



CITY OF WORCESTER
CITY COUNCIL
WEEKLY SUMMARY
10/29/2024 - 11/04/2024



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Reminder



The next
City Council meeting
will take place on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
* 11/5 – Presidential Election – NO Meeting!



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





Events in the Community



TOURING THE NEW AMAZON FACILITY - 10/28

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON RECENTLY TOURED AMAZON'S NEW 121,000-SQUARE-FOOT DELIVERY STATION ON NEPONSET STREET, OFFICIALLY OPENED ON OCTOBER 16, 2024. LOCATED ON THE FORMER SITE OF THE GREENDALE MALL, THE FACILITY NOW PREPARES PACKAGES FOR FINAL DELIVERY, PROCESSING OVER 84,000 PACKAGES DAILY WITH A WORKFORCE OF 125 EMPLOYEES.

COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE FACILITY'S COMPLETION AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING, HIGHLIGHTING ITS POTENTIAL FOR LOCAL JOB CREATION. DURING THE TOUR, SHE OBSERVED EMPLOYEE AREAS LIKE THE BREAK ROOM, WHICH INCLUDES AMENITIES SUCH AS GAMES, LOCKERS, AND A WELLNESS ROOM. THE FACILITY'S MAIN WORKSPACE FEATURES A CONVEYOR SYSTEM AND INTERNATIONAL FLAGS TO REPRESENT THE DIVERSE EMPLOYEE BASE, SYMBOLIZING AMAZON'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE INCLUSIVITY.



SAURIOL SQUARE WALK THROUGH - 10/29

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA CONDUCTED A WALK THROUGH WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE SAURIOL SQUARE AREA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE MEETING FOCUSED ON HOW THE SMALL BUSINESSES LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CANTERBURY AND WALPOLE STREETS COULD HELP ENHANCE THE AREA'S APPEAL AS A DESTINATION FOR RESIDENTS LIVING CLOSE BY. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON STRATEGIES TO MAKE SAURIOL SQUARE A LIVELY SPOT FOR EATING, AND SHOPPING.

COUNCILOR OJEDA AND BUSINESS OWNERS EXPLORED WAYS TO ATTRACT MORE FOOT TRAFFIC AND FOSTER A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ATMOSPHERE. THE INITIATIVE AIMS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES WHILE MAKING THE AREA MORE INVITING FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.





Events in the Community



MAYOR'S WALK IN DISTRICT 5 WITH DISTRICT COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ - 10/29

ON OCTOBER 29, MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY HOSTED A MAYOR'S WALK IN DISTRICT 5, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT'S CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ AND AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN E. KING. THE THREE WERE JOINED BY SEVERAL LOCAL RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM THE AREA AS THEY WALKED MAIN STREET, STARTING FROM YOUNG STREET TO MILL STREET. DURING THE WALK, THEY EXPLORED THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT LOCAL BUSINESSES ALONG THE WAY. THE EVENT AIMED TO FOSTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROMOTE LOCAL COMMERCE.



WALK THROUGH KENDRICK FIELD - 10/30

COUNCILOR KING MET WITH ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION ROB ANTONELLI, PARKS STAFF, AND JOE SCHWARTZ LITTLE LEAGUE LEADERSHIP TO DISCUSS NECESSARY REPAIRS NEEDED AT THE 90' BASEBALL FIELD LOCATED AT KENDRICK FIELD, WHICH HAD SAT VACANT FOR MANY YEARS. THE FIELD'S CURRENT TEENAGE PLAYERS NEED IMPROVED INFIELD CONDITIONS AND UPDATES TO THE SCOREKEEPER'S BUILDING. COUNCILOR KING EXPLORED WAYS THE CITY COULD SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS. THE PARKS DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO PROVIDING ALL NECESSARY LABOR TO ENHANCE THE INFIELD'S SAFETY AND USABILITY. THIS COLLABORATION AIMS TO RESTORE THE FIELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YOUNG ATHLETES.



