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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The State of California has unveiled a new plan for monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) and reopening businesses. The "<u>Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u>" plan replaces the previous "Resilience Roadmap." Counties must now advance through a four-tier system in order to gradually reopen business sectors safely.

Orange County is now one of 38 counties in the purple "widespread" tier under the new system. More information, including a list of business sectors allowed to reopen and current restrictions, can be found on the State of California's COVID-19 <u>website</u>.



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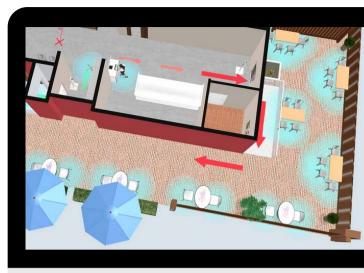


BUSINESS RESOURCES

EASILY SET UP YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE TO BE SOCIALLY DISTANCED

The Back2Business Initiative is an Orange County program in partnership with 3D Event Designer.

One thousand businesses located in Orange County will have free access to 3D Event Designer's floor plan software through December 31, 2020 to quickly create efficient layouts, maximizing utilization while meeting new and changing social distancing requirements.



Register at: <u>www.3deventdesigner.com/ocgov</u>

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

<u>Apply for a \$1,000 grant</u> for reimbursement of masks, employee training, site reconfiguration, cleaning supplies, and more.

<u>IBank Loan Guarantee Program</u>

IBank's Small Business Finance Center features a loan guarantee program designed to assist small businesses that experience capital access barriers. The Small Business Loan Guarantee program encourages lenders to provide funds to small businesses to help them grow and prosper. The Small Business Loan Guarantee program helps businesses create and retain jobs, and serves hundreds of small businesses each year.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

STATEWIDE RESOURCES

- <u>Eviction Moratorium</u>: Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order extending authorization for local governments to halt evictions for renters impacted by COVID-19, through September 30.
- Disability Insurance: For individuals unable to work due to quarantine or illness related to COVID-19.
- Paid Family Leave: For individuals caring for an ill or quarantined family member with COVID-19.
- <u>Paid Sick Leave</u>: Individuals or family members who are sick or undergoing preventative care when civil authorities recommend quarantine may be eligible for paid sick leave.
- <u>Unemployment Insurance</u>: For individuals who lost a job or have had hours reduced due to COVID-19.
- <u>Workers' Compensation</u>: For individuals unable to perform job duties after contracting COVID-19 at work

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- <u>211 OC Rental Assistance Directory</u>: Rental Assistance Directory in Orange County.
- <u>County of Orange Immediate Cash Assistance</u>: Cash assistance of up to \$200 for families in need.
- Orange County Family Solutions Collaborative: Connecting homeless families to services they need.

For utility assistance, legal aid, counseling, tenant general information, and additional resources, click 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 <u>Fair Housing Foundation</u> 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.

Whether you are a tenant, landlord, property owner or property management company, the Fair Housing Foundation provides education on fair housing laws.

<u>Sign-up for virtual workshops</u> 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.





Are you struggling to pay your gas & electricity bill?

You may be eligible to receive assistance paying your bills.

To apply, you must be a resident of Orange County, meet the monthly income guidelines, and provide copies of the following documents:



Electric bill, gas bill, or rent statement



Picture ID



Household income documentation



Social security card

Persons per Household	Maximum Monthly Income
1	\$2,170.74
2	\$2,838.66
3	\$3,506.58
4	\$4,174.50
5	\$4,842.42
6	\$5,510.34
7	\$5,635.58
8	\$5,760.81

Download an application online at <u>www.capoc.org/energy</u>. You may also pick up an application at one of the following locations:

Anaheim Independencia Family Resource CenterOne-Stop Irvine10841 Garza Avenue, Anaheim 92804125 Technology Drive West Ste. 200, Irvine 92618

El Modena Family Resource Center 18672 East Center Street, Orange 92869 Santa Ana Salvation Army 1710 West Edinger Avenue, Santa Ana 92704

Call today to see if you are eligible. 714-839-6199



Energy and Environmental Services Department 11870 Monarch Street, Garden Grove 92841

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a United States federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. LIHEAP provides financial assistance to help offset heating and/or cooling costs and also helps to improve household energy efficiency. Utility assistance is available for income qualified residents who are struggling to pay their electric or gas bill in Orange County. Applicants may receive assistance once a year.







Rain Barrels

\$30 after rebate!

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, Rain Barrels Intl will be delivering rain barrels on Saturday, September 5 to your home and they will be placed by your front door. For your safety, you do not need to come out of your residence. Instructions on applying for the rebate and installation will be left with your rain barrels.

Barrel specifications:

- Recycled food-grade plastic barrels
- Brass 3/4" spigot for garden hose attachment
- Side brass overflow with cap
- 4" tight screen preventing insect access
- 50 gallons (2 different styles)

Rain barrels can be pre-purchased for

\$65+tax

(then apply for rebate). Visit <u>RainBarrelsIntl.com</u>, click the EVENTS tab & select City of Westminster.



