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## Welcome from City Hall

Since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we at the City of Westminster have been looking at ways to improve our service deliveries with the safety and health of our residents, businesses, and community stakeholders in mind. Especially with social distancing, it has become more crucial than ever before to stay connected to the community through active and constant communication. As we further develop our communications efforts, we're committed to doing what we can with the resources we have to provide you greater insight into your local government.

On behalf of the City of Westminster and the city's Communications Team comprised of city staff, we're proud to debut The WIN: Westminster Insider News – a bi-weekly e-newsletter featuring highlights of city news, events, and information related to city facilities and services.

We hope this newsletter serves as an outlet for you to learn more about what we do, how we can help, and how you can stay connected to the City of Westminster as we continue to move through this pandemic together.

We look forward to your feedback and thank you for your resilience and patience in these unprecedented times.

At your service,  
Christine Cordon, City Clerk/Interim Communications Director

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# MORATORIUM ON RENTAL EVICTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

On March 27, 2020, the City Council adopted a city law prohibiting evictions for tenants of residential and commercial properties for those unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. Landlords may not evict a tenant for non-payment of rent, if the tenant is unable to pay rent due to financial impacts related to COVID-19. No late fees or penalties may be added by landlords for late payments.

On June 30, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order extending authorization for local governments to halt evictions for renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through September 30, 2020.

For more information, visit  
[www.projectwestminster.com/eviction-moratorium](http://www.projectwestminster.com/eviction-moratorium)

Residents with proper documentation will have 120 days from the termination of the ordinance to pay all "back rents."

If you are experiencing issues as either a Westminster landlord or tenant, please reach out to Fair Housing Foundation at 1-800-446-3247 or [info@fhfca.org](mailto:info@fhfca.org).

Fair Housing is the City's housing advocate, who can provide information specific to your situation.

Without endorsing any of these agencies, the following are resources you may contact for affordable legal assistance:

The Public Law Center  
[www.publiclawcenter.org](http://www.publiclawcenter.org)  
(714) 541-1010

Community Legal Aid So Cal  
[www.communitylegalsocal.org](http://www.communitylegalsocal.org)  
(714) 571-5200

Orange County Bar Association  
[www.ocbar.org](http://www.ocbar.org)  
(949) 440-6747 or (877) 257-4762





## REOPENING BUSINESSES

Westminster is looking to businesses to reopen as quickly and safely as possible under California and Orange County guidelines. Orange County continues to follow California's stay-at-home order, which is gradually allowing more businesses to reopen with limitations and safeguards. Westminster and all of Orange County are now into the late phases of stage 2 as part of California's four-stage reopening plan. To support the businesses in our City, we created a page that includes industry guidelines and checklists, as well as a printable media kit to help with adherence to safety standards. Click [here](#) for more details.

## SMALL BUSINESS LOAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

In light of the deep and dramatic impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our small business community, the City of Westminster has created the Small Business Recovery Loan Program, which will provide funding to small businesses needing financial assistance in overcoming the temporary loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of the Program is to help bridge the revenue gap created by the pandemic, to stabilize businesses and employment rates. The program is based on the availability of funds, program guidelines and submission of all required information and supporting documentation. Up to \$20,000 may be awarded per business, until funds are exhausted. A total of \$1 million has been dedicated to this program. Loans will be awarded by lottery, and the application submittal period ends Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5 PM.



For more information, visit [https://www.westminster-ca.gov/our\\_city/depts/citymanager/westminster\\_small\\_business\\_covid\\_recovery\\_loan.asp](https://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/depts/citymanager/westminster_small_business_covid_recovery_loan.asp)

## TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Restaurants are currently prohibited from providing indoor dining, but may temporarily convert portions of adjacent parking areas, walkways, patios, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way into customer dining areas.

Once approved, a Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit is in effect for 60 days.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS.](#)



## VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER

Amid event and program cancellations due to COVID-19, the City's Community Services and Recreation department launched a virtual recreation center with online activities and resources for all ages.

