



# CITY OF WORCESTER

# CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

11/05/2024 - 11/11/2024



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### • TUESDAY, 11/12

- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
  - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW FULL AGENDA!](#)
  - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
    - City Council Zoom Phone Number: (929) 205 6099
    - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 917 2757 482

### • WEDNESDAY, 11/13

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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  - Public Works Standing Committee Zoom Phone Number: (929) 205 6099
  - Zoom Access Code: 989 2880 0472
- @ 5:30 p.m. - **Municipal and Legislative Operations Standing Committee Meeting**
  - @ City Hall, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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    - Municipal and Legislative Operations Standing Committee ZOOM Phone Number: (929) 205 6099
    - ZOOM Access Code: 938 2303 0890

### • TUESDAY, 11/19

- @ 4:30 P.M. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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  - Economic Development Standing Committee ZOOM Phone Number: (929) 205-6099
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**REMEMBER,  
YOU CAN ALWAYS  
LOOK BACK  
TO REVIEW OUR  
PREVIOUS ISSUES!**







## Events in the Community



### **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - VETERINARY URGENT CARE CENTER - 11/7**

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, IS THRILLED TO WELCOME VETERINARY URGENT CARE CENTER TO HER DISTRICT AND TO CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS. THIS NEW HOSPITAL OFFERS A MUCH-NEEDED RESOURCE FOR LOCAL PET OWNERS, PROVIDING QUALITY URGENT CARE SERVICES FOR PETS CLOSE TO HOME.

COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF DEPENDABLE VETERINARY CARE AND APPRECIATES THE HARD WORK OF DR. CHRISTIE D'ANDREA AND HER DEDICATED TEAM. HAVING THIS FACILITY IN WORCESTER OFFERS CONVENIENT CARE FOR ANY MINOR TO MODERATE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES OUR PETS MAY EXPERIENCE.

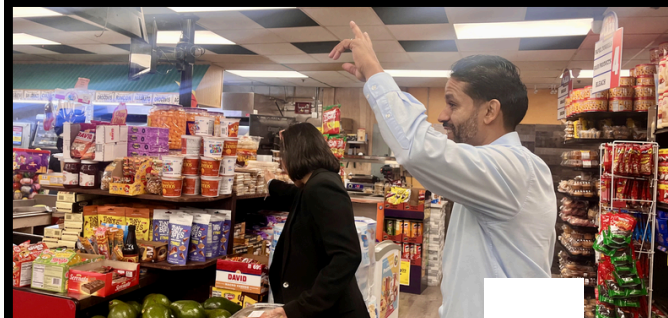
THE COUNCILOR CONGRATULATES DR. D'ANDREA AND THE VETERINARY URGENT CARE CENTER TEAM ON THIS EXCITING MILESTONE AND WISHES THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS!

### **SMALL BUSINESS WALK WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY YVONNE HAO - 11/7**

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY YVONNE HAO, VISITED THE MAIN SOUTH AREA FOR A SMALL BUSINESS WALK AND LISTENING SESSION. DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA ATTENDED, SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE VISIT AIMED TO DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF INDEPENDENT, LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES IN URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS AND EXPLORE HOW THE COMMONWEALTH CAN COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN SMALL ENTERPRISES. SECRETARY HAO ENGAGED WITH BUSINESS OWNERS TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES FOR PROMOTING EQUITABLE BUSINESS GROWTH THAT DIRECTLY BENEFITS NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS.

THE EVENT BEGAN AT PLAZA SUPERMARKET AT 1000 MAIN STREET AND ENDED AT 826 MAIN STREET.

THIS SESSION HIGHLIGHTED THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN WORCESTER. THE WALK AND DISCUSSION FOSTERED VALUABLE INSIGHTS ON WAYS TO EMPOWER THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.





## Events in the Community

**SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE - 11/7**

ON NOVEMBER 7TH, SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS HELD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THEIR NEW FACILITY LOCATED AT 1023 MAIN STREET, OFFERING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS AN EARLY LOOK BEFORE ITS OFFICIAL OPENING ON NOVEMBER 18. ATTENDEES WERE ABLE TO TOUR THE FACILITY, CONNECT WITH SPECTRUM'S LEADERSHIP TEAM, AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD. DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. QJEDA WAS AMONG THE LEADERS PRESENT.

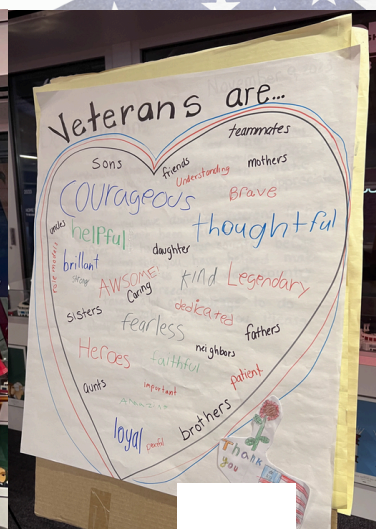
THE EVENT PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH THE ORGANIZATION.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE TOUR ON THE 7TH, ANOTHER  
OPEN HOUSE IS SCHEDULED FOR  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15. FROM 12 TO 2 PM.



