVENTS · PARKS & RECREATION · TOWN PROGRAMS · & SO MUCH MORE!

Stronger Together
PEOPLE • EVENTS • COMMUNITY

Contact Audra at **978-874-7461** | or email **akirtland@westminster-ma.gov**

Get Involved!

WESTMINSTER, MA
COMMUNITY SERVICES
People, Programs, Events & Community

Good Food Brings People Together

WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY
Spaghetti Supper

All are Welcome!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Community Senior Center
69 West Main Street, Westminstrer

DINNER INCLUDES:
Pasta with Meatballs, Sauce and Bread

CRAFTS TABLE FOR KIDS!

FOR WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS ONLY

Enjoy Background Music!

Donations to the Westminster Food Pantry are appreciated.

Limited to the first 100 people to sign-up.

RSVP by November 2nd.

GOOD FOOD ♥ GOOD PEOPLE ♥ A STRONGER WESTMINSTER

Lifting Lives
Through Local Care

Together We Make a Difference!

The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Westminster will be collecting **personal care items** to help stock the shelves at the Food Pantry located at the church. Every day hygiene products cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits making these donations incredibly vital for families right here in Westminster. All personal care items are deeply appreciated especially:

Bar soap and body wash · Shampoo and conditioner · Toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes · Body and hand lotions · Shaving cream and razors

Small Items Big Impact!

PERSONAL CARE DONATION DRIVE
CLEANER DAYS. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

Healthy Communities Stronger Neighbors

NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 20, 2026
You may leave your donations in the designated collection boxes at any of these wonderful locations. We are grateful to them for partnering with us!

- **First Congregational Church of Westminster,** 138 Main St. (side entrance)
- **Forrest Farms - Micro Flower Farm & Event Venue,** 127 Main St. (under the covered ramp on the left side of the building)
- **The Vice** - Coffee, Ice Cream & Deli Shop, 134 Main St.
- **Vincent's Country Store** - Family Owned Market, 109 Main St.

Thank you for your generosity and making our neighbors feel their best!

Women's Fellowship
First Congregational Church Westminster

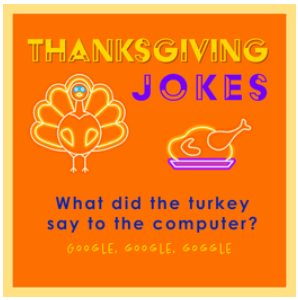
Care Share Support Our Community

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ♥ A STRONGER WESTMINSTER ♥ TOGETHER









Community Holiday SWap



Clear Some Space, Find Something New at Our Community Swap! Ready to declutter and discover something new? As the holiday season approaches, take a little time to sort through your home and set aside items you no longer need.

From festive holiday decorations to everyday household treasures, your unwanted items might be just what someone else is looking for! Join us for our Community Holiday Swap! Tables will be set up in the community room where you can drop off items and browse for something new to take home. Whether you're looking to refresh your holiday décor, find a useful household item, or simply enjoy the thrill of a good find, there's something for everyone!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
1:00-3:00PM AT THE SENIOR CENTER

What can you bring?

- Gently used holiday decorations for any holiday
- Household goods and other useful items someone else might love
- All items must be clean, in good working order, and in good to like-new condition. Please do not bring large appliances, clothing, shoes, electronics, or textiles.

Need a hand unloading? Just pull up, and we'll be happy to help! Nothing to swap? No problem! Everyone is welcome to stop by, browse, and take home something new. You don't need to bring anything to participate! Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity or the Westminster Swap Shed. Please note that we reserve the right to refuse any items brought to the swap. Let's give pre-loved items a new home, uncover a few hidden gems, and share a little community cheer this season!





On October 16th, our Community Senior Center was truly transformed at our Motown Celebration...

Motown Night Brings the Community Together!

Westminster has recently kicked off a new community initiative designed to bring residents of all ages together through fun, social events at the Community Senior Center - which is NOT just for seniors! One of the most recent events was our Motown-themed Community Dance, taking place on Friday, October 16th - and what a night it was!

The Senior Center's social room was completely transformed into a Motown-inspired nightclub, complete with black-draped walls, a glowing Motown sign, a twinkling blue ceiling above the dance floor, soft lighting, and beautifully decorated tables. Nearly three hours of classic Motown hits, accompanied by videos on the big screen, kept the energy going all evening.

With 60+ guests came out to enjoy the festivities, many dressed in their best Motown-inspired outfits! It didn't take long for the dancing to begin—by the second song, guests were already on their feet, and the dance floor stayed busy right through the final number.

