How you can be involved in bringing cultural events to Westminster:

Would you like to be a member of the Westminster Cultural Council?
Residents of Westminster are invited to join the Westminster Cultural Council. As a member of the WCC you will be a part of the decision-making process that funds projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. For information about the WCC contact any WCC member.

What type of cultural activities you would like to see in Westminster?
WCC welcomes your input! Your thoughts as to the types of programs or events you would like to see are needed. What type of events would you like to have in our town?

Are you, or an organization you are involved with, interested in applying for a grant from the WCC?
LCCs can fund grants from individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations, schools, libraries and religious organizations. All LCC funded programming must show that a public benefit results from the funded project.

You can contact the Westminster Cultural Council at https://www.mass-culture.org/Westminster or by writing to the Westminster Cultural Council at the Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminster

When available, dates and times of Westminster Cultural Council funded events that are open to the public will be posted on the Westminster town website: www.westminster-ma.gov.

WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL 2019

The Westminster Cultural Council (WCC) is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) in Massachusetts. Local Cultural Council Program Guidelines describe the LCC program as follows:

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state.

The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

LCCs are made up of volunteers who are appointed by the community’s chief elected officials and who are responsible for making decisions on how they will award the money granted to them by the MCC in ways that will serve local cultural needs.

For the 2019 fiscal year, the WCC received $5,000 in MCC funding in addition to a $3,000 appropriation from the town. Each year in October the WCC solicits grant applications that are then reviewed for funding. The WCC has also purchased museum passes for the Forbush Memorial Library to loan to residents.

Westminster Cultural Council Members
Mary Waight, Chairperson
Margaret Romano
Leeann Lamsa
Linda McClenahan

Patricia Gendron, Secretary
Susan Quigley-Belliveau, Treasurer
Brenda Malloy
In FY19 the Westminster Cultural Council is pleased to fund the following events:

**Great Decisions Seminars**
Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, Feb. 6, 13, & 27; March 6, 13, 20 & 27; and April 3, 2019, at 6:30 pm
Funds will go towards decreasing the cost of supplies for those participating in this 8-week program covering current American foreign policy.

**STEM Night for Young Children and Families**
Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program
Meetinghouse Elementary School, March, 2019, 6:00-7:30 pm
Stations will be presented to show low-cost options for young people to explore science, technology, engineering, and math at home.

**Spectacular Science for Young Children**
Coordinated Family and Community Engagement
Westminster Elementary School, May 9, 2019, 9:30 am
Kosmic Kelly explores the amazing world of science and how science relates to daily life.

**Alladin, Jr.**
Meetinghouse Elementary School
Theater at Mount Wachusett Community College, April 12, 2019
Tickets for kindergarten students to attend the play at Mount Wachusett Community College.

**Evita**
Oakmont Regional High School Drama Club
Oakmont Regional High School, April 25, 2019
Staging and tickets for senior citizens.

**Westminster Farmers’ Market Entertainment**
Westminster Agricultural Council
Academy Hill, Westminster, May-October 2019
Local musicians, children’s theater performers and other entertainers perform at the Friday Westminster Farmers’ Market.

**Grooversity Brazilian Beats**
AWRSD
Overlook Middle School, May 4, 2019 at 12:50 pm
Marcus Santos presents an ensemble of drummers and dancers performing Brazilian music.

**A Musical Journey through the Years**
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community/Senior Center, May 8, 2019, at 1:00 pm
Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers.

**A Celebration of Song**
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community/Senior Center, May 24, 2019 at 11:00 am
John Root entertains with song, flute, clarinet and saxophone.

**Concert for Seniors by Daniel Kirouac**
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community Senior Center, May 31, 2019, at 11:30 am
Mr. Kirouac will perform a one-hour concert of music including easy listening, pop, jazz and light rock from the 1940s to the 1970s.

**Mom’s WWII Letters**
Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, June 6, 2019, at 7:00 pm
Corrine Smith reads her mother’s letters to sixteen servicemen during WWII.

**“Music is Love—Music, Magic and Comedy” with Dawn Kelly**
Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community Senior Center, June 6, 2019 at 11:00 am
Dawn and her partner, Dick Miller, present a music and magic variety show.

**Civil War Letters of George and Emily Ward**
Genealogical Society
American Legion Post 129, Gardner, MA, June 25, 2019, 7:00 pm
Actors portray historically important people from the Commonwealth through letters from the Civil War.

**A Universe of Stories**
Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, July 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Scott Jameson combines magic, music, and theater arts to connect the summer reading program theme.

**Henry the Juggler**
Parks and Recreation Program
Westminster Elementary School, Summer, 2019 at 11:00 am
Henry juggles many different items and entertains with humor and skill. The children will also attend a workshop after the performance.

**A.S. King, Author Presentation**
ASWRD
Overlook and Oakmont Libraries, Fall, 2019
Author A. S. King will talk to students focusing on friendship, nature, pollution and history.

**Ghosts and Legends**
Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Jeff Belanger explores history, folklore, ghosts, monsters, and legends.

**Once upon a Halloween**
Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, October 29, 2019, at 6:30 pm
Diane Edgecomb tells tales celebrating the beauty of fall in New England.

**Circle of Artists Art Show**
The Circle of Artists, October 19 & 20, 2019 (Cracker Festival Weekend)
This is an exhibition for the members of the Circle of Artists as well as local artists and high school students to display their work.