



CITY OF WORCESTER  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
WEEKLY SUMMARY  
10/22/2024 - 10/28/2024



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*Reminder*



The next  
City Council meeting  
will take place on  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

- \* 10/29 – Early Voting – NO Meeting!
- \* 11/5 – Presidential Election – NO Meeting!



**REMEMBER,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS  
LOOK BACK  
TO REVIEW OUR  
PREVIOUS ISSUES!**





# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL

### WEEKLY NEWS

## Standing Committee Meetings



### **PUBLIC WORKS: MET ON WEDNESDAY, 10/23/2024**

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR GEORGE J. RUSSELL - DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO- DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)



### **MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS: MET ON THURSDAY, 10/24/2024**

- CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR MORRIS A. BERGMAN - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA SR.- DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **COUNCILOR DONNA M. COLORIO - AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR**
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)

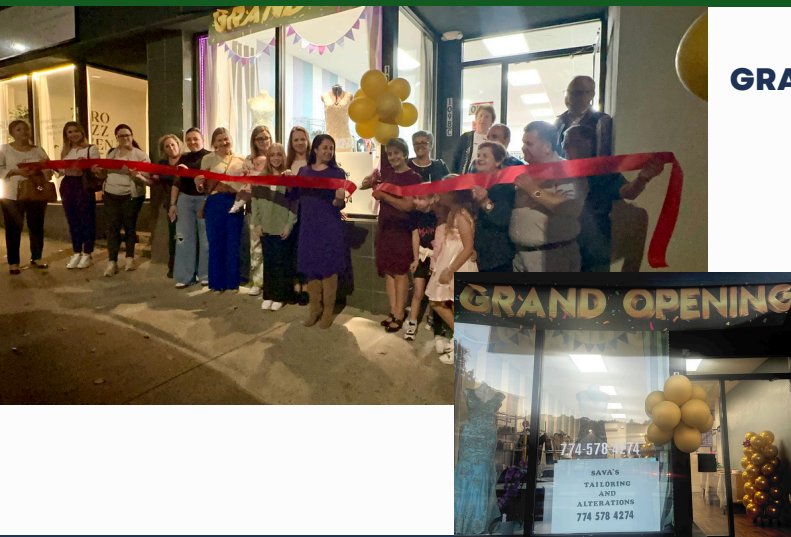


## Events in the Community



### SAINT VINCENT HOSPITAL PHYSICAL THERAPY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - 10/21

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON WAS PRESENT AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW SAINT VINCENT HOSPITAL PHYSICAL THERAPY LOCATION, CELEBRATING THE FACILITY'S MOVE TO ONE WEST BOYLSTON STREET IN AUGUST. THE NEW BUILDING, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ACROSS THE PARKING LOT FROM WORCESTER FITNESS, PROVIDES EXPANDED ACCESS AND SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. WITH A LARGER SPACE, NEW TECHNOLOGY, PRIVATE ROOMS, DRY NEEDLING, AND IMPROVED HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY, THE FACILITY ENHANCES ITS OFFERINGS. ADDITIONALLY, WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ORTHOPEDIC SERVICES ARE BEING EXPANDED TO ACCOMMODATE MORE PATIENTS. THE NEW LOCATION ALLOWS THE CENTER TO SERVE 20% MORE PATIENTS, WITH FURTHER GROWTH ANTICIPATED!



### SAVA'S TAILORING & ALTERATIONS GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - 10/21

ON OCTOBER 21, DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ ATTENDED THE GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR SAVA'S TAILORING AND ALTERATIONS. THE EVENT MARKED A NEW ADDITION TO HER DISTRICT'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND COUNCILOR HAXHIAJ EXPRESSED HER EXCITEMENT FOR THE OCCASION. SHE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND EMPHASIZED THE POSITIVE IMPACT NEW VENTURES BRING TO THE AREA. THE CELEBRATION INCLUDED COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PATRONS EAGER TO WELCOME SAVA'S TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



## Events in the Community



### **UNIVERSITY PARK FITNESS COURT® RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - 10/21**

THE CITY OF WORCESTER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN (NFC), UNVEILED THE NEW FITNESS COURT® AT UNIVERSITY PARK. THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTED THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY FITNESS FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA, MAYOR JOSEPH M. PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE FITNESS COURT® OFFERS SEVEN EXERCISE STATIONS, PROVIDING ADAPTABLE WORKOUTS FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS. DESIGNED TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH-QUALITY WORKOUTS AND CREATE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EXERCISE FOR COMMUNITIES, IT LETS PEOPLE USE THEIR OWN BODY WEIGHT TO GET A COMPLETE WORKOUT USING SEVEN EXERCISE STATIONS. THE PROJECT SERVES AS AN INVESTMENT IN HEALTH FOR THE MAIN SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD, BENEFITING TEENS, FAMILIES, SENIORS, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS.