\$35 rebate on rain barrels (maximum 2/submission)



Model TCB - 50



Model TC - 50

For rebate information: Info@RainBarrelsIntl.com or call (919) 602-6316.

OUTDOOR DINING

Dine Westminster! Below is a list of restaurants with patio seating or approved temporary outdoor dining areas. Click on the map for an interactive version with addresses and Yelp links!

Phở Quang Trung Restaurant Thu Dung Thanh Long Bakery Chez Rose Cafeteria Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar Soc Trang Goldenwest Diner Pho 86 Restaurant Pam's Place Michael's Sports Pub & Grill Nitrolado Cafe Bambu Lily's Bakery The Loop: Handcrafted Churros Le Croissant Dore Pho 2 To Kim Ky Noodle House Kobe Bistro Gypsy Cafe & Restaurant Hong Mai Restaurant Z Cafe & Restaurant Quán Hỷ Restaurant Sun Moon Phở Thanh Restaurant Trang Tien Quán Mii Restaurant Den Da Cafe & Restaurant Pho Lovers

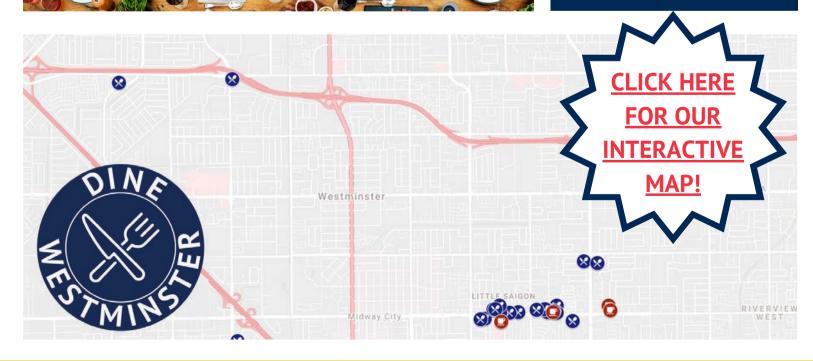


NEED A TEMPORARY OUTDOOR BUSINESS PERMIT?

Select businesses are currently prohibited from providing indoor services, but may temporarily convert portions of adjacent parking areas, walkways, patios, sidewalks, and public rightsof-way into customer service areas. Once approved, a Temporary Outdoor Permit is in effect for 60 days.

<u>CLICK HERE FOR AN</u> OUTDOOR BUSINESS PERMIT.

CLICK HERE FOR AN OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT.





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. <u>Click here</u> for more information regarding programs and services.





Drive-Thru Grocery Distribution

GIVING PEOPLE HOPE, PURPOSE, AND FOOD

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23 | 9AM-11AM

Westminster Mall 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA 92683

Saddleback Church, the Westminster Family Resource Center, and the Westminster Mall are partnering to serve you and your family on Wednesday, Sept 23.

Saddleback Church provides free food to those in need at our community Grocery Distributions. Come get fresh produce, dairy products, bread, desserts, protein, and canned goods — all in a format designed to keep you and your family healthy. Drive through, or walk through with a wagon, stroller, or cart for us to fill up. You matter to us!

For more information, visit saddleback.com/grocerydistribution







AMERICAN FAMILY HOUSING

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE: REMOTE LEARNING EDITION

Please consider donating the following school supplies by Friday, Sept 18th:

- 1.5" Binders
- Binder Dividers
- Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- (College ruled and Wide ruled)
- Pencils and Pens
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners

- Markers
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Index Cards
- Backpacks
- Art supplies: water colors, paint, brushes, coloring books



Home/Remote Learning Needs

Chromebooks, Tablets, Ring Light, Headsets with Mics, Wireless Mouses and Mouse Pads

Please contact **Alex Ponce**, Children's Program Coordinator, to schedule donation drop off or if you have any questions (657) 203 - 4466

COMMUNITY SERVICES







Click here!

<u>Guidance for Supervising</u> <u>Groups of Kids Safely</u>

California released new guidance for keeping kids safe in educational and supervised care settings when they are in a cohort. A cohort is a stable group of no more than 14 children with no more than two supervising adults. <u>Read the guidance here.</u>

