



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

1/7/2025 - 1/13/2025



### REMINDER:

The next City Council meeting  
will take place on

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH**

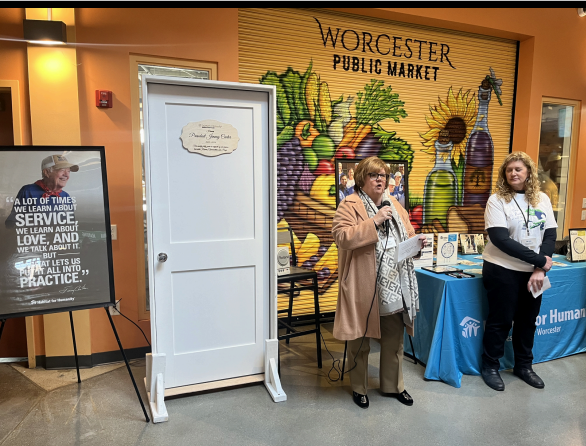
### UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- **MONDAY, JANUARY 13 -**
  - **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - LAKE AVENUE**
    - TIME: 1:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: 11 LAKE AVENUE
  - **WHA COMMUNITY MEETING - MURRAY / WELLINGTON**
    - TIME: 2:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: 50 MURRAY AVENUE
  - **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT STREET
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 -**
  - **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: BROAD MEADOW BROOK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, 414 MASSASOIT ROAD
  - **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: GREENDALE YMCA, 75 SHORE DRIVE
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16-**
  - **MILL STREET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES STREET





## Events in the Community



### **(1/9/25): HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER**

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON SPOKE AT AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE GREATER WORCESTER REGION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HONORING THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WHO PASSED AWAY AT 100. PRESIDENT CARTER SPENT NEARLY HALF A CENTURY DEDICATED TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND BUILDING HOUSES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WELL INTO HIS LATE 90S.

COUNCILOR CARLSON SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMPATHY AND CARING FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. AFTER SPEAKING, COUNCILOR CARLSON WAS ASKED TO SIGN A DOOR WITH A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING PRESIDENT CARTER.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### • TUESDAY, 1/14/2025

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER
  - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
  - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE ZOOM PHONE NUMBER: (929) 205 6099
  - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 910 2676 6826

### • WEDNESDAY, 1/15/2025

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC & PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER
  - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
  - TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE ZOOM PHONE NUMBER: +1 646 828 7666
  - TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDING COMMITTEE ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 402 8364

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







## Events in the Community



### ENDICOTT AND BIGELOW STREETS REDESIGN COMMUNITY MEETING - 1/6

VICE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR AT-LARGE KHRYSTIAN KING, ALONG WITH DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA, JOINED CITY OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE, TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY, AND HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT TO DISCUSS UPDATES ON THE PROJECT. THEY ALSO GATHERED FINAL INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY BEFORE BREAKING GROUND THIS SUMMER.

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD TO ENSURE THE COMMUNITY IS INFORMED ABOUT THE CHANGES BEING MADE TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR ALL ROAD USERS AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF HEAT AND FLOODING IN THE AREA THROUGH STRATEGIC TREE PLANTING.



### (1/9/25): WOOSOX AND WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS HOST JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE 2025 FUTURES LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER SPOKE AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE WORCESTER RED SOX AND WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS AT POLAR PARK. THE PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED THAT POLAR PARK WILL BE HOSTING THE UPCOMING FUTURES LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME ON JULY 22, 2025.

THE FUTURES LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME SHOWCASES TOP COLLEGIATE STUDENT-ATHLETES. OVER 100 PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED IN THE FUTURES LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME HAVE BEEN DRAFTED TO THE MLB OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS. CITY OFFICIALS SPOKE ON THE BENEFITS OF THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE WORCESTER RED SOX AND WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS, BRINGING FANS FROM ALL OVER THE REGION TO ENJOY FESTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.



