



# City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

Having enjoyed the fantastic Electric Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting and Santa's Treat which welcomed the holiday season in the City of Westminster, it is now time to reflect on the highlights of the past year.

This year the first five members of the Board of Commissioners in Carroll County were sworn in and Commissioner David Roush was inducted as the first District 3 Commissioner. We also installed two new Common Council members to the Westminster Council, Dennis Frazier and Paul Whitson, and welcomed back Dr. Robert Wack.

We have had a banner year on Main Street with a record 11 new shops opening and ten new offices, including the return of the Chamber of Commerce to downtown:

CUP Tea Bar and Café  
Carroll Street Decor  
Razzmatazz Salon  
J Café

Furnace Hills Coffee Co.  
Hats by Marjae  
Anne Marie Rose Jewelry Design  
Eclecticity

The Main Arterie  
The Snooper's Shop  
Hotlooks Hair Salon

The new Tourism Area and Corridor Program signs have been installed on the major roadways to direct visitors to our attractions and a major Baltimore Gas and Electric gas line upgrade and replacement project was announced.

The City, in conjunction with the Carroll County Economic Development Office, was successful in convincing Knorr Brake Corporation to build a new plant and remain in Westminster. They will expand the company, adding 60 new jobs. In addition, the City effectively enabled the Performance Food Group to add 70,000 sq ft. of refrigerated warehouse space with an innovative water reuse project.

It was also a dynamic year for capital projects. The City paved almost two miles of roads, reconstructed the East Green Street, Fitzhugh Avenue and Clifton Boulevard storm drains, and completed the Pennsylvania Avenue Lighting Project. The water meter replacement project was completed this summer, enabling all meters to be read from a vehicle rather than on foot, and all City buildings have had energy efficient lighting installed.

The electronic payment system for water and sewer billing was implemented in July and 1,000 customers now pay utility bills on line. A "voice over internet" phone system is currently being installed, eliminating over 150 phone lines, and providing much more efficient telephone service for our customers. We will continue to monitor and improve the services we provide to our residents.

The Common Council joins me in wishing you a healthy and happy 2012.

Sincerely,

Mayor Utz



## Carroll Arts Center Events

**Saturday, January 12 at 7pm:** Iron Ridge Bluegrass returns to the Carroll Arts Center. The 4-piece band is one of the region's premiere country music ensembles and they are dedicated to the preservation of the old-time traditional bluegrass in the style of Bill Monroe, Dr. Ralph Stanley and others. They perform at numerous fairs and festivals throughout the northeast and they have a loyal local following. Their toe tapping, hand clapping music has infectious rhythms and natural harmonies. They play a variety of traditional country and gospel favorites. They have won numerous awards for their music, including the coveted top award at the Fiddler's Convention. Iron Ridge is comprised of Denny Kopp on mandolin, Jay Mosley on banjo, Joey Mosley on guitar and train whistle and Max Allison on upright bass. They all have bluegrass running richly through their veins!

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults and \$13 for Arts Council Members, Seniors 60+ and Students 18 & Under. For more information, call 410/848-7272 or visit purchase tickets online. The snow date for the concert is Sunday, January 22 at 7:00pm.

**Friday, January 13 at 7:30pm:** FLICC presents "Antonia's Line" a foreign film from Belgium; 1995; R; 102 mins. Winner of the Academy Award for best Foreign Film, this whimsical film tells the story of a Dutch matron who oversees a close knit, Matriarchal community where feminism and liberalism thrive.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for CCAC members, seniors 60+ and students under 18. For more information, call 410/848-7272 or visit purchase tickets online.

**Monday, January 16 at 1pm:** Carroll Community College sponsored film "Cry Freedom"; 1986; PG; 157 mins. The powerful true story of the friendship between black activist Steven Biko (Denzel Washington) and liberal white newspaper editor Donald Woods (Kevin Kline) as they fought apartheid in South Africa. Cost is FREE.

