



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

1/12/2026 - 1/19/2026



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 1/13/2026

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ITEM 11.14A INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE
TO THE STATUS OF ALERTWORCESTER

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM CHARLES GOODWIN, COMMISSIONER OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF WORCESTER. THIS ALERT SYSTEM WAS USED TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF CRITICAL INFORMATION SUCH AS WINTER PARKING BANS. IN NOVEMBER ALERTWORCESTER WAS DISABLED AFTER THE SOFTWARE PLATFORM THAT POWERED THE SYSTEM "CODERED" EXPERIENCED A CYBERSECURITY BREACH. DURING THIS TIME, THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND MANAGEMENT HAS LOOKED FOR ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS AND HAS SELECTED A NEW SOFTWARE PLATFORM, "GENASYS ALERT", WHICH WILL OFFER SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE PRIOR SYSTEM. COMMISSIONER GOODWIN IS FINALIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENASYS AND WILL SOON BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION.



ITEM 11.12A INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION
RELATIVE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
EDUCATION UNITS

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE CHIEF MARTIN DYER REGARDING THE WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC EDUCATION UNITS. THE REPORT HAD OUTLINED ITS SCHOOL VISITS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO VISIT-BASED PROGRAMMING, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PURSUING A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO INTEGRATE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION DIRECTLY INTO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CURRICULUM, ENSURING CONSISTENT, AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION FOR ALL STUDENTS. THIS REPORT OUTLINES THE EFFECTIVE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION IN WORCESTER'S SCHOOLS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN ALLEN TO PURSUE A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH FOR ALL 53 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN WORCESTER.



Events in the Community

SIGNING CEREMONY - CITY OF WORCESTER, WPI, AIA CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS - 1/15

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, COUNCILOR AT-LARGE DR. MITRA AND DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR ROB BILOTTA JOINED THE CITY MANAGER ERIC BATISTA; WPI PRESIDENT GRACE WANG; PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIACM) AND LIFELONG WORCESTER RESIDENT SEAN BRENNAN; AND STEVEN VAN DESSEL, DIRECTOR OF WPI'S ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM, TO SPEAK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FORMAL PARTNERSHIP.

"THROUGH THE DESIGN AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, THE MUNICIPALITY, WPI, AND AIACM WILL ADVANCE COMMUNITY-CENTERED DESIGN EFFORTS ACROSS WORCESTER, INCLUDING SMALL-SCALE CIVIC STRUCTURES, ADAPTIVE REUSE CONCEPTS, HOUSING PROTOTYPES, PUBLIC SPACE ENHANCEMENTS, AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES. THESE PROJECTS CONNECT STUDENTS AND FACULTY WITH ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, TRADE PROFESSIONALS, RESIDENTS, AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS TO PAIR EDUCATIONAL VALUE WITH CIVIC IMPACT."

RIBBON CUTTING - ECOTARIUM EXHIBIT 'ATTACK OF THE BLOODSUCKERS' - 1/17

IN BETWEEN SNOW SHOWERS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILOR ROB BILOTTA HELD HIS FIRST RIBBON CUTTING AT THE ECOTARIUM.

COUNCILOR BILOTTA IS NO STRANGER TO THE ECOTARIUM, HAVING WORKED THERE DURING HIS YOUTH. THE EVENT CELEBRATED THE LAUNCH OF A NEW TRAVELING EXHIBIT, "ATTACK OF THE BLOODSUCKERS!"—AN ENGAGING EXHIBITION THAT EXPLORES THE SCIENCE BEHIND BLOODSUCKING CREATURES SUCH AS MOSQUITOES, FLEAS, TICKS, AND LEECHES.

THIS HIGHLY INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT OFFERS VISITORS HANDS-ON EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES, ALLOWING THEM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE MYSTERIOUS BLOODSUCKING CREATURES IN A FUN AND ENGAGING WAY.



REMEMBERING MLK



THIS PAST WEEKEND, THE COUNTRY CELEBRATED THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING JOINED CONGRESSMAN JIM MCGOVERN, STATE SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY, NAACP PRESIDENT FRED TAYLOR, AND WITH A KEYNOTE SPEECH FROM DR. JENNIFER DAVIS CAREY, WHO SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORCESTER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE FROM 2010 TO 2025, AT THE 41ST ANNUAL DR. KING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST HOSTED BY ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY.

WORCESTER YOUTH POET LAUREATE SERENITY JACKSON RECITED A POEM DURING THE SPEECHES MADE AT THE BREAKFAST. AMONG THE SPEECHES, AWARDS WERE ALSO GIVEN OUT, INCLUDING THE ELEANOR T. HAWLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WHICH WAS AWARDED TO FRED TAYLOR. WORCESTER FIREFIGHTER KERVIN LIMA WAS PRESENTED THE LT. HERBERT A. WILSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND PHILIP NIDDRIE WAS PRESENTED THE ELEANOR T. HAWLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD BY THE MLK BREAKFAST COMMITTEE.



