

History Tours

SUMMER 2022



Heart of Historic Westminster

June 11, 2022, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enjoy a tour through the heart of Historic Westminster! This tour will start and end at the MAC. It will include a one-hour tour of the Bowles House Museum, highlights of historic properties along Bradburn Boulevard, and conclude on 73rd Avenue where participants will be able to experience Historic Westminster and its quaint shops, art galleries and the Vicky Bunsen Sculpture Garden.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEART OF HISTORIC WESTMINSTER

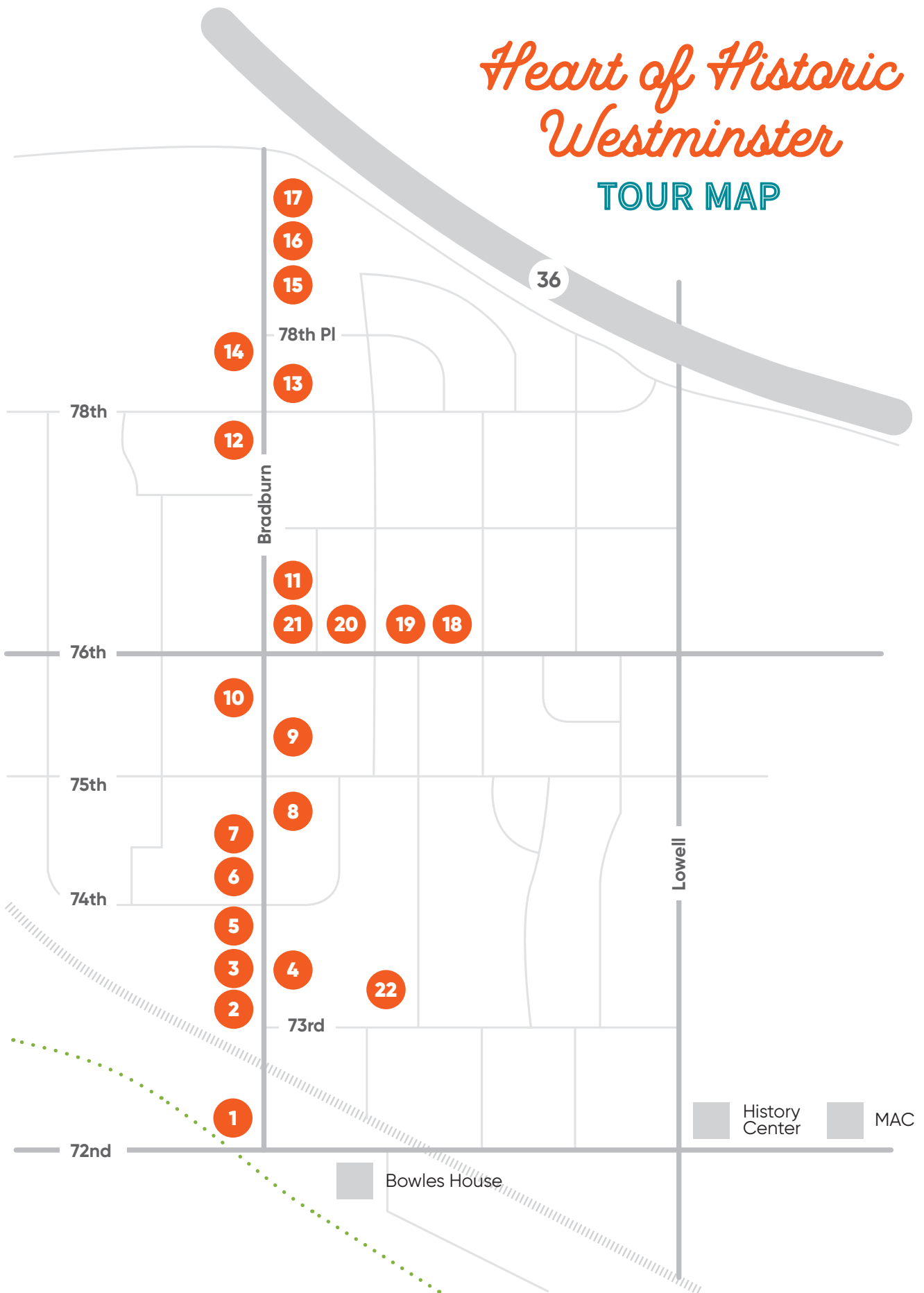
- Westminster was incorporated on April 4 1911, when residents of the settlement known as Harris residents voted to incorporate as the town of Westminster.
- Bradburn Boulevard was named for the first Westminster soldier to die in World War I.
- President Eisenhower and President Truman were guests at a home located in Historic Westminster.

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TOUR MAP



LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS

1 7215 Bradburn *Westside, Beige, Craftsman, 1897, Josiah Wolfe.* Wolfe was an original petitioner for incorporation of the Village of Harris into the Town of Westminster.

2 2011 7313 Bradburn *Westside, Blue, Eclectic, 1888, Mills.* Later, owned by Calkins who was the 2nd doctor in town.

3 2011 7337 Bradburn *Westside, Olive, 1898, Jim Williams.* Williams operated 1st business, a grocery and general store.

4 7340 Bradburn *Eastside, Red Brick, Eclectic, 1888, Oleson, Built by Edward Bowles.* Oleson's son-in-law was on the first Board of Trustees in the Town of Westminster and headed up the committee of streets, alleys, bridges and parks.

5 7355 Bradburn *Westside, Green, Eclectic, 1911, Frank Day.* Teacher at Baker School and Westminster Elementary. He was also a house builder who built many of the older houses in Westminster.

