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JAKE NGO TO LEAD PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Assistant Public Works Director Jake Ngo has been appointed to serve as the interim public works director/city engineer, overseeing the city's Corporation Yard, building maintenance, and engineering division.

“As the interim director, my mission is to continue maintaining the city's infrastructure, parks, and facilities. I'm committed to providing the highest level of service to residents and businesses in Westminster,” said Ngo. “I'm excited to work on upcoming major projects in the city and work toward making things flow smoothly in the day-to-day operations.”

[Read the full press release here.](#)

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Coronavirus Update

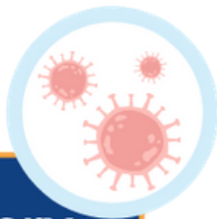


Current Status (3/31/21): Orange Tier

- **Bowling Alleys and Family Entertainment Centers**
 - Can open indoors for naturally distanced activities, with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Cultural Ceremonies**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
- **Dance Studios, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga Studios, and Climbing Walls**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Funeral Homes**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Indoor Playgrounds (Includes Bounce Centers, Ball Pits, and Laser Tag)**
 - Can open indoors for naturally distanced activities, with modifications at 25% capacity
- **Libraries**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
- **Movie Theaters**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
- **Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Offices (non-essential businesses)**
 - Can open indoors with modifications (encourage working remotely)
- **Restaurants**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
 - Wineries, breweries, and distilleries can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
 - Bars can open outdoors only with modifications
- **Places of Worship**
 - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Retail (Includes Bookstores, Florists, Grocery, Home and Furnishing Stores, Jewelry, Sporting Goods, etc.)**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
- **Shopping Malls and Swap Meets**
 - Can open indoors at 100% capacity with modifications
 - Food courts can open with limited capacity of 50% or 200 people (whichever is less)
 - Closed common areas
- **Hair Salons, Barbershops, and Personal Care Services (e.g. Nail Salons, Body Waxing, Tattoo Parlors, Piercing Studios, Skin Care and Cosmetology, Massage Services)**
 - May remain open indoors with modifications
- **Weddings**
 - Ceremonies can take place indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports**
 - Some outdoor high-contact sports and indoor low-contact sports are permitted. Guidance available at [COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.COVID19.ca.gov).

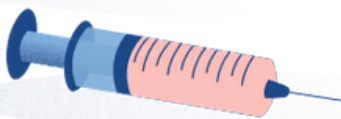
For more information, visit www.COVID19.ca.gov or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000.

[WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/CORONAVIRUS)



Vaccines are in very short supply.

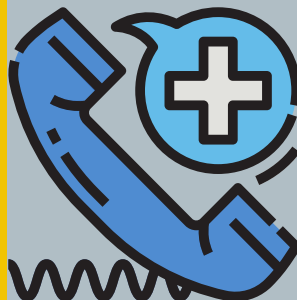
Get Notified When It's Time to Book Your Appointment.



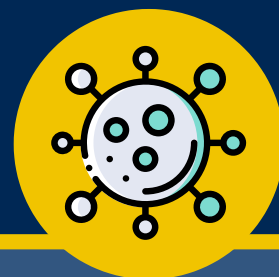
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000.

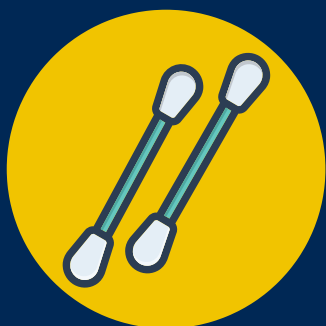
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., seven days a week.



FREE



Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS
[Click here to order yours!](#)



PROJECT W: LATEST NEWS

COVID-19 Vaccination POD



With volunteer vaccinators in place, and a steady stream of residents filing in, the Community Services Center hosted a vaccine POD (point of dispensary) put on by the Orange County Health Care Agency, injecting the first of two rounds of the Pfizer vaccine into roughly 500 arms.

[Click here to view the video and full article.](#)



Meals on Wheels Launches Vietnamese Meals in Westminster



With the largest population of Vietnamese Americans in Orange County, Westminster was the perfect city to start offering food options that are familiar to Vietnamese seniors. Currently, 250 seniors are signed up to receive the Vietnamese meals.

