



# City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents:

The City of Westminster conducted a biennial municipal election on May 9 and Dr. Robert Wack was re-elected to a second term on the Westminster Common Council. Two new Council Members were also elected: Dennis Frazier and Paul Whitson.

Dennis Frazier works for the Carroll County Public School System as a teacher and wrestling coach. He is an Iron Man World Wrestling Champion and lives in the Furnace Hills area.

Paul Whitson graduated from South Carroll High School in 1974 and worked as a music teacher until 1987. He has been self-employed teaching music lessons since that time. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster.

We welcome Dr. Wack's return to the Council and greet the two newest members as we continue to work on the challenges presented by the national and state economies, the increased environmental standards for water, sewer and storm water and the impact of increasing costs for supplies and equipment.

### CARROLL COUNTY RESTAURANT WEEK

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Carroll County Tourism Department and the City of Westminster have joined together to feature a Carroll County Restaurant Week. This event will take place the week of August 21-28, featuring special fixed price menus at local restaurants.

Participating restaurants will provide menus during the week-long promotion, with prices ranging from \$10.11 to \$35.11. Each restaurant will feature a menu with selections of their choice, including either lunch and dinner menus, or both. The following Downtown Westminster restaurants are participating:

Birdie's Café – 233 E. Main Street  
Giulianova Groceria – 11 E. Main Street  
Harry's Main Street Grille – 65 W. Main Street  
Johanssons Dining House – 4 W. Main Street  
Maggie's Restaurant – 310 E. Green Street  
O'Lordans Irish Pub – 14 Liberty Street  
Paradiso Ristorante – 20 Distillery Drive  
Rafael's Restaurant – 32 W. Main Street

For menus and more information, visit: <http://www.carrollcountyrestaurantweek.com>. Please support this inaugural Restaurant Week event by visiting one or more of these restaurants between August 21-28.

### NEW WEBSITE

The new City website launched on July 1st with a fresh look and exciting new features. Read more information below.

Beginning July 1, 2011, you will be able to pay your water/sewer bill over the Internet. To use the Online Bill Pay service, residents with water/sewer billing accounts can register for an online bill pay account through a secure website. After registering, users can view current water/sewer billing information and make a one-time payment via Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. As part of a security feature, credit card information is **NOT** saved, so users will be required to enter their credit card information for each payment. Instructions to use the Online Bill Pay Service can be found on the next page.

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### Instructions for Online Bill Pay:

1. Go to the City homepage at [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov).
2. Under "Quicklinks" menu, choose ONLINE BILL PAY SERVICES.
3. Choose which type of bill you'd like to pay.
4. Click NEW USERS to open a new online bill pay account.
5. Enter required account set-up information.
6. Once you register for an online user ID, enter your billing account information.
7. If you only have one account, choose CLICK HERE TO ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNTS; or if you have multiple accounts, enter them as necessary.
8. Follow steps on the following pages to make your payment online.

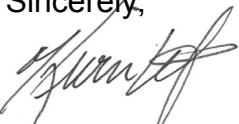
### CLIENT SERVICES REQUEST SYSTEM

In addition to this new payment service, Westminster City residents are still able to report maintenance issues to City officials via the Client Services Request System on the City's website.

Citizens can complete the simple request for service form to report things like a code violation, darkened streetlight or a pothole in need of repair at any time. Other examples of problems which could be reported might include signage problems, street issues, water and sewer line problems, etc. For those residents who would like to receive a follow-up status report, giving an email address will ensure they receive updates on the resolution of the problem.

Citizens are encouraged to utilize the web request system in order to streamline the repair process. Please visit our website and click on the Client Services Request Form under "Online Services" and fill in the blanks. You can be assured your alertness will be addressed and appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mayor Utz

## From the Code Enforcement Office

Summer is here! Remember to keep your property maintained by keeping all grass/weeds under 6" in height. Also, remember that all exterior property areas must be free of rubbish and garbage accumulation. If you have a pool, keep it clean and properly maintained to deter insect harborage.

Help keep our city beautiful!

## 100th Anniversary Celebration



A Submission from our friends at the Carroll County Times newspaper:

In celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Carroll County Times, located at 201 Railroad Avenue. **Free admission, tours, games, food and entertainment!** Two 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary displays will also be available to the public. Currently there is a display in the storefront of the original "Times" building. From late August through September there will be a display at the Historical Society.

Rain date is Sunday, October 9 from 12pm to 3pm.