**Saturday, February 18 at 7:30pm:** The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to announce that the acclaimed blues quartet "Hard Swimmin' Fish" will perform live on stage. This group has been making music together for over fifteen years and they promise to warm up a cold winter's night with their hot blues! The band plays a range of styles covering the country blues of Mississippi and The Piedmont, the urban blues of Chicago, and funk infused varieties with roots in New Orleans' second line.

Tickets are \$18 for Adults and \$15 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors. Snow date for the concert is Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 pm.

**Monday, February 20 at 11am:** Audience favorite Michael Rosman will return to the Carroll Arts Center for a performance on President's Day. School's out that day...so fun is IN! Michael's zany antics that have made him one of Harbor Place's most popular performers. This graduate of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus Clown College has been a performer for more than 25 years. His show will feature juggling, unicycling, tight rope walking and pie-in-the-face fun. His comedy antics keep young and old alike in stitches throughout the hour-long show. The special appearance is sponsored by the Davis Library, Inc.

Tickets for the show are \$8 for adults and \$6 for CCAC members, students 18 & Under and Seniors 60+ snow date for the show is Tuesday, February 21 at 11 am.

Please check our website for the most current and up-to-date schedule of events!



## Gallery Exhibit

The Carroll County Arts Council announces its first exhibit of the 2012 season, "Something from Here: Something from There" which will be on display in their Tevis Gallery from January 19 through March 10, 2012.

Artists possess a visual vocabulary of images that are familiar to them and appear in the majority of their work. It can be something as small as the brush stroke of paint, visual metaphors or iconography.

The artists in this exhibit have been, either, living and creating here in the United States and have moved or travelled to another country, or, have been living in another country and have moved here. The exhibits demonstrate how each artist picks up habits, styles and techniques from these various places, and how the different cultures influence and inspire their work.

Gallery hours are 10 am-4 pm Monday through Saturday and 10am-8pm on Thursdays. Admission is FREE.

## 9th Annual Foreign Film Festival

The Carroll Arts Center will be home to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreign Film Festival, coordinated by FLICC (Film Lovers in Carroll County) The award-winning films will be screened every Friday in February at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for CCAC Members, students and seniors. McDaniel students and faculty are admitted free as McDaniel College is sponsoring the series. Series tickets are \$20 & \$15.

The schedule is as follows:

2/3/12 – "In a Better World"  
2010; Denmark; Rated R; 119 mins

A Danish doctor and his family work at an African refugee camp and are faced with difficult choices between revenge and forgiveness.

2/10/12 – "The Age of Beauty"  
1992; Spain; Rated R; 109 mins

A Spanish soldier deserts from the army in 1931. He becomes friends with a lonely old man who has four daughters. The soldier falls in love with all of them.

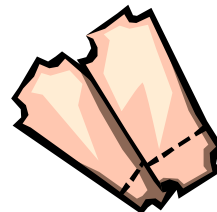
2/17/12 – "The Owl and the Sparrow"  
2007; Vietnam; Rated PG; 97 mins

Three lonely strangers form a unique family in modern day Saigon as a young orphan plays matchmaker to a zookeeper and a beautiful flight attendant.

2/24/12 – "Seraphine"  
2008; France; Unrated; 125 mins

A beautiful film based on the life of French painter Seraphine de Senlis and the unlikely location of one of her paintings.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-848-7272 or go to [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org).



### ONE FREE FILM TICKET

With the purchase of one ticket at regular admission price

Present this page at the Box Office

Expires February 24, 2012

For more information on any of these events, contact the Carroll Arts Center at 410-848-7272 or visit [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org)

# Bulk Trash Schedule for 2012

Reminder

This standard bulk trash collection schedule will be followed WITHOUT THE NEED TO CALL FOR A PICKUP. All bulk waste will be collected from residences throughout the City on this every-other-week schedule. Residents are required to place bulk pickup items out by 7a.m. on the designated pickup day to ensure collection.