WORCESTER'S FITNESS COURT® IS ONE OF 15 BLUE CROSS FITNESS COURTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN OR SET TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN PUBLIC SPACES THIS YEAR.



## Events in the Community



### **CITY COUNCIL AND YOUTH COUNCIL MEET & GREET - 10/22**

ON OCTOBER 22, D1 CITY COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO, D5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ, D4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA, VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN E. KING, AND MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY ATTENDED A MEET AND GREET WITH THE WORCESTER YOUTH COUNCIL. THE EVENT FOSTERED DIALOGUE BETWEEN CITY LEADERS AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES, HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE WORCESTER YOUTH COUNCIL, DESIGNED TO SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL VOICE OF WORCESTER'S YOUTH, AIMS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN YOUNG RESIDENTS AND CITY DECISION-MAKERS. COUNCIL MEMBERS EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUTH PERSPECTIVES IN SHAPING FUTURE POLICIES.

### **MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH 2ND GRADE STUDENTS FROM BANCROFT SCHOOL - 10/22**

COUNCILOR AT-LARGE MORRIS A. BERGMAN HOSTED A MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR BANCROFT SCHOOL'S SECOND GRADE CLASS DURING THEIR TOUR OF CITY HALL ON OCTOBER 22ND. THE YOUNG STUDENTS EAGERLY DEBATED WHETHER WORCESTER RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OWN CHICKENS IN THEIR BACKYARDS. SOME STUDENTS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT NOISE AND CLEANLINESS, WHILE OTHERS HIGHLIGHTED THE BENEFITS OF FRESH EGGS AND PETS. COUNCILOR BERGMAN GUIDED THE DISCUSSION, EXPLAINING HOW DECISIONS LIKE THESE IMPACT THE COMMUNITY. IN THE END, THE STUDENTS TOOK A VOTE, WITH A NARROW MAJORITY NOT SUPPORTING THE IDEA OF ALLOWING CHICKENS IN WORCESTER.





## Events in the Community

### ECOTARIUM

#### GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY - 10/24

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON SPOKE AT THE ECOTARIUM'S EXPANSION CELEBRATION ON 10/24, WHERE SHE EXPRESSED EXCITEMENT FOR THE MUSEUM'S GROWTH. THE COUNCILOR HIGHLIGHTED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW 8,300 SQUARE FOOT EXHIBIT HALL, DESIGNED BY ANNUM ARCHITECTS OF BOSTON, AND PRAISED THE ECOTARIUM AS A CULTURAL ASSET FOR WORCESTER. COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LOCAL FOUNDATIONS AND GENEROUS DONORS IN MAKING THE PROJECT POSSIBLE. SHE ALSO MENTIONED THE UPCOMING 2025 BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ECOTARIUM, RECOGNIZING IT AS A MILESTONE IN THE MUSEUM'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. THE EVENT MARKED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ENHANCING THE MUSEUM'S OFFERINGS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES.



### COMMUNITY ONE STOP FOR GROWTH AWARDS CELEBRATION - 10/24

GOVERNOR MAURA HEALEY AND  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KIM DRISCOLL

HOSTED A KICKOFF CELEBRATION AT THE GREENDALE REVITALIZATION PROJECT IN WORCESTER ON 10/24, WHERE THEY ANNOUNCED OVER \$161 MILLION IN GRANT AWARDS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ONE STOP FOR GROWTH PROGRAM. DISTRICT 1 COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, AND MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY WERE PRESENT TO CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR WORCESTER'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THESE GRANTS WILL SUPPORT PROJECTS ACROSS 171 COMMUNITIES, FOCUSING ON HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND JOB CREATION. THE GREENDALE REVITALIZATION PROJECT, ONE OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS, IS POISED TO BRING SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO THE LOCAL AREA. GOVERNOR HEALEY EMPHASIZED THE PROGRAM'S ROLE IN STRENGTHENING CITIES AND TOWNS STATEWIDE BY FUNDING TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.



