

# the Westminster Insider News



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## ANNUAL CODE 3 POLICE MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE



To honor fallen officers and raise money for their families, the Westminster Police Department Code 3 Cycling Team completed their annual 630-mile cycling trek from the California Peace Officers' Memorial in Sacramento to Westminster Police Department's Fallen Officer Memorial.

Orange County Sheriff's Department Retired Deputy Ron Dunlap started the ride in 2001 to raise funds to support Orange County officers injured or killed in the line of duty.

In 2012, Westminster Sergeant Bill Drinnin began organizing the event, adding Code 3 Cycling to the cause. Code 3 is the WPD's memorial foundation supporting fallen and injured officers and their families locally and across the country.

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# Coronavirus Update



## Current Status (5/19/21): Yellow Tier

- **Aquariums, Libraries, Museums, and Zoos**
  - Can open indoors with modifications (no capacity limit)
- **Bowling Alleys, Family Entertainment Centers, Ice Rinks, and Indoor Playgrounds (Bounce Centers, Ball Pits, and Laser Tag)**
  - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
    - Capacity can increase to 75% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Cultural Ceremonies, Places of Worship, and Weddings**
  - Can open indoors with modifications. Recommended capacity is 50%.
- **Dance Studios, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga Studios, and Climbing Walls**
  - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
  - Gyms and fitness centers can increase capacity to 75% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Funeral Homes**
  - Can remain reopen indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
- **Gatherings**
  - Outdoor capacity is limited to 100 people
  - Indoor gatherings (strongly discouraged) can take place at 50% capacity or 50 people, whichever is fewer
- **Hair Salons, Barbershops, and Personal Care Services (e.g. Nail Salons, Body Waxing, Tattoo Parlors, Piercing Studios, Skin Care and Cosmetology, Massage Services)**
  - Can remain reopen indoors with modifications (no capacity limit)
- **Live Theater and Live Performances (In-state Attendees Only with Advanced Reservations)**
  - Can open outdoors at 67% capacity
    - Max capacity for suites is 25%
  - Can open indoors at 25% capacity or 300 people for venues seating up to 1,500, and 10% capacity or 2,000 people for venues seating 1,501 and above
    - Indoor capacity can increase to 50% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Marathons, Triathlons, Endurance Events, and Organized Runs/Walks**
  - Can open outdoors with modifications at 500 participants per hour and 1,500 total participants
    - Capacity can increase to 3,000 if all participants show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Movie Theaters**
  - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
    - Capacity can increase to 75% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Restaurants**
  - Can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity
    - Capacity can increase to 75% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
  - Wineries, breweries, and distilleries can open indoors with modifications at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
    - Capacity can increase to 75% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
  - Bars can open indoors with modifications at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
    - Capacity can increase to 37.5% if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
- **Retail (e.g. Bookstores, Florists, Grocery, Home and Furnishing Stores, Jewelry, Sporting Goods), Shopping Malls, and Swap Meets**
  - Can remain reopen indoors with modifications (no capacity limit)
- **Private Events/Meetings, Conferences, and Receptions**
  - Tickets or guest list required with assigned seating and no intermingling of multiple private events
  - Can open outdoors at 200 guest capacity
    - Outdoor capacity can increase to 400 if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination
  - Can only open indoors at 200 guest capacity if all guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination

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



Get the vaccine news you need

COVIDVACCINEFACTS.com 



The **COVID-19 vaccine** is now available to everyone who lives or works in OC, age 12 and older, based on supply.

*See details for minors.*



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OTHER  
**VACCINE  
RESOURCES**  
IN ORANGE COUNTY

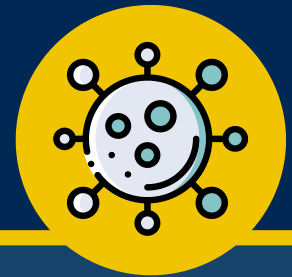
Questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine?