## 10TH ANNUAL VETERANS' STEAK DINNER AT POLAR PARK - 11/7

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, THE WORCESTER RED SOX HOSTED THEIR 4TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER AT POLAR PARK, MARKING THE EVENT'S 10TH YEAR SINCE IT BEGAN AT MCCOY STADIUM IN PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND IN 2015. NEARLY 200 VETERANS AND GUESTS GATHERED TO ENJOY A HEARTY STEAK DINNER, A GESTURE OF GRATITUDE ORGANIZED BY THE WOOSOX IN HONOR OF THEIR SERVICE. IN ADDITION TO THE MEAL, EACH VETERAN RECEIVED HANDMADE CARDS CREATED BY LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, OFFERING PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS. DR. CHARLES STEINBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE WOOSOX, DELIVERED A HEARTFELT ADDRESS, RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICES OF THE VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE. SEVERAL CITY OFFICIALS JOINED THE EVENT, INCLUDING MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND COUNCILORS COLORIO, KING, PACILLO, RUSSELL AND TOOMEY. THIS ANNUAL TRADITION HIGHLIGHTS THE WOOSOX'S COMMITMENT TO HONORING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN THE WORCESTER COMMUNITY. THE DINNER NOT ONLY PROVIDED A MEAL BUT ALSO CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT OF APPRECIATION AND COMMUNITY FOR ALL ATTENDEES.







# VETERANS' DAY EVENTS IN WORCESTER

## MONDAY – 11/11/2024

**\*\* ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! \*\***

**REMINDER: MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON 11/11!**

### • VETERANS' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- **TIME:** BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 8:30 - 11:00 A.M.
- **WHERE:** VETERANS' INC., 69 GROVE STREET
- **DESCRIPTION:** On Monday November 11th from 8:30 -11 am. Veterans Inc. will host the Annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast at our Historic Armory and headquarters in Worcester, MA. located at 69 Grove Street. The pancake breakfast is a special occasion to honor over 300 Veterans and their families. This year's Breakfast will feature a variety of homemade pancakes, eggs, bacon, and more! We will have a patriotic kid's corner, crafts, and other fun family activities and games! The Veterans Day Activities are free and open to the public. Bring your family and enjoy a free breakfast followed by the City of Worcester's Veterans Day Parade. Take a break from our breakfast spread to enjoy the parade right outside our doors.



### • CITY OF WORCESTER VETERANS' DAY PARADE

- **TIME:** 11:00 A.M.
- **WHERE:** CORNER OF GROVE ST. & GLENNIE ST. WILL PROCEED DOWN GLENNIE ST.
- **DESCRIPTION:** The Worcester Veterans Day Parade will begin at the corner of Glennie Street and Grove Street (across from Wachusett Wine & Spirits). Staging of vehicles and walkers will be on Glennie Street. The Parade will proceed down Grove Street and end at the intersection of Grove Street and Salisbury Street, outside Veterans Inc. If you are interested in participating in the parade please contact: [Veterans@Worcesterma.gov](mailto:Veterans@Worcesterma.gov).



### • POST PARADE EVENT

- **TIME:** 11:30 A.M.
- **WHERE:** IN FRONT OF VETERANS' INC, 69 GROVE STREET
- **DESCRIPTION:** Speaking program to include, Director of Veterans Services, Dr. Joe Robinson and City Officials

### • VIETNAM VETERANS' WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

- **TIME:** 12:15 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.
- **WHERE:** GREEN HILL PARK, VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL, MANNY FAMILIA WAY

### • KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

- **TIME:** 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.
- **WHERE:** DOWNTOWN WORCESTER, NEAR 145 FRONT STREET, ACROSS FROM THE CITY BUS STATION EXCHANGE HUB







## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY NEWS



Trash Day	Leaf Pick-Up:
Wednesday	Week 1: Nov. 4 - Nov. 8
Monday	Week 2: Nov. 11 - Nov. 16
Monday	Week 3: Nov. 16 - Nov. 23
Monday	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.

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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

- **WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 13 -**
  - **SAXON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, 15 JAMESBURY DRIVE
  - **LAKE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: LAKE VIEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 115 COBURN AVE
- **THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 14 -**
  - **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - MILL POND**
    - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: WHA - MILL POND APARTMENTS
  - **EMMANUEL VILLAGE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: EMMANUEL VILLAGE APARTMENTS, 59 EVELYN STREET
  - **MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY MEETING**
    - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: Y.M.C.A, 766 MAIN STREET
  - **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - GBV/CURTIS**
    - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: WHA - GREAT BROOK VALLEY
  - **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: ST MICHAEL'S ON-THE-HEIGHTS, 340 BURNCOAT STREET
- **FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 15 -**
  - **SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS - OPEN HOUSE / TOUR OF NEW FACILITY IN DISTRICT 4**
    - TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: 1023 MAIN STREET
- **MONDAY - NOVEMBER 18 -**
  - **VERNON STREET WINTER PARKING BAN DISCUSSION**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM :
      - [HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89146377117?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89146377117?pwd=6FQAMQH68ACNVZRNHZ4RF5GG0GUHQ7.1)  
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        - MEETING ID: 891 4637 7117
        - PASSCODE: 564982