



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

11/17/2025 - 11/23/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 11/18/2025

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ITEM 12.11

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF STREET AND SIDEWALK PROJECTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY (DTM) REGARDING THE UPDATED CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS AS OF OCTOBER 31ST, 2025. RESIDENTS AND COUNCILORS MAY PETITION TO ADD CERTAIN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ONTO THE RESURFACING LIST FOR SAID STREETS AND SIDEWALKS TO BE REPAVED. DISTRICT COUNCILORS THEN MEET WITH DTM TO GO OVER THE LIST OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN THEIR DISTRICT AND CHOOSE WHICH ONES ARE TO BE SELECTED TO BE RESURFACED. THESE SELECTIONS MADE BY DISTRICT COUNCILORS ARE USUALLY 2 YEARS OUT. FOR EXAMPLE, SELECTIONS MADE IN 2020 ARE FOR RESURFACING TO OCCUR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.



ITEM 14K

REQUEST CITY MANAGER CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLICATING THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS'S COLLEGE FOR KIDS PROGRAM

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HAD ADOPTED AN ORDER THAT WOULD REQUEST THAT THE CITY MANAGER CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REPLICATING THE 'COLLEGE FOR KIDS PROGRAM' CONDUCTED IN ST. LOUIS WHICH USES A PORTION OF PARKING REVENUE GENERATED IN THE CITY TO FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION TO THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS. THE COLLEGE KIDS CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM IS IN ITS 10TH YEAR IN ST. LOUIS AND AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLS EVERY KINDERGARTNER IN THE CITY A \$50 SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO GROW FOR COLLEGE OR APPRENTICE PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE. THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO ADOPT THE ORDER TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.



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STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

MET ON MONDAY, 11/17/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **DONNA M. COLORIO - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **KHRYSTIAN E. KING - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **JENNY PACILLO - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR**
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TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

MET ON WEDNESDAY, 11/19/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **DONNA M. COLORIO - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **KHRYSTIAN E. KING - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**
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Events in the Community



BANCROFT MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 11/18

SECOND GRADERS FROM THE BANCROFT SCHOOL TOOK A FIELD TRIP TO WORCESTER CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH. COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE MOE BERGMAN SPOKE TO THE GROUP, ANSWERED THEIR EAGER QUESTIONS, AND CONDUCTED A MOCK CITY COUNCIL WHERE THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED AS CITY COUNCILORS AFTER HEARING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FROM THEIR CLASSMATES. PRESERVATION WORCESTER PLANNED THE TOUR IN TANDEM WITH THE BANCROFT SCHOOL. COUNCILOR BERGMAN WAS ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP GIVE A TOUR OF THE HISTORIC CITY HALL, INFORMING THE STUDENTS OF THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WORCESTER HAS PROVIDED TO OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF MODERN DAY VALENTINES DAY CARDS CREATED BY ESTHER HOWLAND, THE NAMESAKE OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.



BETHANY VENEY HONORARY ST SIGN UNVEILING - 11/22

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, THE RAIN LET UP AND THE SUN PIERCED THROUGH THE OVERCAST SKY AS MAYOR JOE PETTY, VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY, AND FAMILY MEMBERS CELEBRATED THE LEGACY OF BETHANY VENEY, A FORMER SLAVE, BY UNVEILING AN HONORARY ST SIGN IN HER NAME. DESCENDANTS OF BETHANY VENEY GATHERED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON THE BRAVERY OF BETHANY VENEY, A WOMAN WHO WAS BORN INTO SLAVERY AND SOLD AS PROPERTY. BETHANY FOUND HER WAY TO WORCESTER WHERE SHE PUBLISHED 'NARRATIVE OF BETHANY VENY: A SLAVE WOMAN' WHICH DEPICTS THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIVING IN SLAVERY AND OVERCOMING THOSE HORRIFIC EVILS.





Events in the Community

MAIN SOUTH/BEACON BRIGHTLY WALK AUDIT - 11/21



THE MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP CONDUCTED A WALK AUDIT WITH DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) COMMISSIONER JOHN WESTERLING, WORCESTER QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM LEAD DAN CAHILL, STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY'S OFFICE, CLARK UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, AND RESIDENTS. MANY TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED, MAINLY CENTERING AROUND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES FOR BETTER LIGHTING, STREET AND SIDEWALK RESURFACING, AND STREET SWEEPING, ALL OF WHICH WILL PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESS AND SAFETY. THE MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP HOST THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE YMCA AT 766 MAIN ST STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.

RIBBON CUTTING: LUK INC. YOUNG ADULT RESOURCE CENTER - 11/21



ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR LUK INC.'S NEW YOUNG ADULT RESOURCE CENTER AT 210 LINCOLN STREET.

