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VIRTUAL BLACK APRIL EVENT TO BE HELD APRIL 30



April 30 marks Black April, also known as the Fall of Saigon. This year, for the safety and health of our community members, the City of Westminster will host a virtual Black April event on April 30.

Hear from city leaders and community members as they reflect upon the importance of Black April and honor the brave American and Vietnamese members of the armed forces who passed during the Vietnam War. The event will be aired on the [city's TV channel](#) and can be streamed from the city's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channels](#).

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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)



Get the vaccine news you need

COVIDVACCINEFACTS.com 



The **COVID-19 vaccine** is now available to everyone who lives or works in OC, age 16 and older, based on supply.

[See details for minors.](#)



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OTHER
**VACCINE
RESOURCES**
IN ORANGE COUNTY

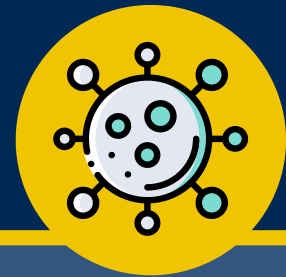
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

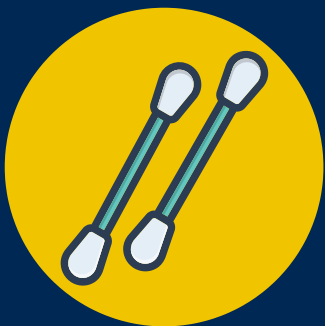
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



FREE



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



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



GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY LEADERS!



Featuring:
CITY MANAGER MARWAN N. YOUSSEF

WWW.WESTMINSTER-CA.GOV/NEWS

PROJECT W: LATEST NEWS

COVID-19 Vaccination POD



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



**Meals on Wheels Launches
Vietnamese Meals in Westminster**



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



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

BUSINESS RESOURCES



COVID-19 Latest News & Resources for Your Business

Resources to ensure that you and your business remain successful despite the vastly changing concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19).

Visit <https://ociesmallbusiness.org/resources/covid-19> or contact 1-800-616-7232 for assistance.

Small Business Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program

- Available to small businesses with 1-750 employees
- Provides easier access to funds for small businesses
- There is currently no expiration date for this benefit



IBank's Small Business Loan Guarantee Program provides loans to underserved small businesses. Learn more about this program at the [IBank website](#).



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



THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

AN SBA GRANT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE BUSINESSES

- \$10 million cap per grant
- \$5 million limit per physical location
- Must have 20 or fewer establishments
- Must certify economic necessity
- Not subject to income tax
- Federal tax deductions protected
- Cannot be publicly traded
- Cannot do this and Shutter Venue Grant



ELIGIBLE BUSINESS TYPES

Open to new and existing businesses

Any place of business where the public or patrons assemble for the primary purpose of being served food or beverage.



RESTAURANT



FOOD TRUCK,
CART, OR STAND



CATERER



BAR, LOUNGE, INN,
TAVERN, OR SALOON



BAKERY



BREWERY, WINERY,
OR TASTING ROOM

QUALIFIED EXPENSES

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid Sick Leave |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage Principal or Interest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance including Construction for Outdoor Seating |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplies such as PPE and Cleaning Materials |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain Covered Supplier Costs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational Expenses | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Essential Expenses |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal Food & Beverage | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory | |

Time Frame of Eligible Expenses

Expenses incurred from February 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021. The SBA may extend this covered period to an additional 14 months, until March 11, 2023, and has the authority to extend it up to 2 years.

NEXT STEPS

1 Sign Up for our Informational Webinar ociesbdc.org/restaurant
*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday webinars starting on Friday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. that will continue until the program is completed.

2 Meet with an SBDC Consultant ociesbdc.org/consultation
*A team of consultants are ready to assist you at no cost starting today.

3 Apply with SBA directly
*The Restaurant Revitalization program is still being finalized and will be rolling out towards the end of April or early May.



Even if you have received prior federal, state, or local grants or loans such as the EIDL and PPP, you still qualify for this new grant program.

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

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



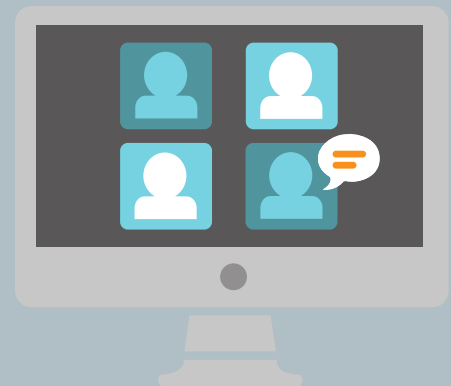
*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference.
[Click here to view agendas.](#)

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.](#)

 **HOUSING IS KEY**



Tenants



Homeowners



Landlords



Partners



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**



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**



**ASIAN AMERICANS
ADVANCING
JUSTICE
ORANGE COUNTY**



ABRAZAR
Embrace - Educate - Empower



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

In 2008, the blue pinwheel was introduced as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. The Pinwheels for Prevention Garden will be available for viewing at the WFRC through the rest of April. Stop by Sigler Park at 7200 Plaza St. to check it out!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Community Preservation Unit *Complaint = Clean-up*



Before



After

A friendly reminder from

THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION UNIT (CPU)

A complaint = a clean-up! If you see discarded items, let the Community Preservation Unit know.

Call **714-548-3476** or download the **My Westminster** mobile app for quick and easy reporting!

COYOTE FACTS & SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



KEEPING YOUR PETS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE



Pick up fallen fruit and birdseed. These attract the coyotes' natural prey.



Do not leave pet food out. If pets are fed outside, pick up the food promptly after it's finished.



Have an adult or older child present when small children or small pets are outside.



Keep all trash in enclosed containers.



Keep unused ponds and water features empty.



Keep small pets indoors during the night and early morning. If your pet must go outside during these times, keep them on a leash - even in your backyard.

Coyotes are natural predators that control rodent populations but have adapted to live alongside people. To keep coyotes at bay, people must make the coyotes learn to be fearful of people. You can use deterrents and hazing.

- **Chemical deterrents** such as perfume, cologne, or synthetic coyote urine may keep coyotes away for a short period of time.
- **Motion-sensitive** sprinklers, lights, and air cans scare coyotes away.
- **Hazing:** Use a sound-making device such as a whistle, air horn, coyote shaker (an empty soda filled with small objects and sealed), or yell.
- Do **NOT** run away from coyotes.



For more info., visit our website at www.westminster-ca.gov. You can now assist researchers and be alerted to sightings in your area. Visit www.ucanr.edu/sites/CoyoteCacher



If a coyote acts aggressively, back away slowly while keeping eye contact with the coyote. Contact **Westminster Animal Control** at 714-548-3201 or **Fish and Wildlife** at 858-467-4201 immediately.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE FROM ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY



Water safety starts at home. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe!



Children and adults drown without a sound. No one should ever swim alone.



Orange County
Fire Authority

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher, actively keeping their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts! Check the water FIRST!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries. Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool and spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.

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 now apply, renew, or pay for your business license online through HdL Companies. For more information, visit: <https://westminster.hdlgov.com> or call (657) 622-0222.

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!](#)

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Call the Hotline



Confirm Eligibility



Gather Documents



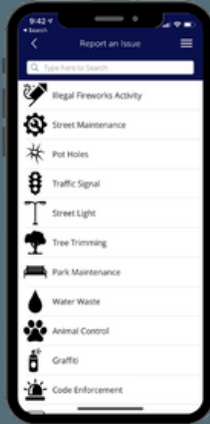
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Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PST



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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

