



CITY OF WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

WEEKLY SUMMARY

2/3/2025 - 2/7/2025



CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 2/4/2025

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CITY COUNCIL HEARS INFORMATION REGARDING SIDEWALK REPAIR

ITEM 8.11

TRANSMITTING INTERNAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO SIDEWALK REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY25 AND FY26

THE CITY COUNCIL HEARD COMMUNICATION RELATED TO THE CITY'S SIDEWALK REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2026.

COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY (DTM) HIGHLIGHTED THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR WHEN CITY COUNCILORS MAY BE ABLE TO SELECT SIDEWALK FIXTURE IN THEIR DISTRICT.



CITY COUNCIL HEARS FY26 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

ITEM 8.39

TRANSMITTING INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION RELATIVE TO A PRESENTATION ON THE PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 26 BUDGET

THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL HEARD A PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET BY THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY FINANCIAL OFFICER.

THE CITY BUDGET IS HIGHLY IMPACTED BY THE STATE BUDGET THAT STARTS WHEN THE GOVERNOR RELEASES THEIR VERSION IN JANUARY, FOLLOWED BY THE STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE AFTER MONTHS OF DEBATE.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

• TUESDAY, 2/11/2025

◦ @ 6:30 P.M. - **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET
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• WEDNESDAY, 2/12/2025

◦ @ 5:00 P.M. - **TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING**

- @ CITY HALL, ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER, 3RD FLOOR, 455 MAIN ST
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REMEMBER, YOU CAN ALWAYS LOOK BACK
TO REVIEW OUR PREVIOUS ISSUES!





UPCOMING *COMMUNITY* *MEETINGS*

- **WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 12 -**

- **SAXON RD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE, 15 JAMESBURY DRIVE
- **NEWTON SQ NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: BLESSED SACRAMENT, 551 PLEASANT STREET
- **LAKE VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 7:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: LAKE VIEW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 115 COBURN AVE

- **THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 13 -**

- **WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**
 - TIME: 3:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 40 BELMONT STREET
- **EMMANUEL VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 4:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: 59 EVELYN STREET
- **WORCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: GREAT BROOK VALLEY/CURTIS APARTMENTS, 69 TACOMA STREET
- **MAIN SOUTH BEACON BRIGHTLY NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: YMCA, 766 MAIN STREET
- **COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 5:30 P.M.
 - WHERE: 3 PAUL CLANCY WAY, BLACKSTONE HERITAGE CORRIDOR VISITOR CENTER
- **BURNCOAT/GREENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: ST. MICHAEL'S ON-THE-HEIGHTS, 340 BELMONT ST
- **SOUTH LENOX ST NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**
 - TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 - WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1070 PLEASANT ST



Events in the Community



DESI BAR & GRILL RIBBON CUTTING - 2/3

DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCILOR ETEL HAXHIAJ WAS JOINED BY VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MAHONEY, AND SENATOR ROBYN KENNEDY'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR, KAYANNA JAMES, TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF A NEW INDIAN RESTAURANT IN D5, SERVING NORTH INDIAN AND NEPALI CUISINE AT 397 CHANDLER STREET. REPRESENTATIVE MAHONEY AND KAYANNA JAMES PRESENTED A CITATION FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

WHILE THE CITY BOASTS A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL CUISINES, INDIAN FOOD HAS BEEN IN SHORT SUPPLY, WHICH INSPIRED OWNER KABIN BHUJEL TO INVEST IN THE VACANT SPACE.

SMOC 30 WINFIELD ST. MODULAR BOX SETTING - 2/4

DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCILOR LUIS OJEDA, STATE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRPERSON AARON MICHLEWITZ, SENATOR MICHAEL MOORE, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MAHONEY, REPRESENTATIVE JAMES O'DAY, AND REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL DONAHUE WERE ALL PRESENT FOR THE SETTING OF THE MODULAR UNITS FOR SMOC'S NEWEST PROJECT ON WINFIELD STREET.

THIS PROJECT WILL FEATURE 16 MICRO-UNITS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY FACING SEVERE HOUSING CHALLENGES. THE USE OF MODULAR CONSTRUCTION RESULTS IN AN OVERALL COST REDUCTION OF 30-40%.



BSU UNITED'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2/4

VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING JOINED THE BSU'S OF WTHS, SOUTH, BURNCOAT, DOHERTY, NORTH, AND ABBY KELLEY SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR THE AFTERNOON.

THE EVENT FEATURED MUSIC, FOOD, AN INSPIRATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS, AND PLENTY OF BONDING TIME BETWEEN STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN GAMES LIKE HEDBANZ AND PUZZLE GUESSING, USING FAMOUS BLACK FIGURES AS THE FOCUS. THESE GAMES WERE CREATED BY THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL BSUS AT EACH SCHOOL, WITH PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS.





Events in the Community



COURAGE TO DREAM - 2/8

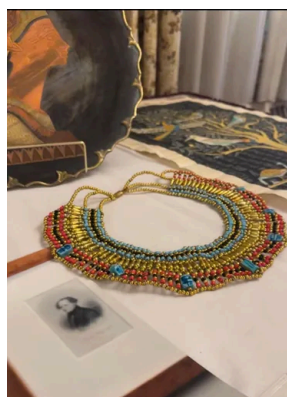
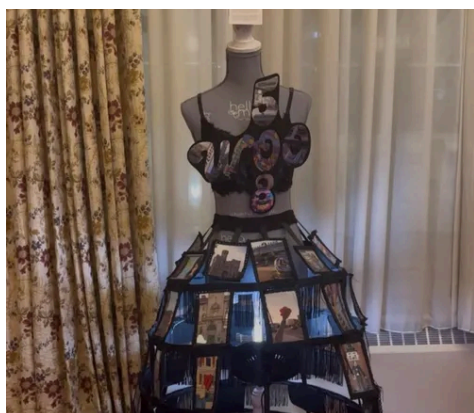
VICE CHAIRMAN KHRYSTIAN KING GAVE A SHORT WELCOME AT 3RD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION "COURAGE TO DREAM". THIS EVENT IS PUT TOGETHER BY KINGDOM VOICE & MUSIC A COMMUNITY FOCUSED MUSIC INITIATIVE RAN BY KIROSHA SIDELCA.

THIS EVENT TOLD FAITH BASED STORIES OF BLACK AND BROWN IMMIGRANTS FROM WORCESTER COUNTY THROUGH DIFFERENT FORMS OF PERFORMANCE ART. MANY LOCAL ACTIVISTS WERE ALSO HONORED AT THE EVENT FOR THEIR IMPORTANT ADOVACY WORK SURROUNDING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY.

PICTURE PROVIDED BY CHENOA JIMENEZ-VILFRANC

SCENES FROM 'COURAGE TO DREAM: A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION'

PHOTOS FROM TELEGRAM & GAZETTE: MARGARET SMITH





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



The City of Worcester announced Friday November 22, it's **Permanent Winter Parking Ban** will go into effect **Dec. 1, 2024**, and will remain through **April 30, 2025 (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:

- Sign up for [ALERTWorcester](#) and receive notifications to your phone or email
- 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. Back to Announcements List

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.

**CLICK HERE FOR FULL WINTER PARKING BAN INFORMATION
AND TO LOOK UP YOUR STREET SPECIFICALLY!**



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



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.