## HALLOWEEN IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, PLEASE REMEMBER THESE HALLOWEEN AND TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY TIPS:

WORCESTER, MASS. – HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, OCT. 31. THE RECOMMENDED HOURS FOR THIS ACTIVITY ARE 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

ALL DRIVERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS ON ROADS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL CAUTION.

- TO HELP MAKE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES SAFER, KEEP THESE SAFETY TIPS IN MIND:
- CHOOSE BRIGHT COLORS THAT MAKE YOUR CHILD MORE VISIBLE IN THE DARK.
- PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH FLASHLIGHTS. BE SURE THEY CAN SEE THROUGH MASKS/MAKEUP.
- MAINTAIN CLEAR ESCAPE ROUTES BY KEEPING EXITS CLEAR OF DECORATIONS.
- ESTABLISH A PRE-PLANNED ROUTE AND ONLY VISIT HOUSES WITH LIGHTS ON.
- BE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN. LOOK BOTH WAYS AND USE ESTABLISHED CROSSWALKS.
- INSPECT CANDY AND TREATS BEFORE CONSUMPTION.
- DRIVE SLOWLY AND STAY ALERT IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.
- WALK IN GROUPS WITH A TRUSTED ADULT. CHILDREN UNDER 12 SHOULD BE SUPERVISED.
- NEVER ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS OR ENTER A STRANGER'S HOME.

# TRICK OR TREAT





# CITY OF WORCESTER

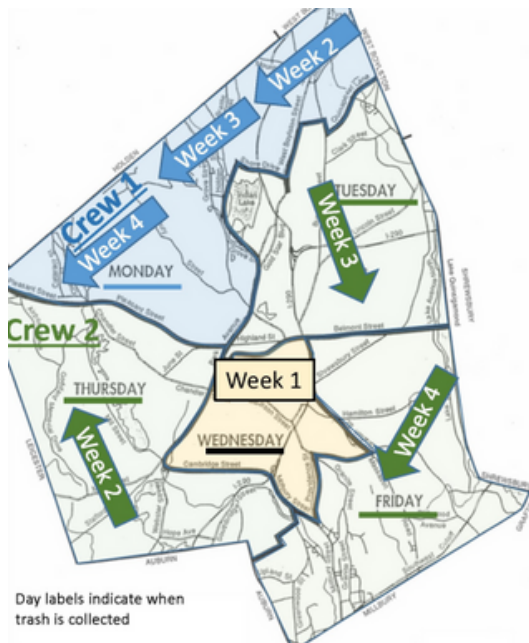
## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY NEWS

Don't forget!

### Trash Day Leaf Pick-Up:

Wednesday	Week 1: Nov. 4 - Nov. 8
Monday Quinapoxet/Grove	Week 2: Nov. 11 - Nov. 16
Monday Grove/Salisbury	Week 3: Nov. 16 - Nov. 23
Monday Salisbury/Pleasant	Week 4: Nov. 23 - Nov. 30
Thursday	Week 2: Nov. 11 - Nov. 16
Tuesday	Week 3: Nov. 16 - Nov. 23
Friday	Week 4: Nov. 23 - Nov. 30

—Dates above are approximate and may change.  
—Check <http://www.worcesterma.gov/streets/fall-leaf-collection> for schedule updates.  
—Streets around Clark U, Holy Cross, Worcester State, and WPI collected Nov. 29 and 30.  
—No Collection Veterans Day or Thanksgiving Day  
\*Due to chance of early snowfall, residents in these areas should consider bringing leaves to a drop-off site.



Day labels indicate when trash is collected

# FALL 2024

## WHEN IS MY LEAF COLLECTION?

### 2024 Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Department of Public Works & Parks will begin collecting leaves starting Monday, November 4, 2024



Leaf collection will begin in the section of the city that has trash collected on Wednesdays. After collecting leaves in the Wednesday area, leaves will be collected in the Monday, Thursday, Tuesday, and Friday trash collection areas. The leaf collection program is expected to take 4 to 5 weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

Streets will be posted prior to leaf collection to provide advance notification to residents that a **No Parking Ban** will be in effect while leaves are being collected. **ALERTWorcester** will be used to notify neighborhoods of their pending collection. Up-to-date information on where leaf collection is occurring will be advertised in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and on the Government Access Channel 192. Information can also be obtained from the City's website at [www.worcesterma.gov/dpw/seasonal-information/fall-leaf-collection](http://www.worcesterma.gov/dpw/seasonal-information/fall-leaf-collection) or by calling the Customer Service Center by dialing 311 or 508-929-1300.