[Click here to view the video and full article.](#)



[Click here to learn more about Project W!](#)

BUSINESS RESOURCES



ASK SBDC

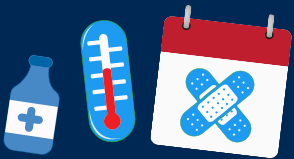
MWF | 3:00 PM

COVID-19 Webinars for Small Businesses

Register at ociesmallbusiness.org/covid-resources

Governor Newsom Signed Legislation to Ensure Access to Supplemental Paid Sick Leave for Workers Impacted by the Pandemic

Building on the state's action to expand paid sick days protections for California's workforce during the pandemic, Governor Newsom signed [SB 95](#), legislation to ensure access to up to 80 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for eligible employees, including those advised to quarantine or isolate and those caring for COVID-impacted family members.



[Read more here.](#)



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



HIRING NOW



POLICE OFFICER I

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

POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

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

POLICE DISPATCHER

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: April 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

For more information, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster

BUDGET UPDATE: *JULY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020*

Sales Tax and Transaction Use Tax

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Sales and Use Tax	\$15,133,600	\$5,611,056	37.10%	\$5,664,357	(\$53,301)
Transaction Use Tax	11,883,000	4,566,083	38.40%	4,551,873	14,210
	\$27,016,600	\$10,177,139	37.70%	\$10,216,230	(\$39,092)

Expenditures

	Budget 2020-21	YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21	% of 2020-21 Budget	Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20	Increase/ (Decrease) from PY
Expenditures	\$64,507,329	\$38,236,366	59.30%	\$36,737,448	\$1,498,917

Current revenue projections for FY 2020-21 are in line with budgeted numbers with the exception of sales tax/transaction use tax which is projected to be higher than budgeted.

Sales tax and transaction use tax receipts totals shown in the table above represent four months of receipts from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Projections anticipate FY 2020-21 receipts to be slightly above the actuals received for FY 2019-20. This is still a very early estimate as we have only received the 4 months of receipts for FY 2020-21; however, the increase would be \$2.3 million higher than budgeted.

General Fund expenditures are tracking on budget. Expenditures for the 2nd quarter of FY 2020-21 are \$1.5 million over the prior fiscal year at the same time. This is due to the increase in PERS costs and OCFA contract costs.

At this time, revenue and expenditures are tracking within budget so no budget adjustment was necessary. The next update will be provided after nine months of revenue and expenditures, for the period of July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting - April 14

Regular Meeting - April 28

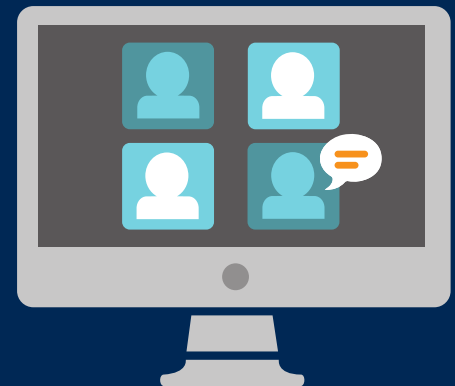
*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference.
[Click here to view agendas.](#)

Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium EXTENDED

On January 29, 2021 the Governor signed legislation to extend the eviction moratorium and assist tenants and small property owners impacted by COVID-19.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

[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.



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

for Orange County Renters



The **County of Orange** will offer rental households, up to **\$10,000 in financial assistance** for unpaid rent or utility bills due to the impact of **COVID-19**.

Accepting applications starting April 1.
Will only be accepted until April 30, 2021.

Eligibility requirements include:



Eligible expenses are **UNPAID rent or utility bills** due to COVID-19 impact only, not future rent or utility costs. You must also meet income requirement as stated below.

Households with one or more members currently experiencing unemployment for 90 days or more at the time of application and have an annual income at or below **80% Area Median Income (AMI)**

OR household with an annual income at or below **50% AMI**, regardless of employment status.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
50%AMI Level	\$44,850	\$51,250	\$57,650	\$64,050	\$69,200	\$74,300
80%AMI Level	\$71,750	\$82,000	\$92,250	\$102,450	\$110,650	\$118,850

Landlords can encourage tenants to apply.