### Worcester Announces Permanent Winter Parking Ban in Effect Dec. 1 Through April 30



The City of Worcester announced Friday November 22, it's **Permanent Winter Parking Ban** will go into effect **Dec. 1, 2024**, and will remain through **April 30, 2025 (April 1 for residential streets)**. The Permanent Winter Parking Ban applies to emergency arteries, WRTA bus routes, and streets that are critical to the flow of traffic. There is no parking on one or both sides of the affected street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. nor any time a snow emergency is declared.

In addition to the Permanent Winter Parking Ban, a Declared Winter Parking Ban will go into effect on all other city streets whenever accumulating snow is forecast. When a declared ban is in effect, parking is allowed only on the odd-numbered side of other streets, unless posted otherwise, and municipal parking garages will be free to use until noted following the ban's lifting. Parking enforcement—including ticketing and towing—will be active during a Declared Ban, as adherence to parking bans is critical to allow municipal crews to keep roadways clear and safe.

Worcester 311 is the official source for up-to-date information on winter parking bans, parking regulations on your street, and snow complaints.

#### For the latest updates on winter parking bans:

- Sign up for [ALERTWorcester](#) and receive notifications to your phone or email
- Follow Worcester 311 on [Twitter \(X\)](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Watch Government Access Channel 192

Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacle to effective snow removal efforts. Vehicles that violate the winter parking ban or otherwise hinder snow removal will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Please support the municipality's efforts by parking your vehicle in conformance with the winter parking ban. [Back to Announcements List](#)

#### Winter Parking Rules

Winter parking bans on public streets fall under two categories, **PERMANENT** and **DECLARED**.

- **A PERMANENT BAN** remains in effect from December 1st through April 30th on Emergency Arteries, WRTA Bus Routes, and streets that are critical to the flow of traffic. There is no parking on one or both sides of the street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and anytime a snow emergency is declared.
- **A DECLARED BAN** is put into effect on all remaining city streets whenever accumulating snow is forecast. When a Declared Ban is in effect, restrictions apply that typically allow parking on one side of the street.

**[CLICK HERE FOR FULL WINTER PARKING BAN INFORMATION  
AND TO LOOK UP YOUR STREET SPECIFICALLY!](#)**





# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

# 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



**NEW**

**WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING SCHEDULE – 2025**

**January**

January 7 – **Joint Agenda**

January 14 – **City Council Agenda**

January 21 – **City Manager Agenda**

January 28 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

**February**

February 4 – **City Manager Agenda**

February 11 – **City Council Agenda**

February 18 – **No Meeting – School Break**

February 25 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**March**

March 4 – **City Manager Agenda / Econ. Dev.**

March 11 – **City Council Agenda**

March 18 – **City Manager Agenda**

March 25 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

**April**

April 1 – **City Manager Agenda**

April 8 – **City Council Agenda**

April 15 – **City Manager Agenda**

April 22 – **No Meeting – School Break**

April 29 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**May**

May 6 – **City Council Agenda**

May 13 – **City Manager Agenda**

May 20 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**

May 27 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**

**June**

June 3 – **No Meeting – Shavuot**

June 10 – **Joint Agenda**

June 17 – **City Council Agenda**

June 24 – **City Manager Evaluation**

**July**

July 1 – **No Meeting**

July 8 – **No Meeting**

July 15 – **Joint Agenda**

July 22 – **No Meeting**

July 29 – **No Meeting**

**August**

August 5 – **No Meeting**

August 12 – **No Meeting**

August 19 – **Joint Agenda**

August 26 – **No Meeting**

**September**

September 2 – **No Meeting – Mun. Prelim.**

September 9 – **Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.**

September 16 – **City Manager Agenda**

September 23 – **No Meeting – Rosh Hashanah**

September 30 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

**October**

October 7 – **No Meeting – Sukkot**

October 14 – **No Meeting –**

**Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah**

October 21 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

October 28 – **No Meeting – Early Voting**

**November**

November 4 – **No Meeting – Mun. Election**

November 11 – **Joint Agenda**

November 18 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

November 25 – **City Manager Agenda**

**December**

December 2 – **No Meeting – Holiday**

December 9 – **Joint Agenda**

December 16 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

December 23 – **City Manager Agenda**

December 30 – **No Meeting – School Break**

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of City Hall, 455 Main Street. The only exceptions are in the months of July and August, when meetings convene at 6:00 p.m.