**LEAF COLLECTION**  
NO PARKING  
7 am to 5 pm

- When you see that your neighborhood is posted with leaf collection signs, you can then rake the leaves into the gutter. You can also use paper, biodegradable leaf collection bags to hold your leaves.
- Do not block catch basins because this may cause flooding during a rainstorm. Do not park on top of piles of leaves as this may cause a fire.
- Leaves will not be collected in locations where residents rake leaves into the street after the street has been swept.
- Only leaves and grass clippings can be collected with leaf collection equipment (NO PLASTIC BAGS OF LEAVES, BRUSH, OR BRANCHES WILL BE COLLECTED. YOU MAY USE BIODEGRADABLE BAGS FOR LEAVES AND GRASS).
- Any brush or tree branches must be taken to the Millbury Street DPW&P Yard Waste Drop-Off Site. Bagged leaves can be taken to the Millbury Street Site, Clark Street (near the intersection of East Mountain Street), or the Chandler Street Site (across from Foley Stadium) on Wednesdays 8:30 - 3, Saturdays 9 - 4. The Millbury Street Site is also open on Sundays from 9 - 4.



The following are the APPROXIMATE dates when leaf collection will occur, weather permitting:

If your trash is collected on:	Your leaves will be collected between:
Wednesday	Nov. 4 thru Nov. 8
Monday*	Nov. 11 thru Nov. 30
Tuesday	Nov. 16 thru Nov. 23
Friday	Nov. 23 thru Nov. 30
Thursday	Nov. 11 thru Nov. 16

NOTE: Streets around Clark University, Holy Cross, Worcester State Univ, & WPI will be collected on Nov. 29 & 30.  
\* Monday routes will start at Quinapoxet /Grove

Sign up for **ALERTWorcester** now!

This is the City's emergency notification system that allows you to get critical information via text, phone call, or email. Sign up at [www.worcesterma.gov/dpw](http://www.worcesterma.gov/dpw) or dial 311 or 508-929-1300.

Call: 311 or (508) 929-1300

Click: [www.worcesterma.gov/dpw](http://www.worcesterma.gov/dpw)

Connect: [dpw@worcestermma.gov](mailto:dpw@worcestermma.gov)



ALERTWorcester



Find us on  
Facebook



Follow: @WorcesterDPW



# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY NEWS

# YOUR City Councilors

WORCESTER'S CITY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR & COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE, JOSEPH M. PETTY. THESE ELEVEN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVE AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THEIR CITY AND COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE SIX COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE AND FIVE COUNCILORS THAT EACH REPRESENT A SPECIFIC DISTRICT IN WORCESTER (DISTRICTS 1-5).

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHO YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILOR IS, [CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT!](#)

### AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILORS



**MAYOR**  
JOSEPH M. PETTY



**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
KHRYSTIAN E. KING



MORRIS A.  
BERGMAN



THU  
NGUYEN



KATHLEEN M.  
TOOMEY



DONNA M.  
COLORIO

### DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



**DISTRICT 1**  
JENNY PACILLO



**DISTRICT 2**  
CANDY MERO-CARLSON



**DISTRICT 3**  
GEORGE J. RUSSELL



**DISTRICT 4**  
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



**DISTRICT 5**  
ETEL HAXHIAJ



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY - OCTOBER 28 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING (LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR!)**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN STREET

- **TUESDAY - OCTOBER 29 -**

- **MAYOR'S WALK WITHIN DISTRICT 5 -**

- JOIN MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY & DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ, FOR A CHANCE TO MEET WITH CITY OFFICIALS AND ENJOY CASUAL CONVERSATION WHILE EXPLORING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WILL ALSO BE VISITING LOCAL BUSINESSES! PLEASE RSVP TO ELIANA AGUDELO VIA E-MAIL OR PHONE:  
AGUDELOE@WORCESTERMA.GOV / 508-799-115
- TIME: 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARKING LOT, 1222 MAIN STREET

- **MONDAY - OCTOBER 28 -**

- **FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION MEETING WITH DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH, 1222 MAIN STREET
  - OR VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
  - [CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK!](#)
  - MEETING ID: 863 2125 5597
  - PASSCODE: 457144

- **MONDAY - NOVEMBER 4 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WRTA MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY, (42 QUINSIGAMOND AVE.