

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

Would you like to be a member of the Westminister Cultural Council?

Residents of Westminister are invited to join the Westminister 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 Westminister?

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 Westminister Cultural Council at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Westminister>

or

by writing to the Westminister Cultural Council at the Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminister

When available, dates and times of Westminister Cultural Council funded events that are open to the public will be



WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL 2018

The Westminister 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 2018 fiscal year, the WCC received \$4,600 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.

Westminister Cultural Council Members

Mary Waight, Chairperson	Ceil Burgess, Vice-Chairperson
Patricia Gendron, Secretary	Susan Quigley-Belliveau, Treasurer
Leeann Lamsa	Brenda Malloy
Margaret Romano	Linda McClenahan

**In FY18 the Westminster Cultural Council
is pleased to fund the following events:**

Great Decisions Seminars

Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library
Forbush Memorial Library, Feb. 1,8,15, and March 1,8,15, & 22, 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.

Memoirs of an Arabian Princess from Zanzibar

Forbush Memorial Library, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Rita Parisi presents a theatrical adaptation of the autobiography of Emily Reute, daughter of the Sultan of Zanzibar and Oman.

Pumpnickel Puppets

Ash/West Coordinated Family and Community Engagement
Westminster Elementary School, Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:30 am
The puppeteer brings folk tales to life in a child-friendly and musical performance, including tips for children to stage their own puppet shows.

The Brass Monkey

Westminster Council on Aging
Ashburnham Community Senior Center, April 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm
The group of four actors will present a mystery/comedy interactive three act play for the seniors. (A bus will take seniors to Ashburnham.)

Peter Pan

Oakmont Regional High School Drama Club
Oakmont Regional High School, April 26, 2018, at 5:00 pm
Discounted ticket cost for children from AWRSD in grades K-5.

STEM Night for Young Children and Families

Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program
Meetinghouse Elementary School, March 16, 2018, 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.

A Musical Journey through the Years

Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community/Senior Center, May 9, 2018, 1:00—2:00 pm
Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers including those by Frank Sinatra, Barry Manilow, Louis Armstrong, Neil Diamond, Ray Charles, Paul McCartney, Harry Belafonte, Kenny Rogers and others.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band Performance

Forbush Memorial Library, July 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Masterful shadow puppetry provides a combination of original songs and storytelling to which the audience is encouraged to sing and dance.

Westminster Farmers' Market Entertainment

Westminster Agricultural Council
Academy Hill, Westminster, May-October 2018
Local musicians, children's theater performers and other entertainers perform at the Friday Westminster Farmers' Market.

"Music is Love—Music, Magic and Comedy" with Dawn Kelly

Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community Senior Center, June 6, 2018 at 11:00 am
Dawn and her partner, Dick Miller, present a music and magic variety show with music from the 1930s -1970s.

An Evening with Robin Williams

Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library,
Forbush Memorial Library, June 7, 2018, 7:30 pm—8:30 pm
Roger Kabler will perform part of the late comedian's stand-up routine.

Concert for Seniors by Daniel Kirouac

Westminster Council on Aging
Westminster Community Senior Center, June 8, 2018, 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 on acoustic guitar accompanied by vocals.

Follow the Cannon: Clara Barton's Civil War Letters

Genealogical Society
American Legion Post 129, Gardner, June 26, 2018, 7:00-8:30 pm
Lynne McKenney Lydick presents a one-woman play dramatizing Clara Barton's Civil War relief efforts and the struggles she endured.

Henry the Juggler

Parks and Recreation Program
Westminster Elementary School, July 11, 2018 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.

International Veteran's Chorus

St. Edward Fall Festival
St. Edward's Church, September 15, 2018, 1:30 performance