



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

12/1/2025 - 12/7/2025



REMINDER:

The next City Council meeting
will take place on
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
(12/2/25 - No Meeting was held)

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





Events in the Community

HOLIDAY MEAL AT BELMONT TOWER - 12/3

DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON JOINED RESIDENTS OF BELMONT TOWER ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, FOR A WARM AND FESTIVE HOLIDAY MEAL. THE GATHERING WAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR NEIGHBORS TO COME TOGETHER, SHARE GOOD FOOD, AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON IN A WELCOMING COMMUNITY SETTING. A SPECIAL THANK-YOU GOES TO THE WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY TEAM FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO ENSURE RESIDENTS HAVE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND ENJOY HOLIDAY TRADITIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - 12/5

DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR CANDY MERO-CARLSON, AT-LARGE COUNCILOR KATE TOOMEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, MAYOR PETTY, AND CONGRESSMAN JIM MCGOVERN JOINED HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT WORCESTER'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS ON THE COMMON. DESPITE THE COLD WEATHER, THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO EMBRACE THE WARMTH AND EXCITEMENT OF THE SEASON, ENJOYING DAZZLING LIGHT INSTALLATIONS, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, AND ICE SKATING ON THE WORCESTER COMMON OVAL. A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU GOES TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER'S CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION FOR PLANNING THIS FANTASTIC CELEBRATION, AND TO THE MANY COMMUNITY SPONSORS WHOSE GENEROUS SUPPORT HELPED MAKE THE EVENT POSSIBLE.





Events in the Community



ED HYDER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 12/6

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, MAYOR JOE PETTY PRESENTED A KEY TO THE CITY TO ED HYDER'S MARKET IN HONOR OF THEIR 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, THE FAMILY-OWNED MARKET CELEBRATED WITH GIVEAWAYS, SAMPLES, AND TASTINGS OF THEIR HIGH-QUALITY GOODS. FOUNDED IN 1975 AFTER YEARS SPENT WORKING IN HIS FAMILY'S BUTCHER SHOP ON GRAFTON HILL, ED HYDER GREW THE BUSINESS THROUGH FOUR LOCATIONS OVER THE DECADES. TODAY, HIS CHILDREN, MIRIAM AND GREG, PROUDLY CONTINUE HIS LEGACY AT 408 PLEASANT STREET.

DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA JOINED THE MAYOR TO CELEBRATE THIS LONGSTANDING NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER MOLLY MCCULLOUGH ALSO ATTENDED AS BOTH A FREQUENT SHOPPER AND FAMILY FRIEND.



KELLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING - 12/6

HOLIDAY EVENTS CONTINUED IN WORCESTER THIS WEEKEND AT KELLEY SQUARE, THANKS TO ISLAND AUTO, UNIBANK, JERSEY MIKE'S, AND ALL THE EVENT SPONSORS. THE CELEBRATION FEATURED PHOTOS WITH MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS, OTHER HOLIDAY CHARACTERS (GRINCH AND FROSTY), AND LOCAL SPORTS TEAM MASCOTS. THIS YEAR ALSO INCLUDED A BRIEF PARADE AROUND "THE PEANUT," FEATURING THE BURNCOAT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND CHOIR.

MANY LOCAL CANAL DISTRICT AND OTHER WORCESTER BUSINESSES CAME OUT TO SHARE THE WORK THEY'RE DOING AND OFFER FREE GOODIES. BEFORE THE TREE LIGHTING, WE HEARD FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN DONAHUE AND DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE MAYOR JOE PETTY, VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID LEBOEUF.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AND TRULY BROUGHT IN THE HOLIDAY CHEER, CAPPED OFF BY A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM LOCAL YOUNG ACTOR AND SINGER ANGELO GRAY.





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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 - 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
- **THURSDAY - DECEMBER 11 -**
 - **EMMANUEL VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: 59 EVELYN ST
 - **MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: YMCA, 766 MAIN ST
 - **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S, 340 BURNCOAT ST
 - **SOUTH LENOX NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT 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.