

MAYOR
Claire Carmelia



CITY MANAGER
Jody Andrews



Please join us for a

Monthly Community Update

Parks, Recreation & Libraries

- Welcome – Mayor Claire Carmelia and City Manager Jody Andrews
- Introduction - Aric Otzelberger, Director of Parks, Recreation and Libraries
- Mission, Numbers, Functions, and Vision Plan
- 2025 Accomplishment and 2026 Projects
 - Libraries
 - Operations
 - Parks, Golf and Open Space
 - Recreation Services
- Staying Connected

PARKS, RECREATION & LIBRARIES

Mission: Together we create exceptional opportunities for a vibrant community with a commitment to nature, wellness, and literacy.



Access to Opportunity



Community Empowerment & Engagement



Community Health & Safety



Economic Vitality



Organizational Vitality



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Late City Edition

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Big Farewell for Li'l Hero

R.I.P.

When the news first broke, many thought it was a cruel hoax...how could Li'l Sebastian, Pawnee's First Pony, be dead? But it soon became clear that there was no mistake...the beloved miniature pony had passed away at the all-too-tender age of 25.

Throughout Pawnee, the news spread like wildfire, many were crying openly on street corners, unable to put their grief into words. In front of City Hall, a crowd of mourners were holding a vigil, doing their best to comfort each other in this, Pawnee's darkest hour. A man who identified himself only as Gus resembled Li'l Sebastian's remarkable owner, which began over two decades ago when the miniature fiberoptic pony burst onto the scene. As a spokesperson for recycling and green rights, two issues dear to his 'li' heart, he saved Central Indiana and more.

• See Pawnee's Darkest Hour, page A3

INSIDE: World leaders react, A9 Li'l Sebastian: A life in pictures, Section B

PRL by the Numbers



3-time winner
of NRPA Gold
Medal Award

<p>Golf Westminster 105,000 rounds \$7.9 million in revenue (2025)</p>  	<p>20,000 Trees</p> 	<p>\$1.29 Billion in physical assets</p> 	<p>Over 1.1 Million annual visits to recreation centers</p> 
<p>62 Parks 20,000 trees</p> 	<p>7 Recreation Centers</p> 	<p>3,821 acres 17.6% of City land area is open space</p>	<p>126 miles of trails 1.7 Million annual users</p> 
<p>1st and only flying trapeze & aerial fitness school in CO</p> 	<p>380,000+ library items circulated annually</p> 	<p>90,000+ annual attendees at PRL events</p> 	<p>\$15 million Total Annual Revenue</p> 

PRL- Fundamental Functions

- Health and Wellness
- Child Development
- Economic Engine
- Community Connections
- Resilience and Sustainability



Community Priorities – PRL Vision Plan

- Trails
- Water Recreation Access
- Natural Areas & Open Space
- Libraries
- Museums or Historic Exhibits
- Park Infrastructure
- Existing Recreational Facilities
- Community Events



PRL – Library Services

- Computer and tech help
- Homework help
- Book & media recommendations
- Information and resource referral
- Job search assistance
- Meeting and study room reservations
- Library program registration



PRL – Library – 2025 Highlights

- Circulation, Door Visits and Program Participation +20% to 30% Year-Over-Year
- Adoption of Library Master Plan
- Successful Community Events - Hundreds of Participants– One Book, RomCon,
- New Partnerships Including Hmong American Association of Colorado
- Upgraded Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Software/Equipment
- Added Tutoring and Job Assistance Databases
- Implemented New Archive Collection Management System



PRL – Library – 2026 Projects

- Design and Phase 1 Construction – Irving Street Library Renovation
- Review of Replacement Integrated Library System (ILS) Software
- Expand Outreach Efforts and Library to Go
- Increase Partnerships with Area Schools
- Enhance Library Programming to Underserved Populations



PRL – Operations – 2025 Highlights

- +90,000 Attendees at Special Events
- \$300,000 in Sponsorship Revenue
- Biggest Arts Week
- New Agreement with Westminster Historical Society
- Public Art Efforts – Downtown, Historic Westminster, City Hall, Kensington Park
- Navigator Program:
 - 23 Individuals Permanently Housed
 - 18 Individuals in Transition Housing
 - 3,750 Hotel Room Nights (Temporary Shelter)



PRL – Operations – 2026 Projects

- Public Art Installations: Downtown, City Hall Conservation Garden, and Kensington Park
- Arts Week is Now Arts YEAR!
- Art a' la Carte Mobile Trailer, Community Mural Painting and Art Walks
- Enhance Navigator Program and Regional Collaboration Efforts
- Sincere and Effective Community Engagement, Marketing and Branding
- Special Event Permitting, Sponsorships and Historic Preservation