The fantastic turnout and enthusiasm made the evening a wonderful success and a great start to what we hope will become a series of community gatherings. Stay tuned for more opportunities to get together, have fun, and make connections right here in Westminster!

Want to see a specific type of event? It could be for kids, tweens, teens, adults or seniors... let us know! We want to bring you events that you WANT to attend!

SENIOR CENTER HELP...



We are looking for friendly and service-oriented people to join our volunteer team for this upcoming tax season.

The program has several types of volunteer opportunities. You'll receive training and support, learn new skills, and feel great while helping others.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax-filing help to those who need it most.

Apply at
aarpfoundation.org/TaxaideVolunteer
or call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669).

AARP Foundation
Tax-Aide

WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS & UPDATES

Westminster Police Department Presents $700 Donation to Local Veterans



Members of the Westminster Police Department recently had the honor of presenting a $700 check to the Commander of the Westminster VFW, representing proceeds from the Department's commemorative 250th Anniversary Patch Sale. Several members of the Westminster Police Department and local veterans were on hand for the presentation.

The commemorative patches were created to recognize our nation's 250th anniversary while honoring the service and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who purchased a patch and supported this initiative. Your generosity made this donation possible and provided us with another opportunity to give back to those who have given so much to our country.

On behalf of the Westminster Police Department and the Westminster Police Association, thank you to our veterans for your service, sacrifice, and continued contributions to our community.



Traffic Safety Update

After a lengthy and collaborative process involving representatives from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and the Fitchburg Police Department, MassDOT has officially established a school zone on State Road East in Westminster, extending into Fitchburg.

New signage was recently installed identifying the school zone and times during which the reduced speed limit is in effect.

Over the next several weeks, officers will be in the area conducting educational traffic enforcement, with an emphasis on informing drivers about the new school zone and encouraging compliance with the posted speed limits.

We appreciate the cooperation and efforts of everyone involved in making this improvement possible.
Please pay attention to the new signage, be mindful of your speed, and help us keep our students, school staff, and motorists safe.

Check out the latest edition of the Westminster Police Bulletin!

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER Massachusetts 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.

WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEWS & UPDATES



Tim Hurd Send Off – On Friday, October 23rd at 9:00AM, the Fire Department officially sends off Tim Hurd after his **43 plus years** of service to the community. Tim began his career in the fire service on November 17th of 1982 and served the Town uninterrupted until he reached the mandatory retirement age.

Looking at available records, he is the 5th longest serving member of the Westminster Fire Department just behind some legendary members who have served over 35 years such as Gibby Parks, Deputy Chief Jiggs Ahlin, Chief Brent MacAloney, Chief Kevin Nivala and Deputy Chief Charlie Clarkson. **Thank you Tim for your years of commitment and dedication to Westminster!**

Ladder Company Training – This month members are conducting Ladder Company Operations training. On the fire ground ladder companies and engine companies perform distinct different roles. The fire ground is not a free for all scene where each piece of apparatus does their own thing to put the fire out. The fire ground is a highly coordinated scene with real life threats which require a core set of tasks to be complete ensuring life safety and property conservation. At a fire engine and ladder crews work in coordination with each other to perform different tasks which mutually support one another.

An engine company is primarily responsible for fire suppression and water supply. Its main functions are to establish a water source, advancing hose lines, applying water to extinguish the fire, protect exposures, and supporting other suppression activities such as laying a supply line. A ladder company is primarily responsible for building access, search, rescue, ventilation, and forcible entry. Ladder crews provide ground and aerial ladders, search for and remove occupants, open roofs and walls for ventilation, force entry into secured areas, and perform overhaul to locate hidden fire. While the two companies work closely together, the engine company generally puts water on the fire, while the ladder company creates access, searches for victims, and supports the conditions necessary for effective and safe fire attack. Beyond the functional differences each of the different types of apparatus have a different set of tools and equipment to support their tasks.

In larger departments firefighters are assigned to a single piece of apparatus and that is their function. In smaller departments like ours we need to ensure that our firefighters are trained and proficient in each of these tasks. Firefighters coming back for fires may be asked to staff a ladder or an engine so they need to be able to efficiently conduct the tasks they are assigned.







Additional Training – Recently, firefighters trained on the high point rescue system. Firefighters train daily on specific topics to ensure their skills are maintained and built upon. This topic was the high point anchor rescue system. This is a piece of equipment used to assist in firefighter rescue operations. The system provides an elevated anchor point using a ladder that allows firefighters to safely control descents, upper-floor evacuations, and emergency rescue. It is very important for firefighters to be proficient in the use of the system.