See some of our favorites below:

### Ages 0-5

- [Free Coloring Pages](#)
- [Circletime](#) - Learn and bond with your 0-6 year old. Follow and interact with an expert instructor.

### Grades K-12

- [Lakeshore Learning](#) - Free lesson plans, printable worksheets, craft ideas and activities, writing templates, flash cards, and more.
- [NASA Science - Space Place](#) - Explore earth and space with a collection of activities, hands-on crafts, and projects!
- [Amazon Future Engineer](#) - Free computer science courses and AP exam support.

### All Ages

- [National Marine Sanctuaries](#) - Take a virtual dive under the sea into our nation's marine sanctuaries.
- [TED Ed](#) - works with expert educators and speakers to create and share high-quality, interactive, video-based lessons on a daily basis, for free.

For more fun activities and resources, visit [www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-recreation-center](http://www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-recreation-center)



Click here!

# ★ BLAST FROM THE PAST ★

Online Summer Concert Series featuring some of our best concerts through the years.

**Thursdays, July 2nd - August 27th | 6:00 - 7:30pm**

WTV Channels: Spectrum 3, Frontier 42, AT&T U-Verse 99

[www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov) | 714.895.2860

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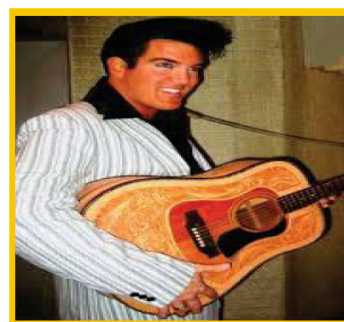
**SURF CITY ALLSTARS**  
*(originally aired 8.8.19)*

JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>



**THE ANSWER**  
*(originally aired 7.11.13)*

JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>



**SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL**  
*(originally aired 8.1.19)*

JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>



**SOUTHLAND MEGA GROOVE**  
*(originally aired 7.24.14)*

JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>



**RETRO SOUL**  
*(originally aired 8.3.17)*

AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>



**SWING CATS BIG BAND**  
*(originally aired 7.18.13)*

AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>



**KINGS OF 88**  
*(originally aired 8.11.16)*

AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>



**THE SILVERADOS**  
*(originally aired 8.9.18)*

AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>



**ABBAY ROAD**  
*(originally aired 8.2.18)*

# SENIOR MEALS

The Senior Center will continue providing the congregate (warm meals provided at the Senior Center) and home-delivered meal programs.

Staff is taking every effort to ensure no senior is without food and that their critical needs are being met. For further questions, please call (714) 895-2878.

In addition to this program, Governor Newsom announced the launch of a first-in-the-nation “Great Plates Delivered” program, a meal delivery service for California’s older adults. This program is being run through Meals on Wheels Orange County.

Senior residents can enroll directly at <https://bit.ly/north-county-gpd> or by calling (714) 263-1425. If unable to use a computer and need extra assistance, call (714) 263-1425.



## GREAT PLATES DELIVERED

A FREE MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

**NOW EXTENDED TO JULY 10, 2020**

**SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER** can enroll directly through Meals on Wheels at <https://bit.ly/north-county-gpd> or by calling (714) 263-1425.

**\*If unable to use a computer and in need of assistance**, call the Office on Aging at 714-480-6450 (Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT).

Individuals calling the Office on Aging may experience extended wait times due to high call volumes.



 CommunityServices

(714) 480-6450

[officeonaging.ocgov.com](https://officeonaging.ocgov.com)



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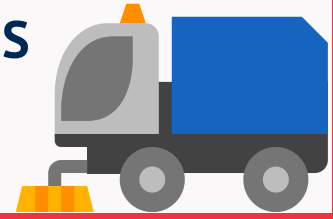
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

WESTMINSTER PD HAS RESUMED ISSUING  
PARKING CITATIONS FOR STREET  
SWEEPING VIOLATIONS



# SAFE & SANE FIREWORKS

Westminster's Municipal Code **ONLY** allows the  
discharge of safe & sane fireworks on:

**July 4th 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Safe and sane approved fireworks stands' hours:

**June 30th - July 3rd 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**July 4th 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

[Click here to report illegal fireworks activity](#)  
or call (714) 548-3212.