## Downtown Westminster Farmer's Market

Located on the Conaway Parking Lot at the corner of Railroad Avenue (MD27) and Emerald Hill Lane, the Downtown Westminster Farmers Market is the oldest "Producer Only" open air market operating in Carroll County. Vendor offerings typically include: fresh vegetables of all kinds, fruits, eggs, honey, salsa, homemade baked goods, herb & vegetable plants, annuals & perennials, cut flowers, wool, hand-made soap products, organically-raised meats and certified organic produce.

The farmers market is open from 8am until noon on Saturdays, from the last Saturday in May until the Saturday before Thanksgiving in November. It is held rain or shine. The market site is handicap accessible, with ample free parking.

To find out what is happening at the Downtown Westminster Farmers Market, or its sister market at the Westminster Antique Mall on Hahn Road, visit [www.westminsterfarmfresh.com](http://www.westminsterfarmfresh.com).

## Carroll Arts Center Events

**Saturday, August 6, 2011, 7:30pm:** Oh Boy: Buddy Holly Tribute. This 4-piece tribute band celebrates the music of the late, great Rock & Roller Buddy Holly and his back-up band, the Crickets. This fabulous "blast from the past" authentically recreates Holly's music as well as other rockabilly classics by Richie Vallens, the Big Bopper and Johnny Cash. Tickets are \$18 for Adults and \$15 CCAC Members, Students under 18 and Seniors 60+.

**Saturday, August 20, 2011, 7:30pm:** The Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition. One of the mid-Atlantic's hardest working bands is back by popular demand. Their musical roots are deeply planted in the traditional styles and their performances thrill audiences with their unique blend and energy. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$13 for CCAC Members, Students under 18 and Seniors 60+.



**Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30pm:** "All About Eve", 1950, 138 mins, Not Rated. The award-winning film is based on the story "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr. The backstage story revolves around aspiring actress Eve Harrington, played by Anne Baxter as she shows up in the dressing room of mega-star Margo Channing played by Bette Davis. The tattered and forlorn Eve weaves her way into Margo's life and circle of friends. Taking pity on the girl, Margo takes Eve as her personal assistant. Before long it is apparent that naïve Eve is a Machiavellian conniver who cold-bloodedly uses Margo and her circle to rise to the top of the theatrical heap. Certainly the film is known for its iconic line "Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night," but undoubtedly it has many more riveting moments that helped it earned six Academy Awards including Best Picture. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for CCAC Members, Students and Seniors 60+.

**Sunday, September 18, 2011, 3pm:** National Players to perform "The Taming of the Shrew" by William Shakespeare. "Shrew" is known as one of the best-loved 'battle of the sexes' and the National Players have retro-fitted the comedy with a Wild West flare! Cowboy boots, whips, and lassos give a biting punch to this classic tale. Sparring lovers Kate and Petruchio duke it out on the Western frontier. Will they ride off into the sunset or die tryin'? The verbal duel never stops during this marvelously updated adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece.

The National Players, America's longest running classical touring company, has now reached its 63<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season of touring. They have earned a distinctive place in American theatre and maintain a strong commitment to the formation of emerging theatrical talent and new audiences. They continually celebrate the experience of theatergoing by presenting the world's greatest dramatic literature performed by a professional repertory company.

Tickets for "The Taming of the Shrew" are \$20 for Adults and \$15 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors.



## Carroll Arts Center Gallery

**June 17—August 13:** "The Art is Inside You" The Carroll County Arts Council will present a new exhibit in the Tevis Gallery, "The Art is Inside You" featuring the unique work of visionary artists.



Visionary artists are generally self-taught without formal training, but they can be trained artists as well. These artists find inspiration from mystical, magical and spiritual experiences, mythological symbols and a profound sense of the creative act. Visionary art is deeply imaginative and comes from a place deep inside the soul of the artist.

Featured artists include: Joel Cohen, Baltimore, MD; Danny Doughty, Cambridge, MD; David Evans, Taneytown, MD; Brian Dowdall, South Carolina; Tim McAvoy, Buffalo, NY; Joyce Ritz, Cambridge, MD; Tom Steck, Fallston, MD and more.

The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 W. Main Street, Westminster, MD. Gallery hours are 10 am-4 pm Monday through Saturday and 10am-8pm on Thursdays. Admission is free.