To **APPLY** and **find more information:**



Visit the website at www.ERA.211OC.org



Text **ERA** to **898211**



Call **2-1-1**

WESTMINSTER CROSSING

45 New Affordable 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments in the City of Westminster

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE STARTING MARCH 10, 2021

Apartment Amenities:

- Fully equipped kitchens (refrigerator, dishwasher, range, garbage disposal)
- Carpet
- Hard flooring
- Private bathrooms

Community Amenities:

- Community Room
- Art Studio/Maker Space
- Tot Lot
- Fitness Center
- Homework Room
- Outdoor
- Lounge/Recreational Area – patio furniture/seating & lawn games

ACCESSIBLE UNITS AVAILABLE!

Mobility/Hearing/Sight impaired households will have priority for accessible units.

For up to date information, call (714) 880-4888

Telephone Device for the Deaf: (888) 877-5379 or California Relay Service (711)

BRE #654405



Apply online by visiting:

www.WestminsterCrossingApartments.com

Unit Size	Household Size	Rent 30% AMI	Rent 50% AMI	Rent 60% AMI	Rent 70% AMI
1 Bedroom	1-3		\$1,144	\$1,384	
2 Bedroom	2-5	\$618	\$1,302		\$1,940
3 Bedroom	3-5	\$674-\$900	\$1,433		\$2,232

Maximum Gross Annual Income (effective 4/1/2020)

Household Size	30% AMI*	50% AMI*	60% AMI*	70% AMI*
1	\$26,910	\$44,850	\$53,820	
2	\$30,750	\$51,250	\$61,500	\$71,750
3	\$34,590	\$57,650	\$69,180	\$80,710
4	\$38,430	\$64,050	\$76,860	\$89,670
5	\$41,520	\$69,200	\$83,040	\$96,880
6	\$44,580	\$74,300		\$104,020
7	\$47,670	\$79,450		\$111,230
8	\$50,730	\$84,550		\$118,370

Minimum monthly income is 1.5 x rent

There is no minimum income requirement for applicants in possession of a Tenant Based Section 8 Voucher. Rent, income limits, and occupancy requirements are subject to change based on regulatory requirements.



All applicants must meet certain underwriting guidelines. This project is subject to the requirements of several funding sources, which have made it feasible. The above information reflects these requirements to the best of management knowledge but is subject to change if required for compliance with law or regulation.





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

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Watch [these videos](#) below to learn more about what a housing element is!



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 eight years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, 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. [Click here for more information about our Housing Element Update.](#)



Hours of Operation

**Monday through
Friday**

**Appointment Only:
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

(714) 903-1331

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**

Partners



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF WESTMINSTER**



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Click here for the
"30 Days 30 Ways
Calendar" full of
activities and ideas
for showing your
support during Blue
Ribbon Month 2021!



Join the Westminster Family Resource Center in spreading the word.

“There’s No Excuse for Child Abuse”

To learn more about Blue Ribbon Month and ways to keep kids safe, please call (714) 903-1331 or visit the [Westminster Family Resource Center](#) at 7200 Plaza St. (Sigler Park), Westminster, CA 92683.



Pinwheels for Prevention Garden

Visit the WFRC on Friday, April 9th from 1-3 p.m. to help plant the pinwheel garden!

Can't make it? The garden will be available for viewing through the rest of April. Stop by to check it out!

WESTMINSTER

NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE

SPRING
2021



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!



WOW

WIFI ON WHEELS

DEMILLE ELEMENTARY

15400 VAN BUREN STREET,
MIDWAY CITY, CA 92655

TUESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

FRYBERGER ELEMENTARY

6952 HOOD DRIVE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

WEDNESDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SCHMITT ELEMENTARY

7200 TRASK AVENUE,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

THURSDAYS, 9AM-4PM

WILLMORE ELEMENTARY

7122 MAPLE STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

FRIDAYS, 9AM-4PM

SID GOLDSTEIN FREEDOM PARK

14180 ALL AMERICAN WAY
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

FREE WIFI!