# 2020 CENSUS

**73.5%**  
Current  
Response  
Rate

Help Westminster  
get counted!

**It's not too late to complete the Census!**

Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or call:

**844-330-2020**

**(English)**

**844-461-2020**

**(Vietnamese)**

**844-468-2020**

**(Spanish)**

Census results impact: **strong schools**, public transportation, **safe roads**, **accessible health care**, senior services, **new jobs**, food assistance, **disability services**, clean drinking water, **wastewater treatment**, **affordable housing**, small business loans, **housing**, rehabilitation, **special education**, workers' aid, **school breakfast and lunch**, community health centers, **medicaid**, substance abuse prevention and treatment, **highway repair**, parks, & more!





# VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Upcoming City Council meetings: July 8 and July 22.  
Our meetings aren't in person, but there are ways to keep us connected.

## VIEW THE MEETING LIVE



### ON THE WEB

City of Westminster  
YouTube Channel

City of Westminster  
Streaming Video Online



### ON TV

Spectrum Channel 3

Frontier FiOS Channel 42

AT&T UVerse Channel 99



### VIA ZOOM

On your computer,  
mobile device, or  
telephone

For the current meeting  
ID and instructions, visit  
[projectwestminster.com/  
virtual-meetings](https://projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings)

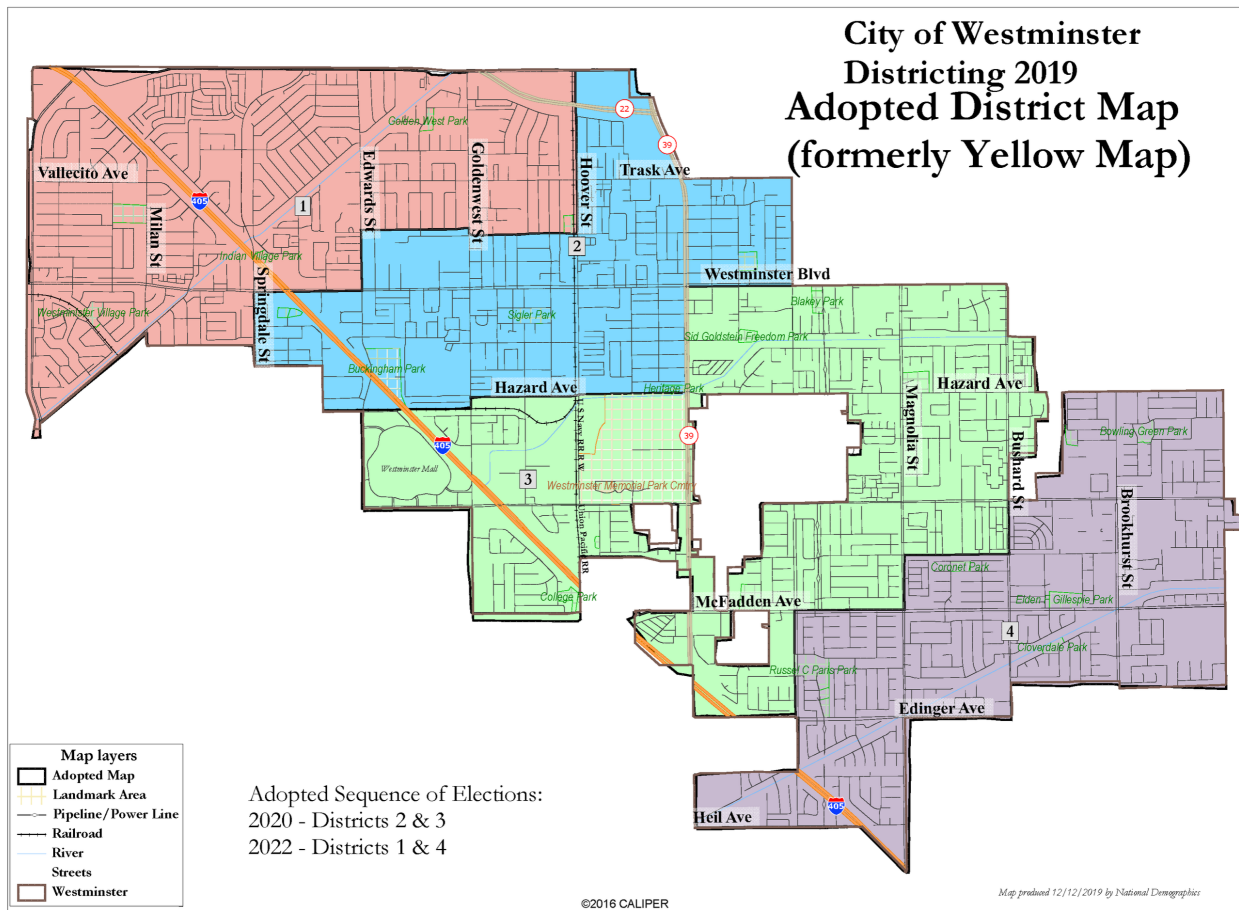


## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Want to submit an e-comment or a request to speak?  
Visit [westminsterca.granicusideas.com/meetings](https://westminsterca.granicusideas.com/meetings)

For meeting information and additional instructions, visit  
<https://projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings>

# District-Based Elections Coming This November



On December 18, 2019, the City Council adopted an ordinance for district-based elections. Beginning in November 2020, elections for city council members will be by district. The mayor is still an at-large seat.

**What are district-based elections?** Each of the newly developed Council districts will be represented by a single council member living within that district chosen by the voters of that district. This provides a new opportunity for geographic and demographic representation based on the uniqueness of each district.

**Why did the City change its voting process?