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## REGIONAL STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

The State of California has issued a new regional stay-at-home order for areas with less than 15% hospital intensive care unit (ICU) capacity. As of December 5, 2020 this includes the [Southern California region](#).

The regional stay-at-home order will remain in effect for at least three weeks or through December 28. More information is available on the [State of California's COVID-19 page](#).

The following businesses, including those in Westminster, must close to comply with the new order:

- Personal care services, including nail salons, body waxing, and tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Indoor recreational facilities
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Wineries, bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services
- Live audience sports

A list of businesses that must modify services and implement 100% masking and physical distancing can be found [here](#).

[Click here for more information.](#)



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# FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS



**Ambry Genetics**<sup>®</sup>  
A Konica Minolta Company

The County of Orange, in partnership with Ambry Genetics, is now offering at-home saliva-based COVID-19 test kits. Individuals that live in Orange County can register online to request a kit shipped to their home. Home delivery kits will contain detailed instructions on collecting the specimen as well as how to package and return the kit to the lab for testing. You can also register and select to pick up your testing kit at a community clinic. [For more details, click here.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found [HERE](#). Please e-mail [covidoc@ambrygen.com](mailto:covidoc@ambrygen.com) if additional assistance is needed.

**Order Test Kit**



\*Daily limits apply in order to meet service delivery times.



# Holiday Hours

## City Hall

- City Hall will be closed December 24 at 12 p.m. - January 3.
  - Offices will reopen on January 4 at 7 a.m. for appointments only.

## Westminster Corporation Yard

- The Westminster Corporation Yard will be closed December 24 at 12 p.m. - January 3.
  - Offices will reopen on January 4 at 6:30 a.m.
- For water emergencies and other maintenance issues during the closure, call (714) 898-3315.

## Community Services

- Community Services will be closed December 24 at 12 p.m. - January 3.
  - Offices will reopen on January 4 at 7 a.m. for appointments only.
- The Westminster Family Resource Center will be closed December 24 at 1 p.m. - January 3.
  - Offices will reopen January 4 at 9 a.m. for appointments only

## Police Department

- Lobby hours are by appointment only.
  - Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
  - [Click here for department directory.](#)
- Non-emergency Police Dispatch (24 Hours): (714) 548-3212

## Trash Service

- No trash pickup service on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1.
- Those with Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday.
- Midway City Sanitary District: (714) 893-3553

## Street Sweeping

- No street sweeping service on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1.
- Street sweeping service will be skipped for the cycle and take place on your next regularly scheduled day.

# BUSINESS RESOURCES

## ***Tax Assistance***

If you are experiencing a hardship as a result of COVID-19, you may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the EDD to file your state payroll reports and/or deposit state payroll taxes without penalty or interest. A written request for extension must be received within 60 days from the original delinquent date of the payment or return.

For questions, call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center:

- Toll-free from the US: 1-888-745-3886
- TTY: 1-800-547-9565



## ***Potential Closure or Layoffs***

If you are planning a closure or major layoffs as a result of the coronavirus, you can get help through the State of California EDD Rapid Response program. Rapid Response teams will meet with you to discuss your needs, help avert potential layoffs, and provide immediate on-site services to assist workers facing job losses. For more information, refer to the [Rapid Response Services for Businesses Fact Sheet](#) or contact your local [America's Job Center of California](#).



Check out our ["Local Business Resources"](#) page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



# Introducing Your Westminster City Council



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District 3*

## HIRING NOW

### CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous

### POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

### POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous



For more information, visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster)

# 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](http://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](mailto:info@fhfca.org).



# HELP SELECT AN ARTIST FOR WESTMINSTER CROSSING!

*Westminster Crossing, a mixed-use affordable housing project which will be located at Westminster Boulevard and Locust Street, will be the first project in Westminster with a public art component in the building design.*



[www.projectwestminster.com/westminster-crossing](http://www.projectwestminster.com/westminster-crossing)

## *Artist Applications*

James Dinh



Sonia Romero



Steve Ramirez



*Click here to complete the survey!*

*(Deadline: December 23, 2020)*



# City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

## **What is a Housing Element?**

The Housing Element is a section of the City's General Plan that looks at housing needs and conditions within Westminster. It is a policy document that identifies goals, policies and programs that the City uses to direct and guide actions related to housing.

