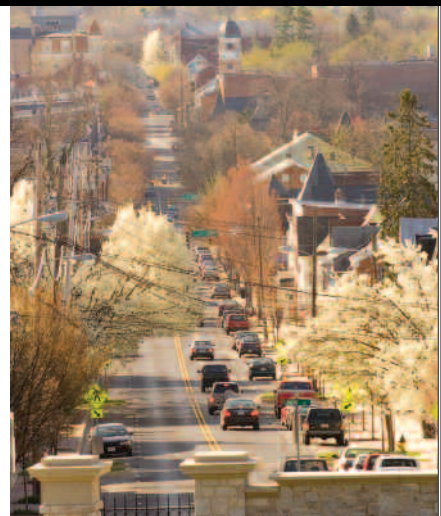


# WESTMINSTER

CARROLL COUNTY

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★ **Westminster, Maryland** ★

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OUS WORK FORCE, AND EASY ACCESSIBILITY TO  
BALTIMORE”—THESE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS THAT  
PEOPLE WERE ATTRACTED TO THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
AS A PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VACATION IN 1887.**

Although no longer the resort it was in the late 1800’s, people are still drawn to the city of Westminster, home of two National Register Historic Districts, for many of the same reasons, including their desire to visit its charming downtown.

Downtown Westminster, once visited by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War, today provides a unique shopping, dining and cultural experience within a small-town atmosphere. The Main Street is pedestrian-friendly, with wide sidewalks, mature shade trees and brick crosswalks. A broad mix of local retail and service establishments, including numerous regionally recognized specialty shops, makes Westminster a shopper’s dream.

There is a contingent of antique shops for the collector, a series of “make your own” stores for the creative visitor and a variety of bookstores, including the largest genealogical bookstore in the United States. Downtown restaurants range from “Seattle-style” coffeeshouses to delis and carry-out establishments to fine dining. Restaurants primarily feature regional cuisine, with many providing seasonal, outdoor dining venues. The City of Westminster recently constructed two parking decks downtown to ensure adequate parking for residents and visitors.

The renovation of the historic Carroll Theater on West Main Street into the Carroll Arts Center established Westminster as an emerging cultural heritage and arts destination. The old art deco theatre is now home to a 263-seat theatre, the Tevis Art Gallery, two classrooms and the offices of the Carroll County Arts Council. The Historical Society of Carroll County, located on East Main Street, is dedicated to the research of Piedmont Maryland’s cultural heritage and the preservation and interpretation of objects significant to Carroll County history.

Special events are an important part of life in downtown Westminster, whether they are parades, lunchtime or evening concerts, art shows or street fairs. They are a way to familiarize everyone with all that Main Street and downtown Westminster has to offer. The Westminster Main Street Program sponsors or co-sponsors a number of events throughout the year. If you have not recently been to downtown Westminster, you do not know what you are missing.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ **YEAR-ROUND MONTHLY EVENTS** ★

1st Thursdays Downtown

★ **JUNE-OCTOBER WEEKLY EVENTS** ★

Every Saturday: Farmers’ Market

★ **MAY** ★

Flower and Jazz Festival  
Memorial Day Parade

★ **JUNE** ★

Every Friday: “Lunch on the Lane”  
Concert Series  
Art in the Park  
Antique Fire Equipment Parade  
Battle of Westminster (Corbit’s Charge)  
Commemorative Weekend

★ **JULY** ★

Every Sunday: A Month of Sundays  
Concert Series

★ **AUGUST** ★

Every Friday: Outdoor Movie Night  
Annual Outdoor Concert: Westminster  
Municipal Band

★ **SEPTEMBER** ★

Fall Fest Parade  
Westminster Fall Fest  
Midnight Madness

★ **NOVEMBER** ★

Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Festival of Wreaths

★ **DECEMBER** ★

Every Saturday until Christmas: Santa’s Workshop  
Downtown Holiday Parade  
Starlight Shopping

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