This equipment is particularly important for situations where firefighters may become trapped or need to be removed from an elevated position due to deteriorating fire conditions with no other means of escape. The training is aimed at developing proficiency in rope-based rescue techniques and to build the confidence and skills performing challenging rescue operations.



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Committee Selects Vertex for Next Steps in Building Assessment Project

The Public Safety Building Committee is pleased to announce that Vertex has been selected to assist with the next steps of the building assessment project.

Vertex will be working with the Committee to assess safety needs, secure an architect, and evaluate the properties at 7-11 South Street and 5 Meetinghouse Road. This work will provide important information to help guide decision-making and move the project forward consistently.

The Committee remains committed to a thorough and thoughtful process to ensure a safe, functional, and efficient public safety facility for our community.

VISIT THE
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
WEBPAGE
Find meeting information, agendas, updates and more.



WESTMINSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER | PUBLIC NOTICE

HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCLUSION

MassDOT Approval • October 14, 2026

A new restriction has been approved for the following Westminster roads:

AFFECTED ROADS

Overlook Road (Simplex Drive to Bacon Street)

Bacon Street • Elliott Street • Pleasant Street

VEHICLES RESTRICTED

Commercial vehicles with a GVWR of 5 tons (10,000 lbs) or more.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week | Alternate routes: Route 140 and Route 2

WHEN DOES IT TAKE EFFECT?

The restriction begins once the Town installs the required signs on the affected roads.

EXCEPTIONS

Certain local deliveries/collections, road and utility work, and government or public service corporation vehicles are exempt. See the MassDOT permit for full details.

MassDOT Permit HCVE-332-7270 | M.G.L. c. 85, § 2



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

WOODLAND LOOP WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT – PHASE 1



PROJECT START
End of October 2026

AFFECTED STREETS
Woodland Drive, Oakwood Court, Taymax Road, Amber Road and South Ashburnham Road

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
Construction will continue through the winter (weather dependent) and is expected to be completed in June 2027.

The Town of Westminster, through the Department of Public Works, and its contractor R.H. White (RHW), will be installing a new 8" and 12" water main (South Ashburnham Road) along the affected streets.

OPTION TO CONNECT TO TOWN WATER

Affected residents will have the option to connect to town water. For those who choose not to connect for 5 years from the date of the Final Decision (until October 7, 2031), there is no cost to the property owner associated with connecting. Once connected, water usage will be billed by the Water Department.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Roads, lawns, sidewalks and driveways will be disturbed during construction.
- All disturbed areas will be restored to previous or better condition.
- RHW will take photos and/or video to ensure restoration is completed properly.
- There may be traffic delays. RHW will coordinate with the Westminster Police Department regarding traffic management and police details during construction.

FUTURE INFORMATION

We are planning to hold a project information meeting (in person or virtual) in the near future to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have. Once scheduled, we will share the date and details with residents.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Joshua W. Hall, P.E., Director of Public Works | (978) 874-5572 | JHall@westminster-ma.gov

FITCHBURG AND WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS ONLY

2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

Sponsored by Waste Management



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

FITCHBURG/WESTMINSTER LANDFILL
101 Fitchburg Road (RT 31S)
Fitchburg, MA

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS COLLECTION:

- Antifreeze*
- Antipneographic supplies
- Automotive fluids
- Button batteries*
- Car batteries*
- Creosote
- Chemistry sets
- Paint (oil, marine, lead, noopy wood preservatives & stains)
- DDT
- Disinfectants
- Dry gas
- Drain cleaners
- Engine degreaser
- Flea killers
- Fluorescent bulbs*
- Furniture polish
- Gasoline
- Herbicides
- Insect pump spray
- Kerosene
- Lead acid batteries*
- Metal polish
- Motor oil*
- Moth ball
- Muriatic acid
- Pesticides
- Photographic supplies
- Rechargeable batteries* (Nickel-Cadmium)
- Rodent killers
- Septic tank cleaners
- Spot remover/solvent
- Thermostats*
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Varnishes

**Check with recycling center, these items may be collected on a permanent basis.*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Air fresheners/deodorizers
- Alkaline/carbon zinc batteries
- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Car waxes/polishes
- Correctors
- Empty containers
- EXPLOSIVES
- Fertilizer w/out pesticides
- Glass & window cleaner
- Latex products (e.g. driveway sealer)
- MEDICAL, INFECTIOUS WASTE
- Nail polish
- Oven cleaners, scouring powder
- PCBs (transformers, ballasts)
- Propane tanks/cylinders
- Smoke detectors (radioactive)

REGISTRATION NO LONGER REQUIRED.
Proof of residency will be necessary at the site.