<p><b>January</b></p> <p>S M T WTh F S          1 N 3 Y 5 6 7          8 T M Y E W 14          15 N 17 Y 19 20 21          22 T M Y E W 27          28 29 30 Y</p> <p>Christmas trees will be picked up on Jan 9, 23 &amp; 29</p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p>S M T WTh F S          Y 2 3 4          5 T M Y E W 11          12 13 14 Y 16 17 18          19 N M Y E W 25          26 27 28 Y</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>S M T WTh F S          1 2 3          4 T M Y E W 10          11 12 13 Y 15 16 17          18 T M Y E W 24          25 26 27 Y 29 30 31</p>
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**Pickup Schedule Key**

- T** Tree limbs/Brush
- M** Metal, Tires, Batteries, Large Appliances
- Y** Yard waste
- E** Bulk Trash East of MD Rt31 \*including Village of Meadow Creek, excluding Carroll Meadows
- W** Bulk Trash West of MD Rt31 \*including Carroll Meadows, excluding Village of Meadow Creek
- N** NO PICKUP, City offices closed for Holiday

\*NOTE: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a City holiday, bulk trash items will be collected on the next scheduled date.

**For any questions regarding the above schedule, please contact the City Information Desk at 410-848-9000**

## Online Access for Water/Sewer Accounts

Get 24/7 unlimited access to your water/sewer account information by registering online at [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov). View your bill before it arrives in the mail, see payments made and usage history any time of day or night, weekends and holidays. You can also pay your bill via Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card through your online account.

## Recreation Events: January, February & March 2012

**Parent's Night Out: February 18th 5-9 pm.** Start making plans with your spouse, partner, friends or family because we have the child care covered! Go shopping, grab dinner, see a movie, or just relax!

**When:** Saturday, February 18 5-9 p.m.

**Where:** Longwell Municipal Center (old Armory), 11 Longwell Avenue

**Cost:** \$15 for the first child, \$5 each additional child (from the same household)

Kids will play games, watch movies, do a craft, plays sports, eat pizza and have a ball with our exceptionally trained staff of caregivers and teachers. During drop-off, parents will receive a list of downtown businesses with discount coupons. Call our office at 410-848-9161 to pre-register, *as space is limited!*

### Mid Winter Beach Party for Tots

Friday, January 20

9-10:30 am

Community Building at the  
Municipal Pool, 325 Royer Road



Toddlers and tots ages 3-5 (must be potty trained) will have fun beating the mid-winter brrrrrs with beach-themed games, stories and a snack! \$15 per child, pre-registration is required.



**Candy Land Party for Tots**  
Friday, February 17 9-10:30am

Community Building at the  
Municipal Pool  
325 Royer Road

Toddlers and Tots ages 3-5 will enjoy this candy-themed party! Sure to be a fun and delicious time!  
\$15 per child, pre-registration is required.

### Corbits Charge Civil War Ball

Saturday, March 31 8-11 pm

Longwell Municipal Center, Gymnasium,  
11 Longwell Ave.

Join us for an evening of period dancing, instruction, light refreshments and fun at the Armory Gymnasium. Period dress or formal attire is required. Admission for those over age 18 is \$20, ages 13-17 is \$10 and ages 12 and under are free. Sponsored by Unique Jewelry-Kim Prehn and Westminster City Recreation.



### Middle School Dance

February 11 7-10 pm

Longwell Municipal Center, 11 Longwell Ave.

Does your child have friends in other middle schools and are not able to go to each others school functions? Well, here is your chance to get together, just in time for Valentine's Day! We'll have friends, snacks, smoothies and, of course, cool tunes! Admission is \$5 at the door. Students must be in grades 6-8.



American  
Red Cross

American Red Cross Blood Drive, February 22 1-7 pm  
Westminster Family Fitness Center, 11 Longwell Avenue, Westminster  
Please call Eva or Shelly for an appointment at 410-751-5501.