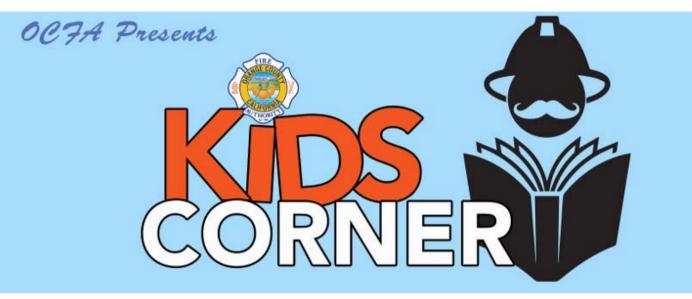


-Virtual Recreation Center

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



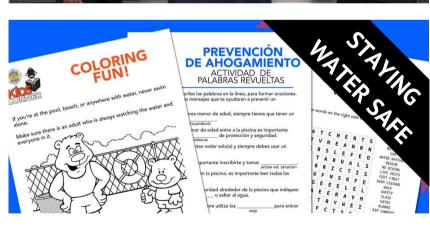
PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY



This site is loaded with fun and educational resources to help introduce your child to emergency preparedness, and teach them why its important to always be prepared. Kids Corner is a place where pre-school and elementary-aged children can learn the importance of fire safety, preparing for emergencies, and how to be water safe. Check out the welcome video, safety tips, coloring sheets, and family activities that you can do together so you can be safe in an emergency.









PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

SENIOR FALL PREVENTION



Falls are the leading cause of injuries for the elderly community and can greatly reduce their ability to remain independent. Take steps now to protect your health and reduce your fall risk.



Every 11 seconds, an elderly adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall. Every 19 minutes, an elderly adult dies from a fall.



Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6200

<u>ocfa.org</u>

Manage Meals, Meds, and Exercise

- Choose healthy meals and stay hydrated to prevent drops in blood pressure.
- Review medications with your doctor or pharmacist. Many drugs prescribed for seniors come with fall-risk warnings.
- Do exercises that will improve your strength and balance such as Tai Chi or Yoga.

Make Your Home Safer

- Add grab bars outside the shower or tub and near the toilet.
- Place non-slip mats in the bathtub and on the shower floor.
- Keep traffic areas clear by removing shoes, clothing, books, electrical cords, or other items you may trip over.
- Make sure bathrooms, hallways, and stairs are well lit.
- Replace throw rugs with non-slip rugs. Use non-skid pads under rugs to add stability.
- Install handrails along both sides of hallways and stairs.
- Use risers to elevate beds, chairs, and sofas.
- Rearrange cabinets and drawers so items used most often are within easy reach.
- Wear sturdy shoes with non-slip soles both inside and outside your home.

Have Your Eyes Checked

• See your eye doctor at least once a year, and update your eye glasses, if needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM OCMVCD

The Invasive "Aedes" Mosquitoes

Invasive mosquito species are infesting Orange County neighborhoods

These aggressive day-biting mosquitoes are impacting our quality of life by making our yards less enjoyable

They increase the risk of spreading mosquito-borne diseases like Zika, dengue, yellow fever, and chikungunya

They prefer to feed on humans and can bite multiple times, leaving many alrge itchy welts/bumps

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TIPS:

Eggs are laid singly along the sides of containers. The eggs can lay dormant for several years and will hatch when conditions are right and water is present

They are container breeders and need very little water to reproduce

- Inspect containers and plant saucers weekly for any signs of mosquito breeding
- Dump and drain containers filled with water and toss unneeded containers
- Prevent bites -- wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus



Aedes eggs

Census 2020

CENSUS TAKERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

If someone visits your home this year to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

You can still self-respond online at <u>2020census.gov</u> or by phone at 844-330-2020

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.



September 9 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.



There will be no street sweeping on September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. If your street sweeping day falls on an observed holiday, street sweeping will be skipped for the cycle and take place on your next regularly scheduled day.

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.

> The Sigler Park Splash Pad and Liberty Skate Park are currently closed until further notice. For updates, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or visit <u>www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/</u> <u>find/parks n facilities/default.asp</u>

The California DMV is extending driver's license permits with an expiration date through November 30, 2020, to give student drivers more time to prepare for and schedule their behind-the-wheel drive test. Eligible permits are extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier. <u>Click here for more information!</u>

DID YOU KNOW?

Adult passports are valid for 10 years and may be renewed by mail. If you are renewing your passport using <u>Passport</u> <u>Renewal Application Form DS-82</u>, Post Offices do not need to review or process your application. You can mail your renewal application directly to the State Department yourself. <u>Click here for more information.</u>

> 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

Individuals who are currently eligible to receive at least \$100 per week in unemployment benefits may qualify for an additional \$300 weekly supplement. <u>Click here for more information.</u>

OTHER NEWS

FREE FACE MASKS FOR **KIDS**



Westminster residents in need of masks can stop by Community Services at 8200 Westminster Blvd., Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or the Family Resource Center at 7200 Plaza St., Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Reusable "one-size-fits-most"
- Machine washable (wash before use)
- Built-in filter pocket (filter not included)

Clean Up Event SEPTEMBER 19 @ 9 AM



Midway City Sanitary District Serving Westminster & Midway City Since 1939

Coronet Park (Coronet Avenue and Oakcliff Drive) 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.





405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES OCTA.NET/405MAP