Call (714) 834-2000

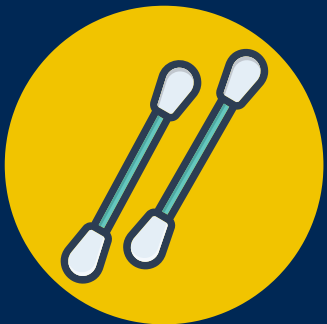
The OC Health Care Agency Hotline offers automated responses to FAQs 24/7 and live, trained operators from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



# FREE



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



**FOR ALL ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS**  
*Click here to order yours!*



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

# *2021 VIRTUAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENT*

PREMIERED ON MAY 31, 2021



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO ON OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL!](#)

# BUSINESS RESOURCES



## HIRE A VETERAN!

### Benefits:

- Get reimbursed up to 50% towards the cost of training new hires.
- As a “Veteran-Friendly Employer”, you reap the benefits of hiring Veterans with experience in teamwork, leadership, integrity, and the ability to get the job done.

Interested? [Click here for more info!](#)

OC VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEAP) provides free training, career services, supportive services and job placement for recently separated or near-term separation military members.



Orange County  
One-Stop Center



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**

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

## **Expenditures**

	<b>Budget 2020-21</b>	<b>YTD Q2 Actual 2020-21</b>	<b>% of 2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>Prior Years Q2 Actual 2019-20</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease) from PY</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$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.

# 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](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/virtual-meetings).

## Council Meeting Schedule



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



**Missed the last meeting? Get the quick recap here.**

# 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](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).







# 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**



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!**



# Get started on your \$200 Match!

## Big dreams and bright futures.

## Made in California.



ScholarShare 529, California's official college savings plan, is pleased to offer the 2021 Matching Grant Program, helping to make the dream of attaining a higher education a reality for your student with a matching grant.

Don't miss this opportunity to jump-start your college savings and maximize every dollar. Help ensure you can give your child something all parents want for their children—a bright future.

Visit [ScholarShare529.com/mgp](https://ScholarShare529.com/mgp) for more details and complete terms and conditions.

### Matching Grant Benefits:

- A dollar-for-dollar match up to \$200
- Another \$25 for establishing monthly recurring contributions of \$25 or more
- Savings in a ScholarShare 529 account will not impact eligibility for most state benefits
- Flexibility: Funds can be used at universities, community colleges or trade schools, and for other approved educational expenses
- Simple to start: Applying for a grant and opening an account are quick and easy
- For additional information about eligibility, please visit [ScholarShare529.com/mgp](https://ScholarShare529.com/mgp)

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Families must have an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 OR LESS to be eligible
- Account must be opened by a parent or legal guardian
- Beneficiary (future student) must be 14 years of age or younger and may not have an existing ScholarShare 529 account
- Parent/legal guardian and beneficiary must have a valid Social Security Number or Federal Tax Identification Number

**ScholarShare 529**  
2021 MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

800.544.5248  
[scholarshare@treasurer.ca.gov](mailto:scholarshare@treasurer.ca.gov)  
[ScholarShare529.com/mgp](https://ScholarShare529.com/mgp)

Eligible parents/guardians must be California residents at enrollment, have a valid Social Security Number or a Federal Tax Identification Number, and have an adjusted gross annual income of \$75,000 or less. 529 plans are generally not subject to asset and property limit calculations in public benefit programs, such as CalWORKs and CalFresh. However, applicants who are receiving public benefits are advised to consult their public benefits counselors prior to participating in this program. Beneficiaries must be 14 years or younger during the calendar year of enrollment and have a valid Social Security Number or a Federal Tax Identification Number. Program participants must enroll online at [ScholarShare529.com/mgp](https://ScholarShare529.com/mgp).

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://ScholarShare529.com). Read it carefully. 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. 1476729



**#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!](#)  
(Submit by 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021 )

## **Have questions?**

[Email us!](#)



