



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

4/22/2025 - 4/28/2025



*Reminder*

The next  
City Council meeting  
will take place on  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH**



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





# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY Standing Committee Meetings

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

#### • TUESDAY, 4/29

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **VETERANS' MEMORIALS, PARKS AND RECREATION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
  - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL AGENDA!](#)
  - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY THE DAY OF!](#)
    - CITY COUNCIL ZOOM PHONE NUMBER: +1 646 828 7666
    - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 160 935 1430
- @ 6:30 P.M. - **PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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    - ZOOM ACCESS CODE: 161 400 9850
- @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
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#### • WEDNESDAY, 4/30

- @ 4:00 P.M. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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#### • THURSDAY, 5/1

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **MUNICIPAL AND LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**
  - @ CITY HALL, LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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#### • TUESDAY, 5/6

- @ 5:00 P.M. - **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE**
  - @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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## Events in the Community

### WORCESTER YOUTH CONVENTION - 4/24

THE CITY OF WORCESTER YOUTH COUNCIL HOSTED A YOUTH CONVENTION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AT DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE EVENT WELCOMED WORCESTER YOUTH AGES 12-24 TO BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND NETWORK. CITY COUNCILORS JENNY PACILLO, KHRYSTIAN E. KING, AND ETEL HAXHIAJ ATTENDED A SPECIAL SECTION CALLED "MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES." DURING THIS PORTION, THE COUNCILORS SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS TO CHAT ONE-ON-ONE WITH PARTICIPANTS AND ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS. YOUTH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT KEY ISSUES AFFECTING THEM IN WORCESTER AND TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS DIRECTLY WITH CITY OFFICIALS. THE CONVENTION ALSO FEATURED FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFTS, GAMES, AND CONCLUDED WITH AN AFTER-PARTY.

CITY MANAGER ERIC D. BATISTA EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING YOUTH TO ENSURE THE CITY'S FUTURE GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ATTENDEES EXPLORED DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF YOUTH ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. THE EVENT CREATED AN OPEN, WELCOMING SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED AND VOICE THEIR IDEAS. OVERALL, THE YOUTH CONVENTION WAS A LIVELY AND IMPACTFUL GATHERING FOCUSED ON EMPOWERING WORCESTER'S NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS.



The City of  
**WORCESTER**  
Division of Youth Opportunities







# CITY OF WORCESTER

## CITY COUNCIL

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

## Events in the Community

### ARBOR DAY 2025

THE CITY OF WORCESTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS (DPW&P) HOSTED AN ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025, AT ELM PARK. THE CITY CELEBRATED ITS 39TH CONSECUTIVE TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION AND RECEIVED ITS 26TH CONSECUTIVE TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD. AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION, TWO AMERICAN ELM TREES AND ONE LONDON PLANE TREE WERE PLANTED. COUNCILOR PACILLO ATTENDED THE EVENT AND READ A PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR. DPW&P, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE, PLANS TO PLANT 300 TO 400 TREES CITYWIDE THIS SPRING, FOCUSING ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NEIGHBORHOODS. THE EVENT WAS COORDINATED WITH PARTNERS INCLUDING THE URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION, NEW ENGLAND BOTANIC GARDEN AT TOWER HILL, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION, THE USDA, THE GREEN WORCESTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE GREATER WORCESTER LAND TRUST, AND NATIONAL GRID. THE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTED THE CITY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO URBAN FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.



### EARTH DAY - 2025



REGIONAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COUNCIL

THE WORCESTER REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (REC) HOSTED ITS 35TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEANUPS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025. VOLUNTEERS FROM ACROSS WORCESTER GATHERED TO CLEAN UP STREETS, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY GARDENS. DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS LUIS A. OJEDA - DISTRICT 4, ETEL HAXHIAJ - DISTRICT 5 AND JENNY PACILLO - DISTRICT 1, PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT, HELPING TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS. THEY VISITED SEVERAL CLEANUP SITES AND ASSISTED IN BEAUTIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS THE CITY.

THE EVENT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITY LEADERS AND RESIDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER IN MAKING WORCESTER A CLEANER, GREENER PLACE. OVERALL, THE CLEANUPS WERE A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION OF COMMUNITY PRIDE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.



### BORINQUENEERS DAY - 2025

THE CITY OF WORCESTER VETERANS SERVICES DIVISION HOSTED THE BORINQUENEERS DAY OF RECOGNITION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025. THE EVENT TOOK PLACE AT THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL ON FOSTER STREET. MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY AND DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS A. OJEDA DELIVERED REMARKS HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES OF THE BORINQUENEERS, THE 65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF PUERTO RICAN SOLDIERS. COUNCILOR KHRYSTIAN E. KING ATTENDED THE CEREMONY TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT AND RESPECT FOR THE VETERANS.

THE EVENT RECOGNIZED THE BRAVERY AND SERVICE OF THE BORINQUENEERS DURING THE KOREAN WAR. WORCESTER'S OBSERVANCE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING DIVERSE HISTORIES WITHIN THE U.S. MILITARY. THE CEREMONY REFLECTED THE CITY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING THE SERVICE OF ALL VETERANS.







# UPCOMING *COMMUNITY MEETINGS*

- **MONDAY - APRIL 28 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: ST, BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN STREET

- **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30 -**

- **PLEASANT STREET WALK AUDIT**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CENTER, 301 PLEASANT STREET

- **THURSDAY - MAY 1 -**

- **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 STREET

- **WEBSTER SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **MONDAY - MAY 5 -**

- **GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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





### 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. Sign 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.

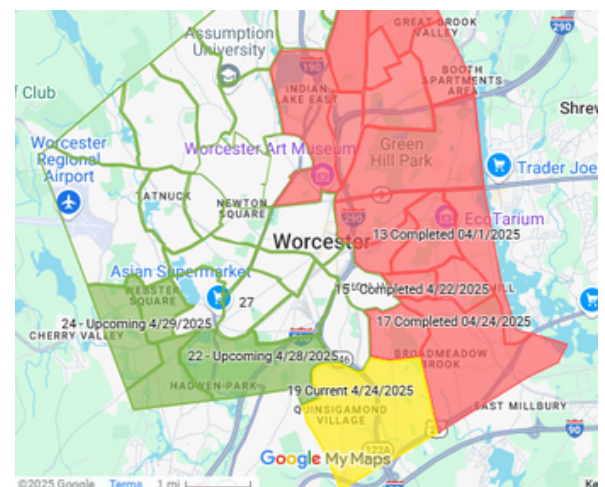
Residential street sweeping will take approximately **six to eight weeks to complete**. Area mapping with anticipated upcoming dates for street sweeping can be found on the municipal website.

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 MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTES 22 AND 23 SHOWN IN THE GREEN SHADED AREAS ON THE MAP BELOW

BEGINNING TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025, DPW&P WILL BEGIN RESIDENTIAL STREET SWEEPING IN ROUTES 24 AND 25 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.