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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



The OC Health Care Agency is seeking input from our Orange County community regarding the future COVID-19 vaccine. The information you provide will be of great assistance in planning for distribution of the vaccine when it becomes available. You do not need to give your name or any other identifying information. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Please respond by October 9, 2020.

Click your preferred language below to complete the survey:

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)
- [Arabic](#)
- [Cambodian/Khmer](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Farsi](#)
- [Korean](#)



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Before



CPU IN ACTION



After

The Community Preservation Unit, also known as CPU, was created as a quick response team to address concerns related to the beautification and preservation of the community.. Here you see two CPU officers responding to a complaint about an unclean/stained sidewalk on the south side of Bolsa Avenue. If you come across areas in the City that could use some TLC, [download our app](#) to submit a report!

BUSINESS RESOURCES



Coronavirus Resources for Employers and Workers

In the face of COVID-19, the Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) wants to keep workers, employers, co-workers, and families safe. What employees are entitled to may be confusing. [Click here for guidance](#) to determine what is best for you, your family, and your workplace.

Work Sharing Program

Employers can apply for the [Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) Work Sharing program](#) as a temporary alternative to layoffs if the business' production or services have been reduced.

The Work Sharing program helps employers:

- Minimize or eliminate the need for layoffs in nearly all types of businesses or industries.
- Keep trained employees and quickly recover when business conditions improve.
- Avoid the cost of recruiting, hiring, and training new employees.



CLICK HERE



With Work Sharing, employees whose hours and wages have been reduced can:

- Receive UI benefits.
- Keep their current job.
- Avoid financial hardships.

The County of Orange is supporting local restaurants that are reopening safely.

Apply for a \$5,000 grant for reimbursement of masks, employee training, site reconfiguration, cleaning supplies, and more.



Deadline: October 16!

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium for Residential Tenants

On August 31, 2020 a new California law - [The Tenant, Homeowner and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act of 2020](#) - took effect to provide relief to residential tenants.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Beginning February 1, 2021, tenants will have to pay the full amount of rent to be protected from eviction.

Beginning March 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt regardless of how much the tenant owes. [Read more here.](#)



Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

[City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at ochousing.org.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.





Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday

**Walk-Up Hours:
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Appointment Only:
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

Westminster Family Resource Center



**Located at Sigler Park
7200 Plaza St.**

Westminster, CA 92683

**General Information:
714.903.1331**

Partners





Thanks Saddleback Church, Westminster Mall, and our Westminster Family Resource Center!

Last week Saddleback Church, in partnership with our Westminster Family Resource Center, provided free food to those in need at a community drive-thru grocery distribution at Westminster Mall. WPD officers also stopped by to assist with the distribution. Our community received access to fresh produce, dairy products, bread, desserts, protein, and canned goods - all in a format designed to keep families healthy. Approximately 571 families were served including many single senior households that attended!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

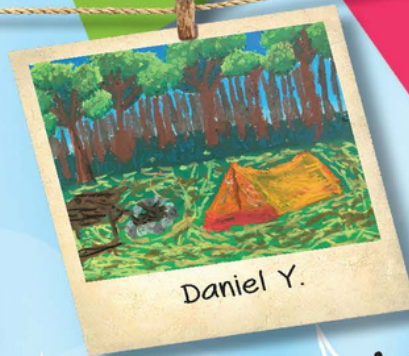
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WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE



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Daniel Y.



Angelina V.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Virtual Art Contest
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and Mendez Freedom Trail**
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Virtual Recreation Center



Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

Check back *weekly*
for themed activities!



MENDEZ TRIBUTE MONUMENT AND PARK VIRTUAL GROUNDBREAKING



The City of Westminster, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), will present a virtual groundbreaking of the new park and monument to honor the legacy of the historic Mendez v. Westminster case, which famously led to the desegregation of California's public schools.

Produced by OCDE, the online event will debut at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 on both the [City of Westminster](#) and [OCDE's](#) respective Facebook pages, as well as the [OCDE Newsroom](#).

Featuring pre-recorded reflections and remarks from city and county leaders, community members and local students, the virtual presentation not only serves as the official socially distanced groundbreaking for the park and memorial, but provides an opportunity for the community to come together – from neighborhoods near and far – to celebrate the landmark case that brought transformative change to Orange County and paved the way for the desegregation of schools across the nation.

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

GRAB & GO

SERVICE HOURS

Grab & Go

Tues - Thur 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fri - Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Curbside Pick-Up

Tues -Thur 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Fri - Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Laguna Hills Tech and Laguna Woods:
Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



OPEN



SERVICES

- Designated browsing area
- Self check-out stations
- Distanced single-use computer stations by reservation



FOR MORE INFORMATION



ocpl.org



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[@ocpublib](https://twitter.com/ocpublib)



Orange County, CA
Public Libraries
Open Doors. Free Access. Community.





**American
Red Cross**

Communities Coming Together

City of Westminster Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Westminster Community Services

East/West Room

8200 Westminster Blvd.

Westminster, CA 92683

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: WESTMINSTER to schedule an appointment or contact James.Poole@redcross.org.

NEW! All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Visit redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, fire injuries, and fire deaths in Orange County. Follow the tips below to protect yourself and others from cooking fires.



U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 173,200 home structure fires a year caused by cooking. That's approximately 470 home cooking fires a day!