Events in the Community

COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ HOSTS FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION MEETING WITH DISTRICT 5 RESIDENTS - 10/30

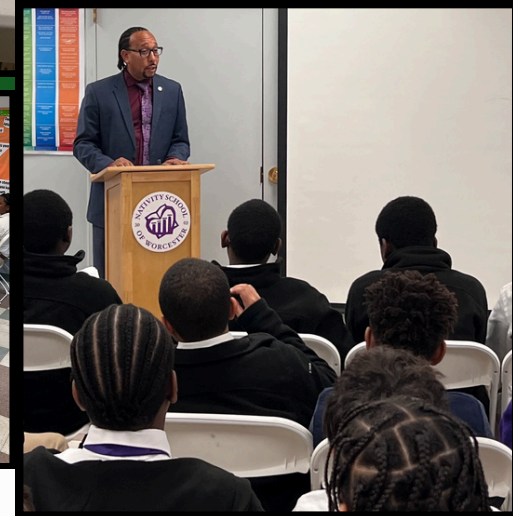
ON OCTOBER 30, COUNCILOR HAXHIAJ ORGANIZED A FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION MEETING IN DISTRICT 5, FOCUSING ON PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE STRATEGIES. SHE INVITED THE CITY'S FIRE PREVENTION TEAM AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO RESIDENTS ON CRITICAL FIRE SAFETY MEASURES. GIVEN THE RISE IN RECENT FIRES AFFECTING MULTIFAMILY HOMES IN WORCESTER, THE SESSION EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF BEING PREPARED. RESIDENTS LEARNED ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR PROTECTING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE MEETING UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS IN REDUCING FIRE RISKS AND ALLOWED ATTENDEES TO SHARE THEIR TESTIMONIAL WITH OTHERS.

[CLICK HERE FOR FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION FROM WFD!](#)



GUEST SPEAKER APPEARANCE AT THE NATIVITY SCHOOL OF WORCESTER - 11/1

COUNCILOR KING MET WITH NATIVITY SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM GRADES 6-8 TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION PROCESS AND EMPHASIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DOWN-BALLOT RACES. THE STUDENTS, WHO HAD BEEN LEARNING ABOUT ELECTIONS, ASKED PREPARED QUESTIONS, PROMPTING AN ENGAGING DISCUSSION. COUNCILOR KING HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATING IN ALL ELECTIONS, NOT JUST THE PRESIDENTIAL ONES. HE ALSO SHARED HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE BEING A WORCESTER CITY COUNCILOR OVER THE PAST 9 YEARS. THE CONVERSATION AIMED TO INSPIRE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AMONG THE STUDENTS.





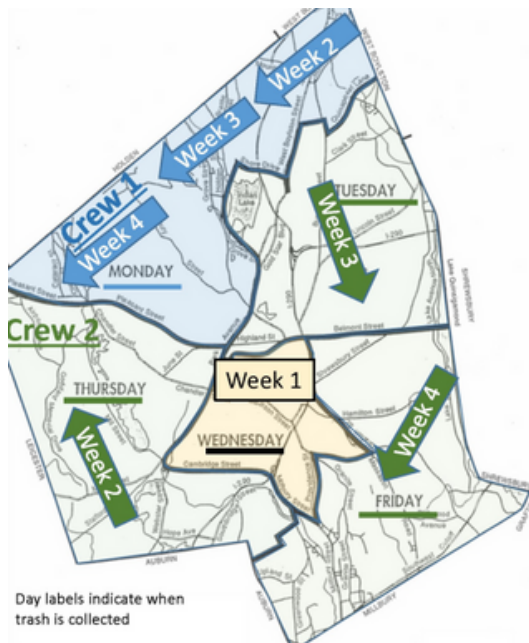
CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY NEWS

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 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 or dial 311 or 508-929-1300.

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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 - NOVEMBER 4 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.,
- WHERE: WRTA MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FACILITY, 42 QUINSIGAMOND AVENUE

- **WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 6 -**

- **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - 1050 MAIN STREET**

- TIME: 2:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY (WHA), 1050 MAIN STREET

- **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - 1060 MAIN STREET**

- TIME: 3:30 P.M.
- WHERE: WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY (WHA), 1060 MAIN STREET

- **SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, 240 BELMONT STREET, BUILDING A

- **COES POND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: COES POND VILLAGE, 39 FIRST STREET

- **THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 7 -**

- **LINCOLN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: VICTORIA BUILDING, 116 COUNTRY CLUB BOULEVARD

- **PACT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CENTER, 301 PLEASANT STREET

- **SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS - NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: 1023 MAIN STREET

- **WEBSTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 7:00 P.M.
- WHERE: OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH, 1222, MAIN STREET

- **SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 9 -**

- **MILLBURY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

- TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- WHERE: 10 MILLBURY STREET

- **MONDAY - NOVEMBER 11- VETERANS' DAY**

- **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT STREET