**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*

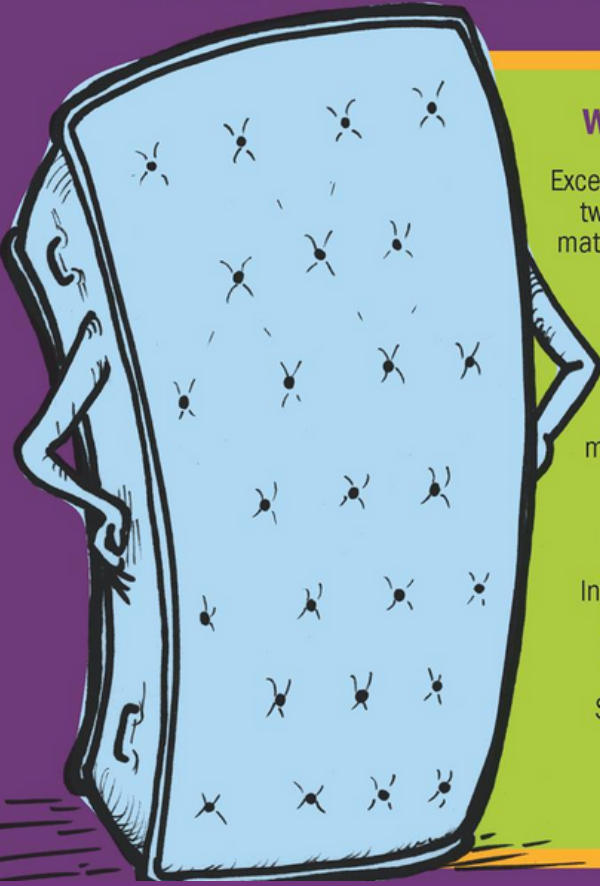
*A friendly reminder from*

**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

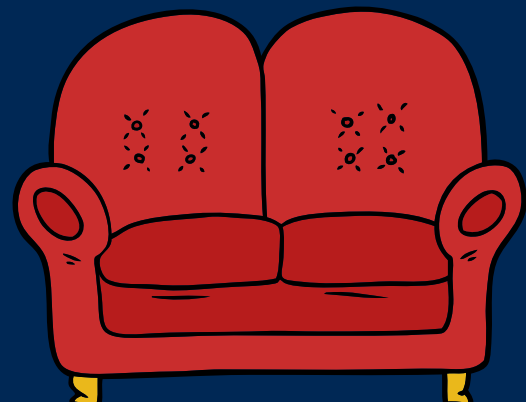


For more details, please call (714) 893-3553 or visit [www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service](http://www.midwaycitysanitarydistrict.com/bulky-item-service).

## 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.**





# 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](http://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.



# Mosquito Repellent Information

When choosing a repellent to prevent mosquito bites, look for the following information on the product label:

## Active Ingredient

- DEET
- Picaridin
- IR3535
- Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE)

## Protection Time or Active Ingredient Percentage (%)

Not all products will list the number of hours that the repellent works to prevent mosquito bites. A repellent with a higher percentage of active ingredient will work longer to keep mosquitoes from biting you.

Choose a repellent that will protect you for the amount of time you plan to be outdoors. Please keep in mind, when you are sweating or getting wet, repellents will not last as long.

## Who should use repellent and when?

Use repellent when you spend time outdoors in areas with mosquitoes especially during warmer months of the year. EPA-registered repellent is safe for use on:

- Adults
- Pregnant or breastfeeding women
- Children older than 2 months (According to the California Department of Public Health, insect repellent should not be used on babies younger than 2 months old. To protect babies from mosquito bites, dress the child in clothing that covers arms and legs, and cover the child's crib, stroller, or baby carrier with a mosquito net)

## ***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 on June 29 and June 30. Street sweeping only takes place on the first through fourth 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

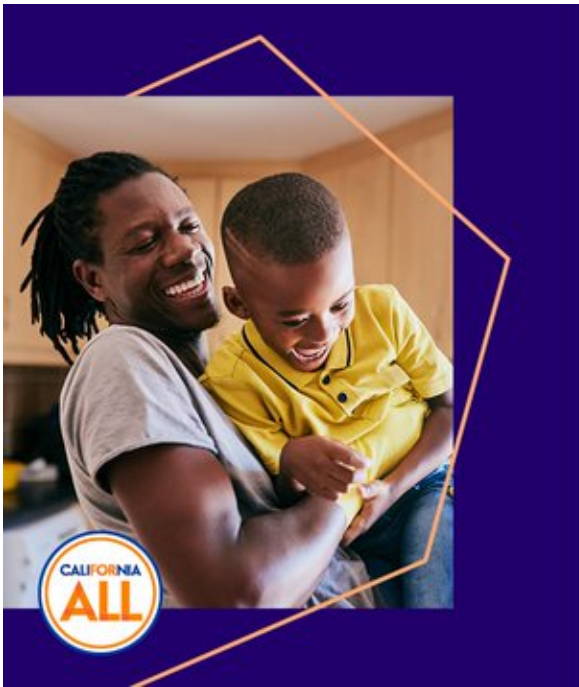
Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

The City of Westminster has a  
YouTube account!