Any questions may be directed to Frank Sepiol, Environmental Protection Manager at **(413) 519-3916** (cell).

VEHICLE INFORMATION
Vehicles will be taken in turn, beginning at 9:00 AM.
50 gallons of material maximum per vehicle, however only 5 gallons of gasoline per vehicle.

TO TRANSPORT YOUR MATERIALS SAFELY:
Leave materials in original containers, do not mix chemicals.
Use sturdy boxes, not bags, to pack your material.
Do not smoke near the material.

IMPORTANT:
Contractor reserves the right to reject unacceptable material.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect that can seriously harm trees, plants, and agricultural crops.

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THESE STAGES:



Egg masses (fall–spring) | Early nymph (spring) | Later nymph (summer) | Adult (summer–fall)

What Our Residents Should Know

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect spreading throughout Massachusetts. It does not bite or sting people or pets, but it can cause significant damage to trees, plants, and agricultural crops by feeding on their sap. Adults are about one inch long, with gray wings covered in black spots and distinctive red hindwings.

If You Find One in Town:

- **Take a photo** and note where you found it.
- Check the state's infestation map and report sightings in areas not already identified as infested at mass.gov/slf.
- **Destroy** spotted lanternflies when possible by squashing or vacuuming.
- **Look** for **egg masses** on trees, outdoor furniture, vehicles, and other surfaces. Scrape off and destroy gray, mud-like patches.
- **Check your vehicles** and outdoor equipment before traveling to help prevent the spread.

Every resident can help! Stay alert and take a few simple steps to protect Westminster's trees, gardens, and natural environment. For more information, visit www.mass.gov/spotted-lanternfly.

Forbush Memorial Library



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



MAKE YOUR OWN PASTA NIGHT!

Tuesday, November 10th

Grades 3–6 session: 4–5:30pm | Adult and teen session: 6–7:30pm

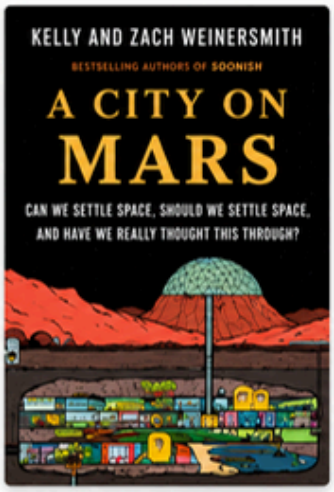
Join Food Explorers for a delicious homemade pasta class! You'll be learning how to mix, knead, roll and shape your own ravioli with a cheesy filling paired with marinara sauce. Recipe is nut free but will contain dairy, eggs and gluten. Registration required.

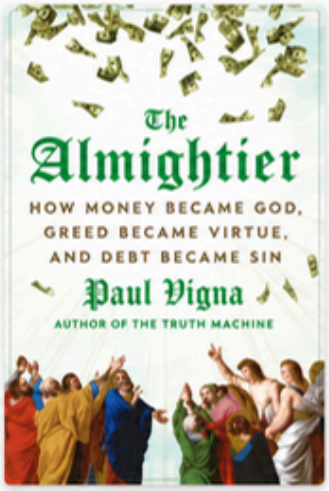
This program is funded in part by a grant from the Westminster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Register to get access and submit questions to the author!
https://libraryc.org/forbushlibrary











ADULT PAINTING CLASS

November 17th | 6–7PM

Artist Julie Harrold will be on hand to guide us in painting a charming image of a sleepy fox under a tree. Ms. Harrold has a BFA in Studio Arts, is a former elementary art teacher/art director and currently a homeschool mom who also teaches art classes in her spare time.

Space is limited, and registration is required!

Funded by the Friends of Forbush.

Let's craft together.

Thousands of **FREE** online art and craft classes available now through your library!

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SIGN-UP FOR OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE: FORBUSHLIBRARY.ORG!

FOLLOW US

FORBUSH CHILD & YOUTH ACTIVITIES!



Chapter Book Club

November 5th (first Thursdays) 4-5pm

Grades K-2



Zumbini with Mindful Hearts Yoga

November 4th & 18th 10-10:45am

Ages 0-4

Sponsored by the Friends of Forbush.

Registration suggested.



Graphic Novel Book Club

November 17th (third Tuesdays), 4:30-5:30pm

Grades 3-5



Read with TheraPAWS!

November 20th 4:30-5:30pm

Grades preK+

Sponsored by the Friends of Forbush. Animals provided by BePAWSitive Therapy Pet team.

