



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

8/11/2025 - 8/17/2025



REMINDER:

The next City Council meeting
will take place on
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
(8/12/25 - No Meeting was held)



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





Events in the Community



2025 ITALIAN FESTIVAL - 8/14 - 8/17

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AND OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH KICKED OFF THEIR 2025 ITALIAN FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH AND LASTED UNTIL SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH. THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL IS AN EVENT THAT GATHERS RESIDENTS OF NOT ONLY WORCESTER, BUT ALL AROUND THE REGION TO LAUGH WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHILE ENJOYING TYPICAL ITALIAN FOODS, TREATS, AND DRINKS WHILE LISTENING TO PERFORMANCES FROM LOCAL BANDS.



THE ANNUAL EVENT INTENDS TO BRING THE CITY TOGETHER THROUGH A UNITED SPIRIT, GOOD FOOD, AND WONDERFUL MUSIC, THE FESTIVAL PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE GOOD TIMES BY MAKING MEMORIES FOR NOT ONLY OUR CHILDREN, BUT MEMORIES FOR ALL AGES. THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL ALSO PROVIDES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.



FRIENDLY HOUSE FAMILY SHELTER - 8/13

ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, FRIENDLY HOUSE OPENED THE DOORS OF ITS NEW FAMILY SHELTER, LOCATED AT **15 BIRCH STREET**, FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE. THE SHELTER WILL ACCOMMODATE UP TO 13 FAMILIES AT A TIME AND COMPLIES WITH STATE SHELTER GUIDELINES, ALLOWING FOR SIX-MONTH STAYS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. DESPITE A POWER OUTAGE, THE EVENT WENT ON AS PLANNED, WITH MAYOR JOE PETTY AND SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY OFFERING WORDS OF SUPPORT. FRIENDLY HOUSE HOPES TO OPEN THE SHELTER SOON, PENDING THE COMPLETION OF ALL SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS.





Events in the Community

CAMBRIDGE STREET CLUCK & CRISPY RIBBON CUTTING - 8/15

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA AND MAYOR JOE PETTY JOINED THE OWNER AND STAFF TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE SECOND CLUCK & CRISPY LOCATION IN WORCESTER.

THE GRAND OPENING WAS VIBRANT AND CULTURALLY RICH, FEATURING CONFETTI POPPERS AND A TRADITIONAL CHINESE DRAGON DANCE.

CLUCK & CRISPY FIRST OPENED IN 2024 AT 151 FRONT STREET. WITH THIS NEW LOCATION, WHICH INCLUDES ON-SITE PARKING, THEY HOPE TO ATTRACT A BROADER AUDIENCE. THE MENU REMAINS THE SAME, OFFERING A VARIETY OF FAVORITES INCLUDING FRIED CHICKEN, SHRIMP, FISH, BURGERS, AND MORE.



JOYNER LUCAS AVE UNVEILING - 8/17

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH, THE CITY OF WORCESTER HONORED LOCAL RAPPER JOYNER LUCAS WITH AN HONORARY STREET NAMING ON THE STREET WHERE HE GREW UP. THE CELEBRATION WAS MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL AS IT COINCIDED WITH JOYNER'S BIRTHDAY. VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, WHO SERVED AS EMCEE FOR THE EVENT, KICKED THINGS OFF BY LEADING THE CROWD IN SINGING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO THE HONOREE.

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA AND MAYOR JOE PETTY ALSO SPOKE, HIGHLIGHTING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASION. JOYNER LUCAS SERVES AS AN INSPIRATION TO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN WORCESTER WHO SHARE SIMILAR UPBRINGINGS AND CHALLENGES. HUNDREDS OF FANS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME OUT TO WITNESS THE CELEBRATION AND WERE THRILLED TO SEE THE STREET SIGN UNVEILED IN HIS HONOR.





UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 20-**

- **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: MA AUDUBON CONSERVATION CENTER, 414 MASSASOIT RD

- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WORCESTER BUSINESS CENTER, 67 MILLBROOK ST

- **THURSDAY - AUGUST 21 -**

- **MILL ST NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: STEARNS TAVERN, 72 COES ST

- **UNION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WORCESTER ACADEMY, 81 PROVIDENCE ST

- **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S ON-THE-HEIGHTS, 340 BURNCOAT ST

- **SOUTH LENOX ST NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **MONDAY - AUGUST 25 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:30 P.M.
- WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN ST

- **WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 27 -**

- **WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE, 86 AUSTIN ST

- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 6:00 P.M.
- WHERE: THE JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD ST



CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY



City Beaches, Pools, and Spray Parks

The City of Worcester has made significant investment into its parks, playgrounds, pools and beaches in recent years. A park of note is Coes Pond Park for its updated accessibility features. This park offers the region's first state-of-the-art, universally accessible, multigenerational park and playground. This park and playground is a place for all ages and abilities to exercise, play, enjoy nature and relax. Many of the other parks offer updated playgrounds, fields, water features, and endless opportunities to explore nature. The Parks Division is seeking seasonal lifeguards to join our team in keeping our community pools and beaches safe. If you are interested in joining the Parks Division, please view our [Seasonal Employment Opportunities](#).

The City of Worcester has one pool, three spray parks and four beaches. The City is also home to three state beaches and pools. All sites are normally open to the public from 12 to 7 p.m. every day beginning July 1.

- [Bell Pond Beach](#)
- 238 Belmont St., Worcester, MA
- [Coes Pond/John J. Binienda Memorial Beach](#)
- 180 Mill St., Worcester, MA
- [Cristoforo Colombo/East Spray Park](#)
- 180 Shrewsbury St., Worcester, MA
- [Crompton Park Pool](#)
- 50 Canton St., Worcester, MA
- [Greenwood Spray Park](#)
- 14 Forsberg St., Worcester, MA
- [Indian Lake Beach](#)
- 20 Clason Rd., Worcester, MA
- [Shore Park Beach](#)
- 115 Shore Dr. , Worcester, MA
- [University \(Crystal\) Spray Park](#)
- 115 965 Main St. , Worcester, MA



CITY OF WORCESTER

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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.