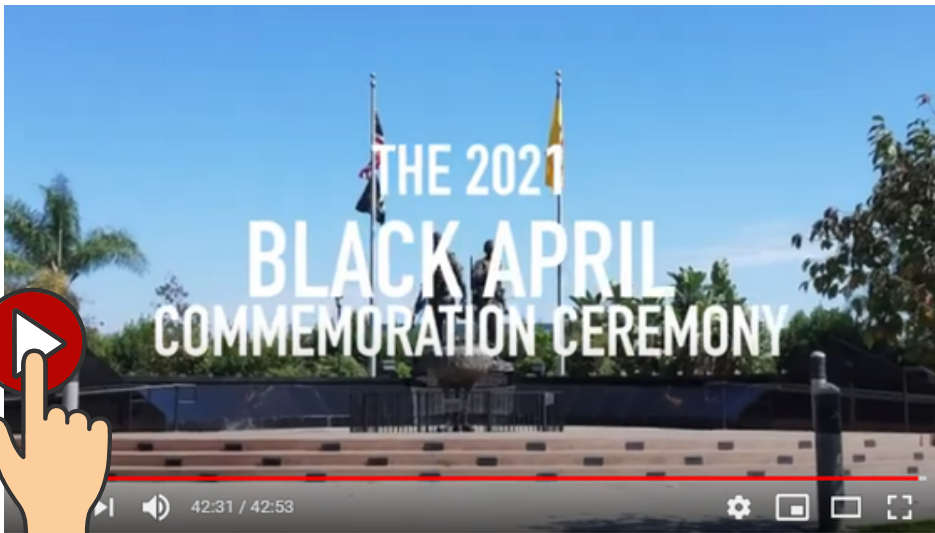


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VIRTUAL BLACK APRIL EVENT AIRED ON APRIL 30



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

Hear from city leaders and community members as they reflected upon the importance of Black April and honored the brave American and Vietnamese members of the armed forces who passed during the Vietnam War.

The event 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

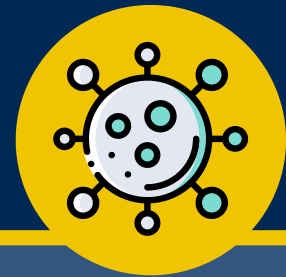
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

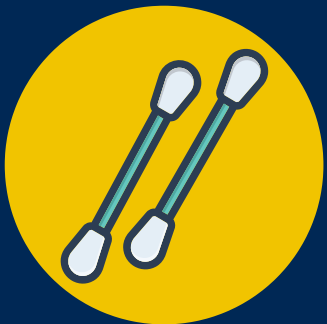
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



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



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

 **OC health**
CARE AGENCY

BUSINESS RESOURCES



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

LEARN MORE



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

- Payroll
- Mortgage Principal or Interest
- Rent
- Utilities
- Operational Expenses
- Normal Food & Beverage
- Inventory
- Paid Sick Leave
- Maintenance including Construction for Outdoor Seating
- Supplies such as PPE and Cleaning Materials
- Certain Covered Supplier Costs
- Other Essential Expenses

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.



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



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.](#)



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.





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





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT:
**WELLNESS THROUGH
CREATIVITY & SKILL BUILDING**
FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS



4-DAY VIRTUAL EVENT AT NO-COST
MAY 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 5:30PM - 7:00PM

This May, get ready for an empowering Mental Health Awareness Month by tapping into **creativity, self-care, personal growth** and translating it into **personal success** through our **wellness workshops!**

TUESDAY, MAY 4

**HOW TO
DO-IT-YOURSELF**

TUESDAY, MAY 11

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH
& CONFIDENCE BUILDING**

TUESDAY, MAY 18

**AUTHENTICITY
ONLINE**

TUESDAY, MAY 25

**TURN YOUR PASSION
INTO PURPOSE**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT: WWW.NAMIOCEVENTS.EVENTBRITE.COM
For questions, contact Amanda at awilson@namioc.org

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the California way
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Open a new ScholarShare 529 college savings account between May 24 and May 31, 2021.*

