



# CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

11/24/2025 - 11/30/2025



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 11/25/2025

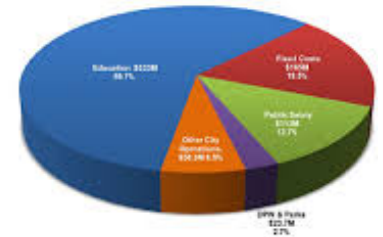
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#### ITEM 10.13A INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE AXON BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ASSISTANT TRIAL PROGRAM.

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM THE WORCESTER POLICE CHIEF REGARDING THE AXON BODY CAMERA TRIAL PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER. DURING THE THREE-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM, A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 OFFICERS USED THE TRANSLATION FEATURE 459 TIMES AND TRANSLATED 49 DISTINCT LANGUAGES. FIFTY-SIX TRANSLATION LANGUAGES ARE SUPPORTED BY AXON, WHICH IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN ACROSS WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE AXON TRANSLATION PILOT PROGRAM ENDED OCT. 22, 2025, AND WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT (WPD) OFFICERS CONTINUE TO UTILIZE LANGUAGELINE SOLUTIONS FOR INTERPRETATION IN THE MEANTIME. THE COST TO ADD THIS FEATURE TO ALL BODY-WORN CAMERAS THIS CALENDAR YEAR WOULD BE \$131,904. AND IT WOULD BE ENABLED THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

#### Fiscal Year Budget



#### ITEM 10.26A INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO THE FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING AN UPDATE TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 UP TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025. THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2026. RECOGNIZING WE ARE EARLY IN THE FISCAL YEAR— 25% OF THE TOTAL FISCAL YEAR—PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS AND LOCAL RECEIPTS ARE STABLE, WITH NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN AT THIS TIME. BASED ON THE COMMONWEALTH'S FINAL FY26 BUDGET, WE RECEIVED A DECREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2. 7M IN BUDGETED STATE AID, WITH IMPACTS ON BOTH THE MUNICIPALITY AND WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS. REVENUES RECEIVED AS OF SEPT. 30, 2025 ARE AT 24% OF THE FY26 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.



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# STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MET ON MONDAY, 11/24/2025

- CHAIRPERSON - **CANDY MERO-CARLSON** - DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR
- VICE CHAIRPERSON - **JENNY PACILLO** - DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR
- COMMITTEE MEMBER - **KATE M. TOOMEY** - CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE

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- [CLICK HERE TO VIEW MEETING!](#)

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

- PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE @5:00 P.M.
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING @6:00 P.M.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE @4:00 P.M.





## Events in the Community

### **THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVEAWAY- 11/25**

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, VICE CHAIR KHRYSTIAN KING JOINED COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR A TURKEY GIVEAWAY SUPPORTING WORCESTER FAMILIES IN NEED. DESPITE THE COLD WEATHER, THE EVENT BROUGHT RESIDENTS TOGETHER FOR MUSIC, PHOTOS, AND A SHARED COMMITMENT TO HELPING NEIGHBORS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS PLAYERS KYLE WILLIAMS AND TYRELL JENNINGS GENEROUSLY DONATED TURKEYS AND SPENT TIME MEETING WITH FAMILIES.

A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO ANTHONY BARBOSA OF BOSA SPORTS AND COMMUNITY, I LOVE BOSTON SPORTS, DOUG COONEY OF 2 CHEFS RESTAURANT, AND PATRIOTS PLAYERS KYLE WILLIAMS AND TYRELL JENNINGS FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE THROUGH THEIR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT.



### **GRAFTON HILL TREE LIGHTING - 11/29**

AS MANY WERE STILL ENJOYING THEIR THANKSGIVING MEAL LEFTOVERS, THE FOLKS OF THE GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOSTED THEIR 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT BLITHEWOOD PARK. MIKE TESTA, PRESIDENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WORKED IN TANDEM WITH RESIDENTS TO PUT ON THE SPECIAL OCCASSION FOR FAMILIES AND PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND A SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM SANTA CLAUS! MAYOR JOE PETTY, DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCILOR GEORGE RUSSELL, CITY COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE KATE TOOMEY, CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA, STATE SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE, AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN DONAHUE WERE PART OF THE LOCAL DELEGATION THAT JOINED OVER 100 RESIDENTS TO USHER IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON.





