



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

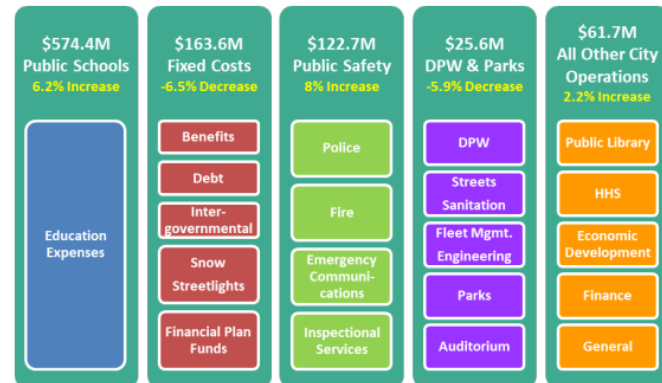
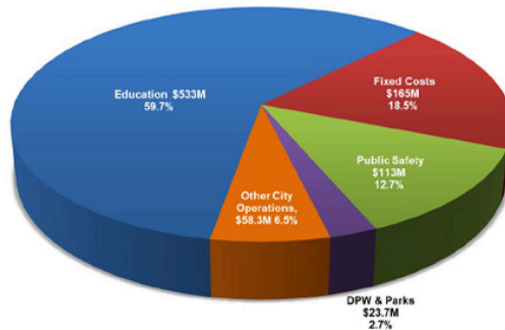
5/27/2025 - 6/2/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 5/27/2025

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## Fiscal Year Budget



### CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE HOLDS SECOND BUDGET HEARING FOR THE FY26 BUDGET

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HELD IT'S THIRD HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. THE COUNCIL HEARD FROM MULTIPLE CITY DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE CITY AUDITOR, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WHO HELPED ANSWER COUNCILORS BUDGET QUESTIONS IN RESPECT TO EACH DEPARTMENT. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE BUDGET HEARINGS ON JUNE 10TH.



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

#### • TUESDAY, 6/3

- @ 4:00 P.M. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
  - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
  - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA!](#)
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    - CITY COUNCIL ZOOM PHONE #: 1 646 828 7666
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- @ 5:00 P.M. - **PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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## Events in the Community



### ALBANIAN FESTIVAL OF WORCESTER - 5/30

THE ALBANIAN FESTIVAL OF WORCESTER KICKED OFF FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. MAYOR JOE PETTY WAS JOINED BY VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY, DONNA COLORIO, MOE BERGMAN, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ, AND DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR JENNY PACILLO. OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE SUCH AS WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF LEW EVANGELIDIS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOE EARLY. SAINT MARY'S ALBANIAN FESTIVAL IS A YEARLY FESTIVAL HELD DURING THE ENTIRE WEEKEND WHERE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS MAY JOIN TOGETHER TO ENJOY ALBANIAN FOOD, MUSIC, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY. NOT ONLY DOES THE WEEKEND LONG FESTIVAL BRING JOY TO THOUSANDS OF VISITORS, BUT THE FESTIVAL MAKES A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY BY EXTENDING THEIR OUTREACH THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM AND DONATIONS TO VARIOUS CHARITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

### RIBBON CUTTING: MARKOPOULOUS DEVELOPMENT & LUXO EXECUTIVE RENTALS 5/28



ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY FOR A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE HISTORIC OWL SHOP. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN RENOVATED INTO A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE FIRST FLOOR NOW LEASED TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE TOP TWO FLOORS CONVERTED INTO LUXE EXECUTIVE RENTALS.

THESE TWO NEW SHORT-TERM RENTAL APARTMENTS EXPAND LUXE'S PORTFOLIO TO 12 RENTALS IN WORCESTER, PROVIDING COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CONTRACT WORKERS, NEWCOMERS TO THE CITY, AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF TEMPORARY HOUSING FOLLOWING A DISASTER.





## Events in the Community



### **FITNESS IN THE PARKS SUMMER SERIES KICKOFF - 5/30**

ON FRIDAY, MAY 30TH, THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED THE LAUNCH OF THE 6TH YEAR OF FITNESS IN THE PARKS. CHAIR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA JOINED MAYOR JOE PETTY AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA TO KICK OFF THE 12-WEEK PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AND THE YWCA CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS.