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800-544-5248



Attend a free webinar at [ScholarShare529.com/529Day](https://www.ScholarShare529.com/529Day):
May 19, 2021 at 11:00a.m. (PT), or May 26, 2021 at 11:00a.m. (PT)

*When you open a new ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan account with a \$50 contribution (and sign up for recurring contributions of \$25 or more per month for a minimum of 6 months) between May 24, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. and May 31, 2021, at 8:59 p.m. (PT), ScholarShare 529 will match \$50 on or before January 31, 2022. Visit www.scholarshare529.com/529Day for terms and conditions. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Promotion ends 05/31/21. Sponsored by the California 529 College Savings Plan.

**Source: ISS Market Intelligence 529 College Savings Quarterly Fee Analysis Fourth Quarter 2020. ScholarShare 529's average annual asset-based fees are 0.26% for all portfolios compared to 0.56% for all 529 plans.

TIAA To learn more about the California 529 College Savings Plan, its investment objectives, tax benefits, risks, and costs, please see the Plan Description at [ScholarShare529.com](https://www.ScholarShare529.com). Read it carefully. Check with your home state to learn if it offers tax or other benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds or protection from creditors for investing in its own 529 plan. Consult your legal or tax professional for tax advice. Investments in the Plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss. If the funds aren't used for qualified higher education expenses, a 10% penalty tax on earnings (as well as federal and state income taxes) may apply. Non-qualified withdrawals may also be subject to an additional 2.5% California tax on earnings. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Member FINRA, distributor and underwriter for the California 529 College Savings Plan.
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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!





#Apply Now!

Interested in being part of the 2021-2022 Youth Committee?

Qualified applicants must:

1. Be between the ages of 12 - 18
2. Attend a school in a district serving the community of Westminster
3. Reside in the City of Westminster

Want more information?

[Click here for the 2021-2022 application package!](#)

Have questions?

[Email us!](#)



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

**WESTMINSTER LIBRARY
(LAWN ON 13TH STREET)**
8180 13TH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
SATURDAYS, 9AM-NOON

FREE WIFI!

GET CONNECTED!

OCPL.ORG/WIFIONWHEELS



Westminster Library is closed until further notice for remodeling.

**Holdings 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

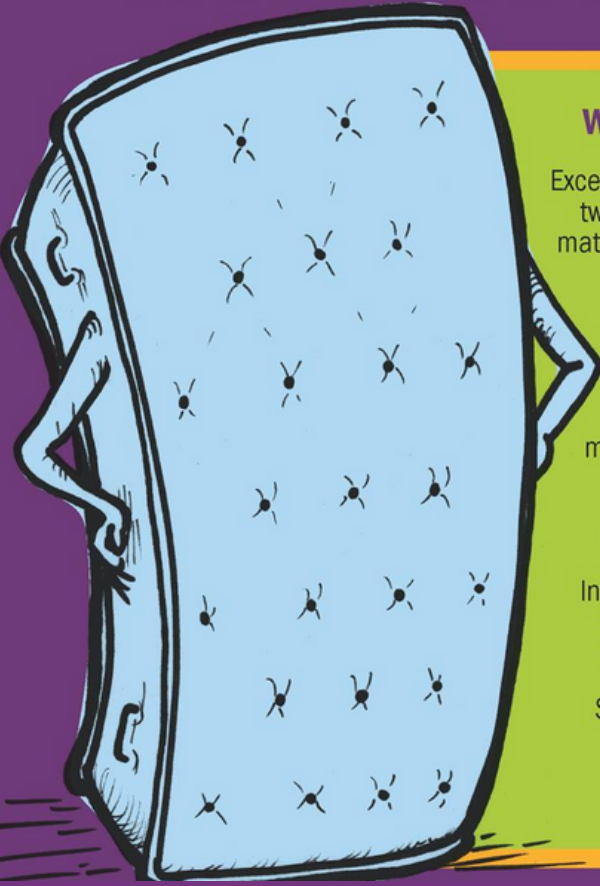
A friendly reminder from

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!