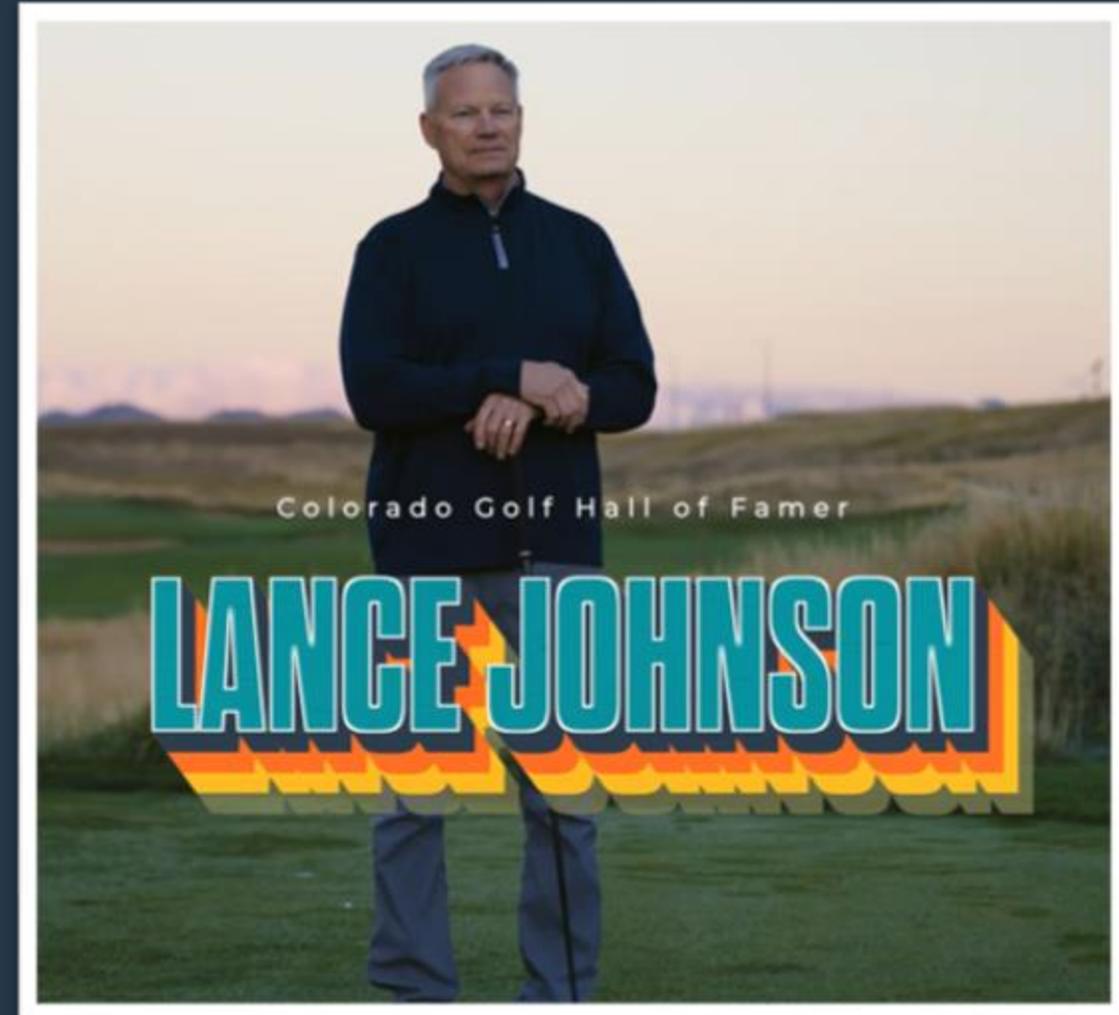
PRL – Nature Programs

- Bird Walks – All Levels – Two per Month
 - 20-25 Attendees per Session
 - Led by Local Ornithologists
- 2025 Ranger Campfire Talks
 - Delivered by Standley Lake Rangers
 - Wildlife, History and Nature
 - Twice per Month
 - S'mores Provided!
- Certified Interpretive Guide Training
 - All full-time rangers certified
 - Teaches how to create and teach a program to any audience



PRL – Parks, Golf and Open Space – 2025 Highlights

- Golf Westminster - \$7.9 Million in Revenue (+14% increase) and 105,203 Rounds
- One Colorado Golf Hall of Fame Inductee
- Implementation of District Model
- Secured \$5 Million in Outside Grants
- 20,000+ Plants Produced in Greenhouse
- Major Projects Delivered – Squires Park Renovation, Irving Street Playground, City Hall Conservation Garden, Disc Golf
- PRL Rangers – 208 encampments (+92%) with 70 abatements posted (+61%)
- Bee City Certification (6th Year – Westminster First City in Colorado)



PRL – Parks, Golf and Open Space – 2026 Projects

- Uplands Master Plan (40 Acres Public Land)
- Ecosystem Management Plan (Open Space)
- England Park Phase 1 Expansion
- Bishop Square Park Renovation
- Trails Master Plan
- Sheridan Green Park Expansion
- McKay Lake Open Space Improvements
- Standley Lake Master Plan Completion
- Westminster Hills Open Space
- Ranch Creek Open Space Trail Construction
- Vogel Pond Plan
- Playground and Golf Course Improvements