** The City received a demand alleging that its at-large elections violate California law. Under the law, the City was required to go through a process of public hearings and take input on what districts should look like based on geography, population, natural barriers, and communities of interest. The objective of the process was to ensure compliance with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and try to ensure minority votes are not diluted. While the City did not believe it had violated any laws, cities that opposed changing to by-district elections have incurred many millions of dollars in legal fees and faced court-ordered districting.

**Which districts seats are up for election in November 2020 and how can I run for office?** Districts 2 and 3 seats are being voted this November. You must be a registered voter for at least 30 days within District 2 or 3 prior to the time you pull nomination papers to be an eligible candidate. For additional requirements for running for office or additional information regarding districts, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 548-3237. Nomination period begins July 13 and ends August 7.

# DID YOU KNOW?

Starting July 1, 2020, penalties and interest for late payments of utilities and parking citations and business license fees will incur

Midway City Sanitary District has resumed their monthly bulky item pickups, and will collect two items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance to request a pickup

The Sigler Park Splash Pad and other park amenities are currently closed until further notice.

For updates, follow us on [Facebook](#) or visit

[www.westminster-ca.gov/our\\_city/find/parks\\_n\\_facilities/default.asp](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/find/parks_n_facilities/default.asp)

Garage sale permits are not being issued until further notice

There will be no street sweeping on Friday, July 3 in observance of the 4th of July holiday

# OTHER NEWS

## Service Change



# JUNE 14 SERVICE CHANGE

**MONDAY-SATURDAY**  
Operating Modified Saturday Service

- Weekday service on limited routes
- Regular Sunday service resumes
- Service suspended on limited routes
- New COVID-19 riding guidelines



**Midway City Sanitary District**  
Serving Westminster & Midway City Since 1939

## Clean Up Event

**July 25 @ 9 AM**

14451 Cedarwood Avenue

Event ends when bins are full or 4 p.m. Come early - most events fill by noon.

Bring your items to the event location  
and staff will unload it for you!

Call (714) 893-3553 for more information.



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

[www.projectwestminster.com/  
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)



## 405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](http://OCTA.NET/405MAP)