GET CONNECTED!

OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS



Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.

**Holds may be picked up at Garden Grove Main Library
(11200 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840)**



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT

Dedicated to Beautifying the City of Westminster



A friendly reminder from **THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)**

Please **DO NOT** post signs on City property.
This includes light poles, signal poles, and sign posts.

Unfortunately, these signs are posted and forgotten creating litter and blighted conditions for The City of Westminster.

For more information on this nuisance, view the Westminster Municipal Code below:

[WMC 17.330.035 Signs in the Public Right-of-Way](#)

WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Support The Cause



What Can I Buy?

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

 WPD Autism Awareness Patch – \$10 per patch

How Can I Purchase?

Mail in \$10 (cash only) AND you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please mail orders to:

Westminster Police Department
Attn: K. Wells, Property Technician
8200 Westminster Blvd.,
Westminster, CA 92683

Where Will The Proceeds Go?

ALL proceeds will be donated to
Autism-related research!



PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

BBQ SAFETY



A BBQ that is too close to items that can burn is a fire hazard. Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and avoid a grilling fire.



If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.



Orange County
Fire Authority

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Grilling Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should be used outdoors only.
- Grills should be placed a safe distance from the home, deck railings, tables, overhanging branches, and areas where people gather.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below the grill.
- Never leave a heated grill, lighter, or matches unattended.

Charcoal Grills

- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire while cooking.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool (for about 48 hours) before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before grilling.
- If your grill has a gas leak, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If a leak occurs while grilling, call the fire department.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE **10,200** GRILLING FIRES PER YEAR



89%
started by gas grills



57%
occur May-Aug



160
injuries per year



\$123 MILLION
property damage

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EARTHQUAKE WARNING CALIFORNIA



Natural disasters, like earthquakes, happen unexpectedly and can create major disruptions that last long after the event is over. By being prepared and planning ahead, Californians can quickly take life-saving actions to keep them safe in an earthquake.

To ensure all Californians are earthquake prepared, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) developed Earthquake Warning California, which is the nation's first statewide earthquake warning system that provides several seconds of warning to mobile device users in the area before shaking occurs. Earthquake Warning California offers no-cost earthquake warning resources, including:

- **MyShake App.** A mobile app that can be downloaded for mobile devices at no-cost from Google Play the Apple App Store. App location services must be set to "always on" so that ground sensors can alert those in the nearby area when shaking is detected.
- **Android Earthquake Alerts.** An earthquake warning system available to any new or updated Android devices that uses that same technology as the MyShake App.
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs).** Text-like messages from the government during emergency situations. This includes: Presidential, Imminent Threat (fire, earthquake, floods, etc.), and AMBER alerts.



Earthquake Warning California resources are designed to notify users to quickly take protective action such as to drop, cover, and hold on. These earthquake warning tools can help protect lives and prevent damage to properties in the areas hardest hit during an earthquake. In serious shaking situations, individuals may be knocked down to the ground, so sheltering prior to shaking is the prudent thing to do.

To learn more about Earthquake Warning California, the no-cost warning alert tools, and additional resources, visit earthquake.ca.gov.

Did you know...

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. [Click here to schedule an appointment.](#) Staff will also be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services. For general assistance, call (714) 898-3311.

There will be no street sweeping scheduled from April 29-30. [Street sweeping](#) is only scheduled for the 1st-4th weeks of the month.

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.

Need to pay your water bill in person?
Visit our Corporation Yard!

Westminster Corporation Yard
14381 Olive St.
Westminster, CA 92683

(714) 894-3796

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a
YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS

APRIL 10th
2021



**CleanUp
EVENT**

14451 CEDARWOOD STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683

8AM - 12PM
OR UNTIL BINS FULL

CALL (714) 893-3553
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Waste DISTRIBUTION
(by container)



75% 20% 5%

ORGANICS ONLY IN GREEN CART, NO RECYCLABLES!


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Midway City Sanitary District



Download the Free My Westminster Mobile App!



The App features City information and includes an easy way to report issues like potholes or graffiti.

iPhone  Android



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates



405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

OCTA.NET/405MAP