THE CENTER WILL PROVIDE A WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE SPACE - JUST STEPS FROM A WRTA BUS STOP - WHERE YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS CAN RECEIVE CASE MANAGEMENT, JOB ASSISTANCE, PARENTING SUPPORT, AND HELP MEETING BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM NEEDS.

COUNCILOR MERO-CARLSON WAS JOINED BY MAYOR JOSEPH PETTY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM O'DAY, AND STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY, WHO TOURED THE FACILITY AND SPOKE TO THE VITAL WORK THAT LUK INC. PROVIDES TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES ACROSS CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS.



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CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY



WHEN IS MY LEAF COLLECTION?

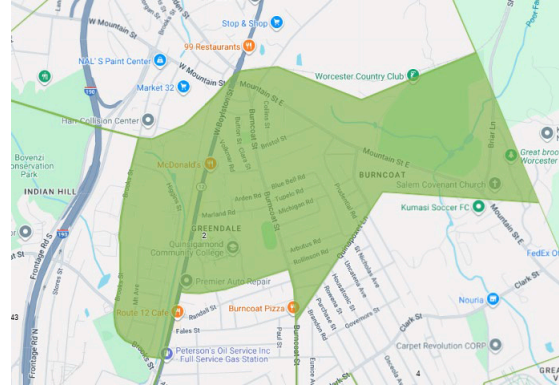
Starts the first week in November, depending on weather.

Trash Day	Leaf Pick-Up
Wednesday	Week 1: Nov. 3 - Nov. 7
Monday Pleasant/Salisbury	Week 2: Nov. 10 - Nov. 15
Monday Salisbury/Grove	Week 3: Nov. 15 - Nov. 22
Monday* Grove/Quinapoxet	Week 4: Nov. 22 - Nov. 29
Tuesday*	Week 2: Nov. 10 - Nov. 15
Friday	Week 3: Nov. 15 - Nov. 22
Thursday	Week 4: Nov. 22 - Nov. 29

Dates above are **approximate** and may change.

*Due to the chance of early snowfall, residents in these areas should consider bringing leaves to a drop-off site.

FALL 2025 LEAF COLLECTION



On Monday, November 24, 2025, the DPW will begin collecting leaves in route 2, as shown in the green shaded areas on the map below and online at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/streets/fall-leaf-collection>.

City of Worcester FALL LEAF COLLECTION

WHAT NOT TO DO

- **DO NOT** put leaves in the gutter before signs are posted.
- **DO NOT** block catch basins.
- **DO NOT** put brush, branches, plastics or other trash and litter in the gutter.
- **DO NOT** park where signs are posted (fines may result).

THE CITY OF WORCESTER IS PROUD TO OFFER FALL LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE TO ITS RESIDENTS BECAUSE MOST COMMUNITIES DO NOT PROVIDE CURB SIDE LEAF COLLECTION. THE DPW STRIVES TO REACH THE BEST POSSIBLE BALANCE WHEN NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE UPCOMING LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE. WE WISH TO GIVE RESIDENTS ENOUGH NOTICE TO MOVE THEIR LEAVES INTO THE STREET, BUT ALSO NOT TO IMPOSE LONGER THAN NECESSARY ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

GENERALLY, NOTICE IS GIVEN 1-2 DAYS IN ADVANCE. HOWEVER, A VARIETY OF FACTORS MAY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO COLLECT LEAVES SUCH AS INCLEMENT WEATHER, ETC. WE APPRECIATE RESIDENT COOPERATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM. RESIDENTS ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION OF BRINGING THEIR LEAVES TO ONE OF THE LEAF AND YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITES.

THE FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AND WEATHER PERMITTING, COLLECTION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 4 TO 5 WEEKS. LEAF COLLECTION WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON VETERANS DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH; NOR ON THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.





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

WORCESTER, MASS. – THE CITY OF WORCESTER ANNOUNCED MONDAY ITS PERMANENT WINTER PARKING BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT DEC. 1, 2025, AND WILL REMAIN THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026 (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:

- 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.

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.





UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **MONDAY - NOVEMBER 24 -**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 26 -**

- **WHITTIER TERRACE APARTMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 4:00 P.M.
- WHERE: WHITTIER TERRACE, 89 AUSTIN ST

- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 3 -**

- **SEABURY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

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

- **COES POND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

- TIME: 5:30 P.M.
- WHERE: COES POND VILLAGE APARTMENTS, 39 FIRST ST

- **THURSDAY - DECEMBER 4 -**

- **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 ANGELS, 1222 MAIN ST



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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.