Register in person starting at 3:30pm on Nov. 20th



TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!

Borrow a set of crochet hooks, punch needles, knitting needles, or circular knitting needles. **All of these items and more** are available in our growing Library of Things!

SCHOOL NEWS

AWRSD
ASHBURNHAM-WESTMINSTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AWRSD | OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL | OVERLOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL | JOHN R. BRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | WESTMINSTER/MEETINGHOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | MONTY TECH

REMINDER NO SCHOOL



TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 3



WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 11



THURSDAY/FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 26-27

Early Release!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
EARLY RELEASE!
ALL GRADES!

ASHBURNHAM WESTMINSTER
FOUNDATION for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

17TH ANNUAL
A NIGHT FOR EXCELLENCE

A great night out for everyone! Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, assorted desserts, one beer/wine drink ticket, cash bar, live music and a lot of fun - all to fund AWFAE grants in Ash-West schools.

Live Entertainment
Live music by Retro Stew—with Kris Lucander, GS Picard, Jay Sharron and Donna Russo.

Auctions
Ticket Auction, Silent Auction, and a Live Auction. Prizes include sports tickets, vacation getaways, great gifts, services and so much more!

SAVE THE DATE AND RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!







$75/PP or RESERVE A TABLE FOR 10 @ $750
Ticket sales limited to 200, no ticket sales at the door

CORPORATE SPONSORS

COLONIAL HOTEL
The Crocksett Inn
AUBUCHON HARDWARE

Questions or Prize Donations?
Contact us at info@ashwestfoundation.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
11/20
6:30PM - 10PM
COLONIAL HOTEL
625 BETTY SPRING ROAD
GARDNER

ASHWESTFOUNDATION.ORG

Oakmont Regional High School
Drama Club Presents
This Murder was Staged
Saturday November 21st 7pm

Tickets $5 at the door or on MySchoolBucks



A play by Patrick Greene and Jason Pizzarello

This Murder Was Staged is produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners. (www.yourstagepartners.com)



OAKMONT MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST





2026-2027 DISTRICT CALENDAR
CLICK HERE



WESTMINSTER Cracker Festival

2026 CONTEST RESULTS

CHILI CONTEST



1st Place: Blueprint

2nd Place: Texas Roadhouse

SCARECROW CONTEST

BUSINESS CATEGORY

1st Place: "Culture Enriches Community" *by Westminster Cultural Council*

2nd Place: "Native Joe" *by Johnson Farms*

FAMILY CATEGORY

1st Place: "Icabod Jane Boom" *by Malina and Katerina*

2nd Place: "Woodland Fairy" *by Jess and Denice*



50/50 DRAWING

Sammi Dawley



CORD OF WOOD DONATED BY ANDERSON TIMBER

Paula Magee and Alan Leighton



RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS BASKET

Jim Caisse



MEAT BUNDLE DONATED BY WILDWOOD FARM

Cindy Martin



FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE BASKET

Marty Sands

Congratulations to all the winners!

A big shout out to all those who braved the weather and attended our 11th Annual Festival.



Our First Employee Outing WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!





A huge thank-you to the Swedish Social Club

for their incredible hospitality and for helping make our first Town Employee Outing so special.

We also sincerely thank the **Town and our residents** for their support and understanding as Town buildings closed for the afternoon, allowing our employees to come together, participate in valuable education, relax, and enjoy some well-deserved time as a team.

Here's to many more opportunities to celebrate our amazing Town staff!



Welcome to our New Director of Elder Services at the Council on Aging and Senior Center - Kailee Moorshead!






We are excited to welcome Kailee Moorshead to our team as the new Director of Elder Services! Kailee brings nine years of hospitality experience, specializing in booking, planning, and coordinating events, along with a Master's degree in Administration and Leadership and a Master's degree in Nursing. Her diverse background and passion for serving others will help her create a Senior Center that is fun, welcoming, and engaging for everyone.

Kailee looks forward to introducing exciting new events and activities, creating opportunities for social connection, and continuing to bring in helpful vendors and valuable resources to meet the diverse needs of our senior community. She is excited to get to know everyone.

Outside of work, Kailee is a proud wife, and mom of two young children and enjoys spending time with her family. She is thrilled to be part of the team and looks forward to building wonderful relationships and making a positive impact in the community!





↑ FOR OUR SENIORS ↓







We do not notarize any deeds or documents for a real estate closing.

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.

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IT'S DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st at 2AM!

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Town Hall will be CLOSED on Wednesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving.









TOWN HALL HOURS

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

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