TO ENERGIZE THE EVENT, THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF ONE OF THE NEWEST ACTIVITIES: CAPOEIRA - A DYNAMIC FUSION OF MARTIAL ARTS, DANCE, MUSIC, AND SPIRITUALITY. YOU CAN CHECK OUT CAPOEIRA ON WEDNESDAYS AT INSTITUTE PARK FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 6:15 P.M.

FITNESS IN THE PARKS BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 9TH, AND RUNS THROUGH SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH.



### **BENJAMIN ON FRANKLIN GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY - 5/27**

THE CITY OF WORCESTER HAS SEEN MULTIPLE INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN RECENT YEARS. ANOTHER PROJECT BROKE GROUND ON TUESDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> ON FRANKLIN STREET IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. MAYOR JOE PETTY, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, AND CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA JOINED THE WORCESTER REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO CONGRATULATE THE DEVELOPERS FROM GOVENTURE CAPITAL AND THE MICHAELS ORGANIZATION ON A NEW HOUSING PROJECT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY FALL OF 2026. OVER 360 UNITS WILL BE BUILT WITH 40 OF THEM BEING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS.





# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

- **MONDAY - JUNE 2 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **WEDNESDAY - JUNE 4 -**

- **SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: SEABURY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, 240 BELMONT ST

- **THURSDAY - JUNE 5 -**

- **LINCOLN VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **PACT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **WEBSTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **MONDAY - JUNE 9 -**

- **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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



### City of Worcester Spring Street Sweeping Has Begun!



The City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks began residential street sweeping, Monday, April 7, 2025 in the section of the city that has trash/recycling collected on Tuesday, then progressed to the Friday, Thursday, Monday, and Wednesday trash collection areas. Signs have been posted in neighborhoods in advance of sweeping and will remain in place until the street has been swept.

Arterial streets are swept 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday. Residential streets are swept 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Parking Bans will be in effect during street sweepings. Vehicles that interfere with street sweeping will be tagged and may be towed. There is a \$50 fine for cars that are not removed for the street sweeping.

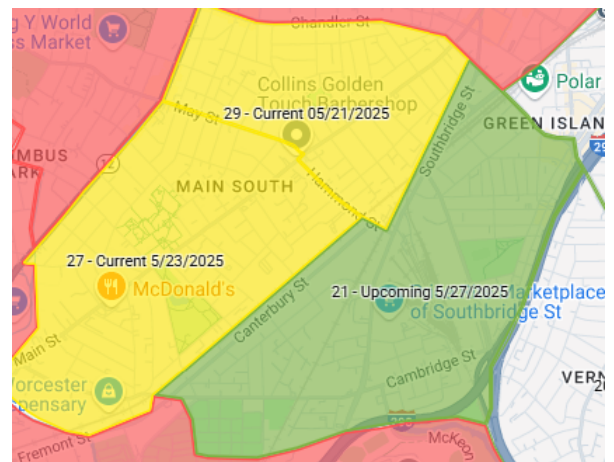
**REMINDER:** Street Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches, or yard waste. Residents are advised to bring these items to one of the municipality's yard waste drop-off sites. Violators are subject to fines. Residents and business owners can assist with cleanups by sweeping sidewalk sand and debris into the gutter before street sweepers come to the area. It is also greatly appreciated if residents can sweep in front of walkways, vacant lots, and medians.

Residential street sweeping will take approximately **six to eight weeks to complete**. Area mapping with anticipated upcoming dates for street sweeping can be found on the municipal website.

The Spring Street Sweeping schedule is subject to change. Worcester 311 will regularly post routes on social media. Residents can also sign up to receive updates from ALERTWorcester to receive critical community notifications.

NOTICE: BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTES 12 SOUTH AND 20 SHOWN IN THE GREEN SHADED AREAS ON THE MAP BELOW.

**[Click here for full street cleaning information!](#)**







# 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



**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.