PRL – Recreation Services – 2025 Highlights

- 1,174,729 Total Visits to Recreation Centers (New Record: +30,000)
- \$6.7 Million in Revenue
- +200 Fitness Classes Per Week
- +300 Summer Campers
- New Partnership – State of Colorado – Universal Pre-K (Preschool)
- +\$1 Million Major Repair and Renovation City Park Recreation Aquatic Center
- +\$3 Million Major Renovation – West View Recreation Center
- Opened City's First Dedicated Indoor Pickleball Courts – The MAC



PRL – Recreation Services – 2026 Projects

- City Park Pottery Studio Expansion
- Enhance Arts and Crafts Offerings
- Implement New Scholarship/Reduced Rate Program to Assist Families
- Support Universal Pre-K Partnership at The MAC, West View and City Park
- Provide Adult Enrichment Opportunities at The MAC and Through Trips
- Enhance Programming for Underserved Communities (e.g. Top Spin Classes, Dual Language Parenting Seminars)
- Continue Supporting an Active, Healthy and Connected Community



PRL- Stay Connected!

ACTIVITY GUIDE

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www.westminsterco.gov/Libraries

www.GolfWestminster.com

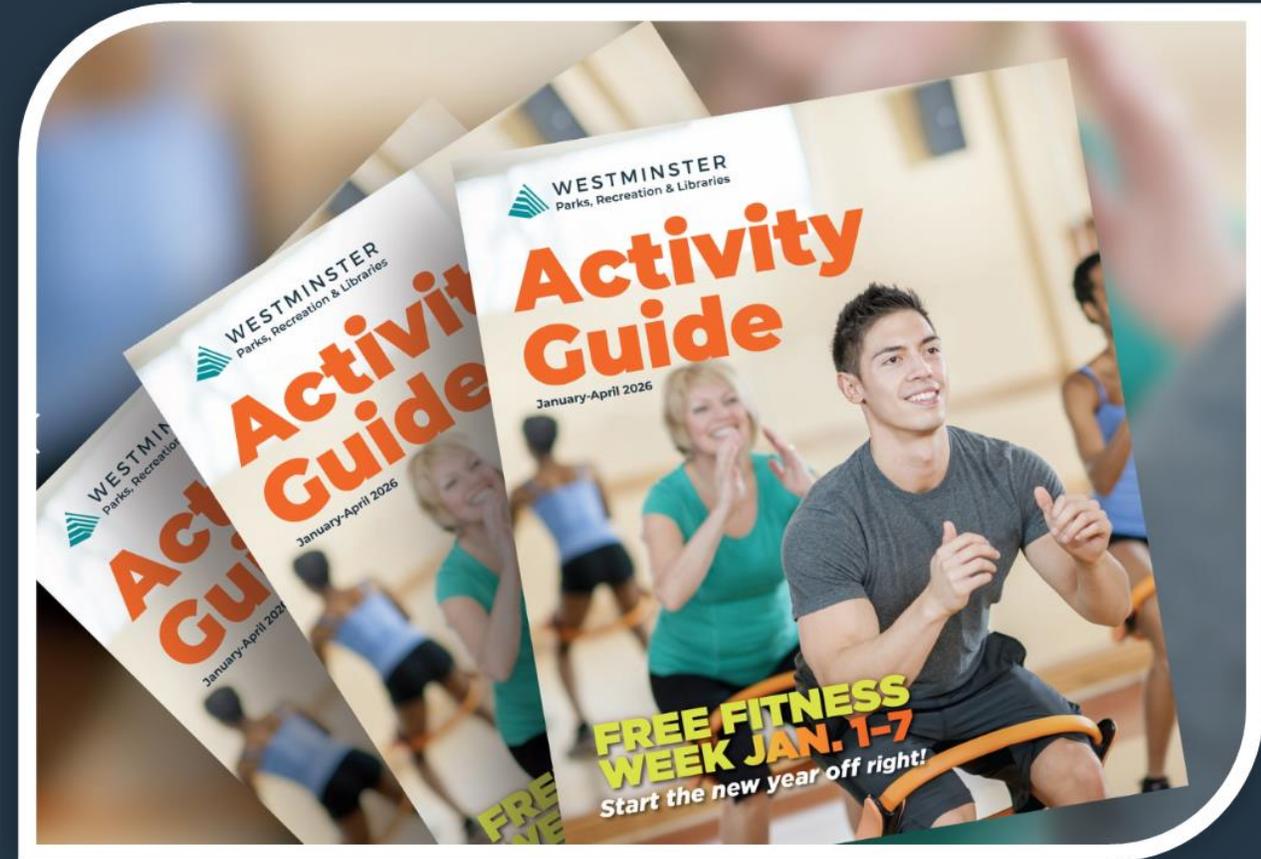
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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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