28<sup>th</sup> of November

INDEPENDENCE DAY



## **ALBANIA INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING 11/28**

BLACK FRIDAY, THE DAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING, IS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH HASTY SHOPPERS RUNNING UP AND DOWN STORE AISLES IN SEARCH OF THE HOTTEST DEALS AND DISCOUNTS. HOWEVER, THIS BLACK FRIDAY FRIENDS AND FAMILIES HUDDLED OUTSIDE OF WORCESTER CITY HALL TO RAISE THE ALBANIAN FLAG AND CELEBRATE ALBANIAN INDEPENDENCE. LOCAL PERFORMERS DANCED CLASSICAL ALBANIAN DANCES WHILE THE CROWD GATHERED TO SING PATRIOTIC ALBANIAN SONGS AND CHANT THEIR ALBANIAN PRIDE AS SNOW AND WIND BORE DOWN ON ATTENDEES. MAYOR JOE PETTY, DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ, AND CITY CLERK NIKOLIN VANGJELI (BOTH OF WHOM MIGRATED FROM ALBANIA TO WORCESTER) WERE PART OF THE LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO HELPED CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL OCCASION. THE ALBANIAN STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE CAN DATE BACK TO THE 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WHEN THE OTTOMANS FIRST TOOK CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY. THE ALBANIAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS PROCLAIMED ON NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 1912, BREAKING FREE FROM OVER 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN OCCUPATION.







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### WHEN IS MY LEAF COLLECTION?

Starts the first week in November, depending on weather.

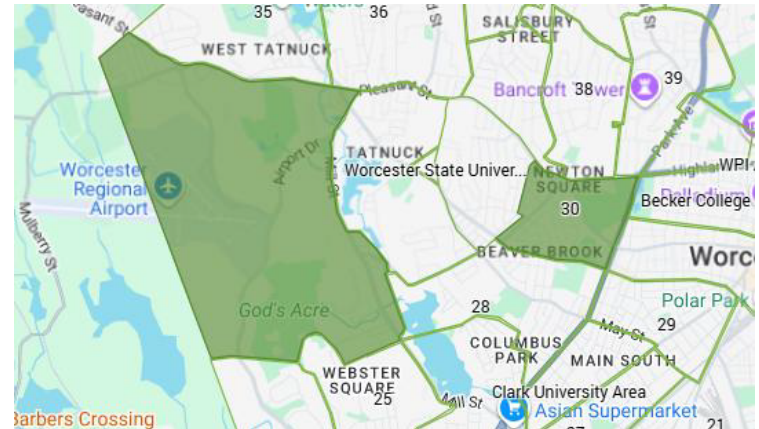
Trash Day	Leaf Pick-Up
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Week 1:</b> Nov. 3 - Nov. 7
<b>Monday</b> Pleasant/Salisbury	<b>Week 2:</b> Nov. 10 - Nov. 15
<b>Monday</b> Salisbury/Grove	<b>Week 3:</b> Nov. 15 - Nov. 22
<b>Monday*</b> Grove/Quinapoxet	<b>Week 4:</b> Nov. 22 - Nov. 29
<b>Tuesday*</b>	<b>Week 2:</b> Nov. 10 - Nov. 15
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Week 3:</b> Nov. 15 - Nov. 22
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Week 4:</b> 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 Thursday, December 4, 2025, the DPW will begin collecting leaves in routes 30, and 32 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*

- **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
- **MONDAY - DECEMBER 8 -**
  - **TATNUCK SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT ST
- **WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 10 -**
  - **MT. CARMEL APARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 3:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: MT. CARMEL APARTMENTS, 50 SHREWSBURY ST
  - **UPSALA ST ELDERLY APARTMENT MEETING**
    - TIME: 3:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: 36 UPSALA ST
  - **SAXON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, 15 JAMESBURY DR
  - **NEWTON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
    - WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, 551 PLEASANT ST
  - **LAKE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
    - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
    - WHERE: LAKE VIEW CONGREGATION CHURCH, 115 COBURN AVE



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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.