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.





CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY SUMMARY

NEW



2026 Worcester Trash and Recycling Calendar

January						
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 Denotes a holiday that DOES NOT RESULT in a delay. NO DELAY.

 Denotes a holiday that results in a one-day delay for the remainder of the week

 Denotes a collection day delayed by a holiday





UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 21**

- **LINCOLN ST NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 30 TYLER PRENTICE RD
- **GRAFTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: MASS AUDUBON, 414 MASSASOIT RD
- **INDIAN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: WORCESTER BUSINESS CENTER, 67 MILLBROOK ST

- **THURSDAY - JANUARY 22**

- **COLUMBUS PARK 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

- **MONDAY - JANUARY 26**

- **GREEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, 228 LINCOLN ST

- **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 28**

- **QUINSIGAMOND VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 46 GREENWOOD ST



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



GARY
ROSEN



KATHLEEN M.
TOOMEY



DR. SATYA B. MITRA

DISTRICT CITY COUNCILORS



DISTRICT 1
TONY ECONOMOU



DISTRICT 2
ROBERT A. BILOTTA



DISTRICT 3
JOHN P. FRESOLO



DISTRICT 4
LUIS A. OJEDA, SR.



DISTRICT 5
JOSE A. RIVERA

Standing Committees of the City Council, 2026 – 2027*

Economic Development

Morris A. Bergman, Chairperson
Kathleen M. Toomey
Satya B. Mitra

Education

Khrystian E. King, Chairperson
Tony Economou
Gary Rosen

Municipal and Legislative Operations

Satya B. Mitra, Chairperson
Gary Rosen
Morris A. Bergman

Public Health and Human Services

Gary Rosen, Chairperson
Khrystian E. King
Kathleen M. Toomey

Public Safety

Kathleen M. Toomey, Chairperson
Morris A. Bergman
Tony Economou

Public Service and Transportation

Robert A. Bilotta, Chairperson
John P. Fresolo
Luis A. Ojeda

Public Works

Tony Economou, Chairperson
Satya B. Mitra
John P. Fresolo

Traffic and Parking

Jose A. Rivera, Chairperson
Luis A. Ojeda
Robert A. Bilotta

Urban Technologies, Innovation and Environment

Luis A. Ojeda, Chairperson
Jose A. Rivera
Khrystian E. King

Veterans' Memorial, Parks and Recreation

John P. Fresolo
Robert A. Bilotta
Jose A. Rivera

Finance and Ordinances

Mayor and Entire City Council

***Please refer to Appendix B of the Rules of City Council for definitions of each Standing Committee and the departments/divisions they oversee.**



WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL
MEETING SCHEDULE – 2026

January

January 6 – **No Meeting – Holiday**
January 13 – **Joint Agenda**
January 20 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**
January 27 – **City Manager Agenda**

February

February 3 – **City Council Agenda**
February 10 – **City Manager Agenda**
February 17 – **No Meeting – School Break**
February 24 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

March

March 3 – **City Council Agenda**
March 10 – **City Manager / Econ. Dev.**
March 17 – **City Council Agenda**
March 24 – **City Manager Agenda**
March 31 – **City Council Agenda – Finance**

April

April 7 – **No Meeting – Passover**
April 14 – **Joint Agenda**
April 21 – **No Meeting – School Break**
April 28 – **Joint Agenda – Finance**

May

May 5 – **City Manager Agenda**
May 12 – **City Council Agenda**
May 19 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**
May 26 – **Joint Agenda**

June

June 2 – **No Meeting – Budget Hearings**
June 9 – **Joint Agenda**
June 16 – **City Manager Agenda**
June 23 – **City Council Agenda**
June 30 – **City Manager Evaluation**

July

July 7 – **No Meeting**
July 14 – **No Meeting**
July 21 – **Joint Agenda**
July 28 – **No Meeting**

August

August 4 – **No Meeting**
August 11 – **No Meeting**
August 18 – **Joint Agenda**
August 25 – **No Meeting**

September

September 1 – **No Meeting – State Primary**
September 8 – **Joint Agenda / Econ. Dev.**
September 15 – **City Manager Agenda**
September 22 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**
September 29 – **City Manager Agenda**

October

October 6 – **City Council Agenda**
October 13 – **City Manager Agenda**
October 20 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**
October 27 – **No Meeting – Early Voting**

November

November 3 – **No Meeting – State Election**
November 10 – **Joint Agenda**
November 17 – **City Manager Agenda**
November 24 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**

December

December 1 – **No Meeting – Holiday**
December 8 – **Joint Agenda**
December 15 – **City Manager Agenda**
December 22 – **City Council Agenda – Fin.**
December 29 – **No Meeting – School Break**

Each Meeting convenes at 6:30 p.m. in the Esther Howland (South) Chamber on the Third Floor of