Orange County
Fire Authority
ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Cooking Fire Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen, even for a second, turn off the stove.
- Check food often while cooking. Use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, including, oven mitts, paper towels, paper or plastic bags, curtains, or loose clothing away from the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliances.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Turn pot and pan handles towards the back of the stove.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet from the stove.
- Always check the oven to make sure it's empty before turning it on.
- Use the oven for cooking only, never for storage.
- Keep a lid or a fire extinguisher nearby when cooking.
- Avoid cooking while tired/sleepy or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In Case of Fire

- Never pour water on a grease fire! Cover the pan with a lid and turn off the stove.
- If there's a fire in the oven or microwave, keep the door closed and turn off the appliance.
- Leave your home immediately if a cooking fire is large or spreading quickly.
- Close the door behind you to slow the spread of fire and call 9-1-1 from outside the home.
- If you choose to use a fire extinguisher, make sure the fire is not spreading, smoke and fire have not filled the room, and that you have a clear escape path.

OC CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY RESOURCE GUIDE



Are you looking for car seat safety resources?

If you answered YES, this guide is for you!

There are many organizations throughout Orange County that provide car seat safety resources and services.

[Click here to see what each organization offers.](#)

Where can I get a free car seat? Many organizations provide car seats, some free of charge, to families who need a little extra help. Contact the organizations listed to see if you qualify. Supplies are limited. The types of car seats that each organization offers are shown in this guide. A virtual or in-person class on installing your new seat may be offered.

Where can I have my car seat checked? Are you wondering if your car seat is installed in your car correctly? Is your child fitting correctly in his/her seat? Many organizations have trained experts called Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians, who can help, either virtually or in-person. You will feel confident installing your seat yourself and making sure your child fits correctly in that seat. Call to make an appointment today!

Who can I go to with questions? CPS Technicians have been trained and nationally certified on the topic of car seat safety. They can spot problems and know specific details about seats and cars on the market. They can also ensure that a child is in the correct seat for their age, height and weight. Contact a CPS Technician with questions you might have about car seat safety.

Where can I take a class? Classes are offered throughout the county, either virtually or in-person. Contact the organization for times and locations.

What is Kaitlyn's Law? Did you know that it is illegal to leave an unsupervised child, age six or younger, inside a car if: the engine is running, the keys are in the ignition or the child's health or safety is at risk? A person who is 12 or older may supervise. Many organizations provide information about this important law and safety risk.

Where can I find a Violator Class? Did you receive a traffic ticket related to car seats or leaving a child alone in a car? Did a judge direct you to take a car seat safety class? There are organizations in this guide that teach these classes. Your fine may be waived or reduced. Plus, you will learn valuable information about keeping your child safe in your car.

WESTMINSTER'S NEW HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICER



Westminister Police Department's Officer Brown has started her new assignment as the City's second Homeless Liaison Officer. In addition to Homeless Liaison Officer Perez, Officer Brown will provide homeless outreach and engagement services throughout the City of Westminister. The safety and success of our community is always WPD's number one priority.

JOIN WESTMINSTER PD IN THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

Support The Cause

What Can I Buy?

Get your hands on some exclusive merch sold by the Westminister Police Officers' Association.

- ▶ WPD Pink Patch - \$10.00
- ▶ K-9 Pink Patch - \$10.00

How Can I Purchase?

- ▶ Mail a check for \$10 per patch made payable to the "WPOA Memorial Fund"
- ▶ AND you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please mail orders to:

Westminister Police Officers' Association
Attn: K. Wells, Property Technician
Westminister Police Department, Bldg. 5
8200 Westminister Blvd., Westminister, CA 92683

Where Will The Proceeds Go?

- ▶ ALL proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- ▶ We've set up a team fundraiser at bit.ly/wdpinkpatch



Follow WPD!



#WPDWearsPink

2020 City Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Visit www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings for more information on how you can participate virtually.



October 14

October 28

November 11

December 9

Election Information

A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Westminster on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the election of one council member in District 2 and one council member in District 3. Each seat is for a term of four years. There will also be one measure on the ballot pertaining to term limits for elected officials.

[Click here for more information.](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. for walk-ups, or 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. by appointment only. A face mask or covering is required upon visiting City Hall. If you do not have one, staff will supply you with one before entering the building. For general assistance, please call (714) 898-3311.

The Public Health Services Family Health Clinics at 1725 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana will be offering free flu shots Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call 1-800-914-4887. For resources and more information about a free flu shot, [click here](#).

The Sigler Park Splash Pad and Liberty Skate Park 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.

You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

14451 Cedarwood Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

For more details, call (714) 893-3553.

IRS tax tip: Teachers who buy classroom supplies from their own pockets may be able to defray qualified expenses they paid in 2019 when they file their tax return in 2020. Educators may qualify to deduct up to \$250 of unreimbursed expenses. [Read more here.](#)

Our water division can help you check if your sprinklers are running properly and complete a FREE water use audit! Call (714) 548-3690 to schedule an appointment.

OTHER NEWS



**THE
ROSE
OUTDOORS**

end of summer musical concert series

THE WIZ
in concert

*Ease on down to the Rose Center
for live music & performances under the stars*

The Wiz in Concert - NEW DATE ADDED
Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. PDT

A concert of songs from the Tony Award Winning Musical, The Wiz. Join the Rose Center for live music and performances under the stars in this socially distant, end of summer concert series, "The Rose Outdoors!" Tickets are available for online, pre-sale only. No tickets will be sold at the door. **Tickets: \$12 - \$15**

[Click here for information and tickets.](#)

Clean Up Event

October 10 @ 9 AM

Frank Fry Park (Hoover Street and 21st Street)

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.



Midway City Sanitary District
Serving Westminster & Midway City Since 1939



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &
RESOURCES**

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



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

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