6 1998 7441 Bradburn *Westside, Red Door, Folk Vernacular, 1904, Fred Strawson.* Strawson was a carpenter who came to build Westminster University. He was the first police magistrate and mayor of Westminster 1919-1923.

7 7481 Bradburn *Westside, Beige, Eclectic, 1890s, J. C. Weber.* Mayor in 1919

8 7530 Bradburn *Eastside, Grey, American Foursquare, 1910, Moffett.* Moffett operated the first grocery store with Jim Williams. Moffett's wife became Westminster's postmaster in 1914.

9 7586 Bradburn *Eastside, White, Eclectic, 1891, Leota Woy.* Woy worked as a laundress. The house was later purchased by Margaret Tee a well-known artist and teacher.

10 7595 Bradburn *Westside, White, Folk Vernacular, 1890s, M. H. Mellette.* Mellette was the president of School District #9. Oldest original section of the sidewalk near the SW corner of this intersection with a date of 1924.

11 2006 7616 Bradburn *Eastside, Blue, Victorian, 1890, Earle Stanley DeSpain.*

12 2013 7797 Bradburn *Westside, Beige, Craftsman, 1908, Albert Radinsky.* Vacation home which once had a carousel in the back yard.

13 2013 7800 Bradburn *Eastside, Yellow, American Foursquare, 1913, L. D. Mulford.* Mulford operated the 2nd general store in Harris. He was one of the original town petitioners and served on Westminster's 1st Town Board.

14 7809 Bradburn *Westside, Mustard Yellow, Folk Vernacular, 1880s, Rev. A. C. McClelland*

15 2015 7890 Bradburn *Eastside, White, Eclectic, 1904, James D. Husted.* First president of the Westminster University.

16 2005 7900 Bradburn *Eastside, Dark Pink, Prairie Style, 1910, Frederic H. Aldridge.* President Eisenhower and President Truman and other dignitaries have been entertained here as well as Air Force cadets on holidays.

17 2001 7996 Bradburn *Eastside, Light Green, Victorian, 1885, C. J. Harris.* Harris changed the name of the area from DeSpain Junction to Harris.

18 2004 3801 W. 76th *Northside, Red Brick, Craftsman (under construction), 1923, M. A. Doc Shipman.* Doc served 14 years on the Westminster Town Board and was an original member of the Westminster Sanitation Board in 1947. They planted the Hometown Christmas Tree in 1923 that is located on 73rd.

19 2012 3895 W. 76th *Northside, White, Eclectic, 1919, William O. McCrea.* McCrea helped with the cherry orchards. Bought in 1933 by Arthur Zimmerman who was a Westminster Volunteer Fireman when it was first organized in 1940.

20 3901 W. 76th *Northside, White, Eclectic, 1938, Harvey England.* Built from plans for a chicken coop. England served on the Town Board for 14 years; was mayor from 1953-1955; was a volunteer fireman; and, organized Old Timers Baseball Games which started in 1941.

21 1999 7600 Bradburn *Northside, White, Dutch Colonial, 1903, Samuel R. Rigg.* Cherry orchards started here; Rigg petitioned for incorporation of the Town of Westminster; served as the first Treasurer and Town Clerk; and, later served as the first Adams County Commissioner from Westminster.



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22 Historic Westminister/Historic Westminister Arts District

Designated by the City of Westminister, the Historic Westminister Arts District exists to support and champion local artists.

A. 3995 W 73rd In 1907, this was the location of Dr. Russell's Drug Store. It is now Custom Flag Company.

B. Russell Park Built in 1912 and named for town's first doctor and mayor. Name changed to Fireman's Park in 1974.

C. 3975 W. 73rd YMR Train Shoppe

D. 3969 W. 73rd Iddle Bits

E. 3965 W. 73rd A Creative Corner Coffee Shop. This was once a trading post. In 1919, Miss Sadie Anderson, a seamstress and milliner, ran the first library here. In 1935, the Rodenbaughs operated a barber shop on one side and a store on the other. In 1947, the Neilsons operated a drug store here.

F. 2008 3949 W. 73rd Built in 1910 and operated as a hardware and lumber store. The garage to the east was built by Roy Miller as the first garage and repair shop in the area. In 1936, the Hawkinsons bought this store and operated and Red & White Grocery Store.

G. 3948 W. 73rd Fire Station #1 established in 1949. Current building was built 1979. The Westminister Historic Christmas Tree was planted in 1911 and named a Colorado Tree Coalition Champion Tree.

H. 2003 2016 3935 W. 73rd Westminister Grange #184 built in 1912.

I. 3915 W. 73rd Rodeo Market. Fred Valente purchased this building in 1953 and opened the first supermarket in Westminister.

J. Fred Valente Humanitarian Park This neighborhood gem is located behind Rodeo Market.

K. Vicky Bunsen Sculpture Garden Named for City employee Vicky Bunsen who was a passionate supporter of the arts and helped create the City's art acquisition programs and historic preservation.

L. 7319 Orchard Court Henry House.

M. 3856 W. 73rd Site of the first Westminister newspaper, The Westminister Journal which was printed in the late 1940's. Now Pachello's Printing.

N. 3843 W. 73rd Henry House built in 1909. The Olsen family lived here until 2019. Now Waltemath Law.

O. 3716 W. 73rd Home of A. V. Wilson in 1952. Wilson was on the board of the first organization formed to promote cultural, social, and recreational activities in Westminister. He founded the Hyland Hills Recreation District and was its first president. He served as mayor from 1958-1959.

P. 3707 W. 73rd Aar River Gallery. Owned by Becky Silver. Established in 2009, this was the first art gallery on 73rd in the Historic Westminister Arts District.

Q. 3700 W. 73rd Home of Leo & Clara Cunningham. In the 1950s, they opened the first hamburger shop in Westminister.



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