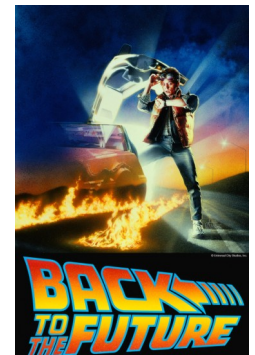
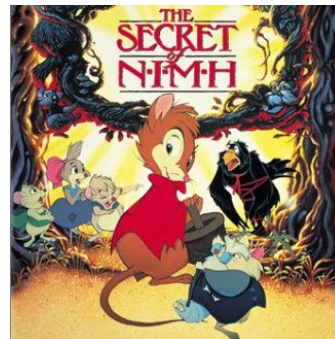
Please call 410.848.7272 or visit [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) for more information.

## Free Summer Movies!

Back by popular demand will be the free family movies hosted at the Carroll Arts Center in downtown Westminster. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 7pm, a family-friendly movie will be screened. No advance tickets distributed. Seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

August 2	August 9
The Secret of Nimh	Back to the Future
Rated PG; 82 mins; 1982	Rated PG; 115 mins; 1985





**Recreation and Parks Department Events:  
August, September**

**National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 2nd residents can run crime out of neighborhoods! Joined by the Westminster City Police, a night of block parties is a great way to meet and mingle with your neighbors. City officials and Police Officers visit each site. Call Sgt. Keith Benfer at 410-848-4646 for more information.

**Westminster Municipal Band Concert:** Sunday, August 28th at 6pm. This concert is held at Belle Grove Park on the corner of Green and Bond Street. Bring a lawn chair. For more info call Greg Wantz at 410-848-8852

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**FALLFEST Returns in September!**  
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**Westminster Fallfest Parade**  
**September 22nd at 7pm.** The parade will start at Dutterer Family Park on Monroe Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and will continue down Main Street ending on Longwell Avenue. Parade participants must register in advance! Call 410-857-9072 for more information.

**Westminster Fallfest**  
**September 22nd-25th,** this annual event benefits Access Carroll, Carroll County Youth Services Bureau, the Carroll Hospice and the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. Enjoy carnival rides, live entertainment, and great food. On Saturday and Sunday enjoy over 100 crafters and commercial vendors gathered for your shopping pleasure. **NO PETS PLEASE.** Visit [www.westminsterfallfest.com](http://www.westminsterfallfest.com) for more information.

**Westminster Fallfest Midnight Madness**  
Held **September 23rd from 6pm to Midnight.** Experience the sights, scents, and sounds of an autumn evening in downtown Historic Westminster. A variety of businesses will be open for your shopping pleasure. Live entertainment, antique cars, and much more will be available. Parking is FREE. **NO PETS PLEASE!**



**Summer Camps Available**

**Summer Day Camps:** \$115/week, June 20—August 26, Monday—Friday from 9am—4pm  
Day camp is held at the Longwell Municipal Center and is designed for children 6-12 years. Campers will have loads of fun playing games and sports, making crafts, going on field trips and swimming at the Westminster Municipal Pool. Each Camper will receive a Camp T-shirt and Water Bottle each week they are registered! AM and PM care is also available at an additional charge.

**Tot Camp:** Offering 8 weeks! \$60/week, June 21-August 13, Monday—Friday from 9-11:30am  
Tot Camp is held at the Community Building at the Westminster Municipal Pool and is designed for children ages 3-5 (must be potty trained).

**A \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION FOR EACH CHILD AND SESSION THAT IS ENROLLED.**

**Westminster Municipal Pool**

Memorial Day-Labor Day, 325 Royer Road  
*Open to the public*

2011 Member Fees  
City Residents: \$200/Family membership  
\$128/Individual membership  
County Residents: \$260/Family membership  
\$146/Individual membership  
Gate Fees: \$7.00 or Punch Cards: \$50 for 10 visits

Pool Hours  
Daily 12 noon to 7pm  
T, W, F – Adult Lap Swim 7-8pm  
T & TH – Water Aerobics (August only) 7-8pm

Swim Lesson Registration  
Sign up for the Stingrays Learn to Swim Program.  
\$45 per child  
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes available.  
Registration: May 18th & June 1st 5:30-7:30  
at the Community Building at the pool.  
Parent or Legal Guardian must complete registration in person.

Contact Sarah Bratman, Swim Lesson Coordinator,  
[wstswimlessons@gmail.com](mailto:wstswimlessons@gmail.com)  
Join the Westminster Stingrays Competitive Swim Team!  
For more information go to [www.westminsterswimteam.com](http://www.westminsterswimteam.com)