## **Why is the City updating its Housing Element?**

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every 8 years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, the types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster.

## **How can I get involved?**

Take the community survey. We want your input on Housing in Westminster.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC> **(English)**
- [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=es\\_US](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=es_US) **(Spanish)**
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=vi> **(Vietnamese)**





**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**



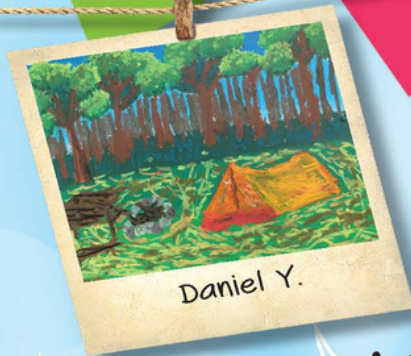
COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Fall**  
2020

**WESTMINSTER**  
NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE



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Daniel Y.



Angelina V.

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

**Virtual Art Contest**  
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**Mendez Tribute Monument  
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!**





Join us in helping make this season merry and bright for our community in a covid-safe way. Share in “Spreading Holiday Cheer” by submitting a photo and/or video of your outdoor holiday decorations. Photos/Videos will be posted at [projectwestminster.com/spreadingcheer!](https://projectwestminster.com/spreadingcheer!)

A list of addresses will be posted for residents to view and each participating home will be recognized with a free “Spreading Holiday Cheer” yard sign to place on their yard.

This program is free and residents who wish to participate can submit their family friendly photo/video and address to [CSROnline@westminster-ca.gov](mailto:CSROnline@westminster-ca.gov) by December 23. After submitting, we will coordinate a day and time for your yard sign to be picked up.

For more information, please call the Community Services and Recreation Department at (714) 895-2860 or visit our website at [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).



*Please note, by submitting your photo/video and address, you are agreeing to allow the City of Westminster to use to publicize and promote City programs, facilities and activities. All submissions become the property of the City of Westminster and will not be returned. The City of Westminster reserves the right to refuse any photo/video if deemed inappropriate. \*This program is open to Westminster residents only.*



*This year's ceremony features 2020 holiday greetings from the City Council and a rebroadcast of the 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Community Sing.*

## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



*The holidays should be enjoyable. To ensure your holiday celebrations are fire safe and injury free, follow these safety tips.*



*Holiday decorations are responsible for more than \$11 million in home fire damages each year.*



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

[ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org)

(714) 573-6200



### **Candles**

- Consider using flameless candles and flame-resistant candleholders to reduce fire risk.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from flammable materials and place them on heat-resistant surfaces.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Extinguish all candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.

### **Lighting and Decorations**

- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before using.
- Replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulb.
- Don't overload electrical outlets with too many lights or decorations and make sure all extension cords are marked for proper use.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.

### **Christmas Trees**

- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, heater vents, air ducts, and other heat sources.
- Make sure the tree is out of the way of day-to-day traffic and doesn't block doorways.
- Ornaments and other holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame-resistant.
- Remove your tree promptly from your home after the holidays. An ignited tree can be totally consumed by fire in 3-5 seconds, and generate over 2,000 degrees of radiant heat.

# DID YOU KNOW?

The female *Aedes* mosquito lays eggs singly along the sides of containers.

The eggs can lay dormant for several years and will hatch into larvae when conditions are right and water is present.



This winter toss/recycle any unneeded water-holding containers to avoid breeding mosquitoes in the future.



**Orange County**  
**Mosquito and Vector Control District**

*A Public Health Agency Serving Orange County Since 1947*

## ***Did you know...***

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. A face mask or covering is required. If you do not have one, staff will supply you with one before entering. For general assistance, call (714) 898-3311.

City Hall will be closed December 24 at 12 p.m. - January 3 for the holidays. Regular office hours will resume January 4, 2021 at 7 a.m. for appointments only.

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.

There will be no trash pickup service on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Trash service will take place on Saturday. There will also be no street sweeping service on the same days. Your street sweeping service will be skipped for the cycle and take place on your next regularly scheduled day.

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

# *Happy Holidays from the City of Westminster!*



## **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)