No-Cost Mattress Recycling



We do not accept:

Excessively wet, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs

Items infested with bed bugs

Fold-out sofa beds, futon frames/bases, mattress pads/toppers

Water beds, air mattresses, car beds

Infant & child products, infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

Sleeping bags, pillows

Other furniture or sleep products

How do I get rid of my old mattress?

Residents can drop off mattress, box springs, and futon mattresses separated from the base or frame for no-cost recycling.

Midway City Sanitary District
14451 Cedarwood Ave. Westminster, CA 92683
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

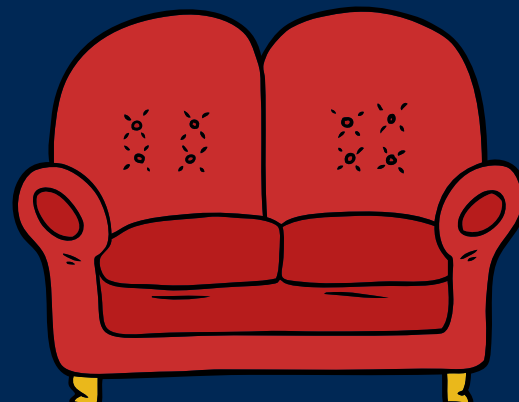


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service.

Schedule a Bulky Item Pickup!

The District provides a monthly bulky item service for the disposal of some appliances and furniture, and will collect two such items from each household approximately every thirty days. For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 at least one week in advance.

Normal items that the District will pick up are: furniture, appliances, patio furniture, large plastic toys, lawn care equipment, television sets, computer monitors, and water heaters. The District does **NOT** pickup: carpet, rugs, glass, mirrors, construction materials, wood, fencing, doors, pallets, and exercise equipment. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR ITEMS ON THE CURB UNTIL SCHEDULED FOR PICKUP.**



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Household hazardous waste includes products that are corrosive or toxic and can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances. These products require special care to prevent fire, injury, or pollution of the environment.



Household hazardous waste includes cleaning products, aerosol cans, pesticides, batteries, paint, lighter fluid, and gasoline.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Use and Storage

- Keep flammable liquids away from heat sources and open flames, such as hot water heaters and fireplaces.
- Don't smoke while using any type of flammable product, including nail polish, polish remover, alcohol-based hair products, and similar cosmetic items.
- Follow instructions on the labels of all flammable liquids and other hazardous products carefully to prevent accidents or injuries at home.
- Keep hazardous products in their original containers, and never remove labels or instructions.
- Never mix hazardous products. They might react, ignite, or explode when combined.
- Never leave household hazardous products or waste within reach of children or pets.
- Go green! Look for environmentally friendly products or search online for simple recipes using natural ingredients.

Disposal

- Never dispose of household hazardous waste in your regular trash. Once in landfills, these products can potentially contaminate our source of drinking water.
- Never dump household hazardous waste on the ground, down storm drains, or into toilets, drains, or sinks. It can seep into groundwater and waterways, contaminating lakes, the ocean, and local beaches.
- Orange County residents can dispose of household hazardous waste items for FREE at any Orange County House Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
 - Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
 - San Juan Capistrano: 32250 Avenida La Pata
 - Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum Street
 - Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Street
- For more information, visit oclandfills.com



Summer FULL OF LIFE

City of Westminster Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Westminster Community Services - East/West Room
8200 Westminster Blvd
Westminster, CA 92683

Thursday, May 13, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 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.
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.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Come to give May 1-15 for a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email
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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | Call 1-800-RED CROSS

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 or trash pickup services on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021.

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

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YouTube account!



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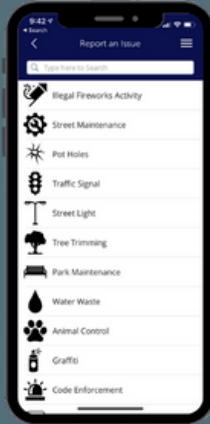
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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES & RESOURCES

www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates



405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

OCTA.NET/405MAP