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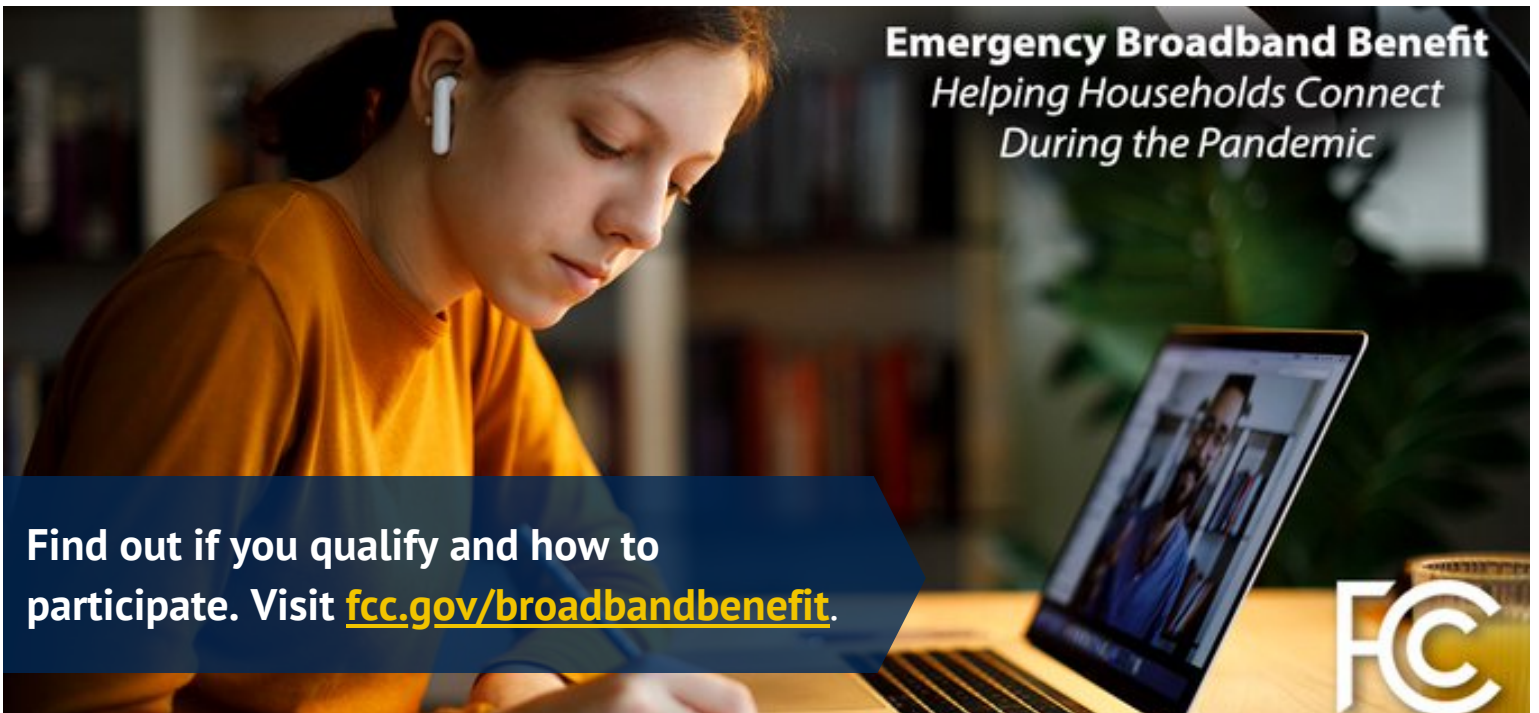
## OTHER NEWS



 CA COVID-19  
RENT RELIEF

Landlords and renters  
can now get help with  
unpaid rent.

Check eligibility and apply!  
HousingIsKey.com or  
call 833-430-2122.



**Emergency Broadband Benefit**  
*Helping Households Connect  
During the Pandemic*

Find out if you qualify and how to  
participate. Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).

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**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &  
RESOURCES**

[www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus](http://www.westminster-ca.gov/coronavirus)



**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

[OCTA.NET/405MAP](https://OCTA.NET/405MAP)

