



Fitchburg FORWARD

Mayor Sam Squitria

FEBRUARY 2025

STEVEN D. GIANNINI
CHIEF OF POLICE

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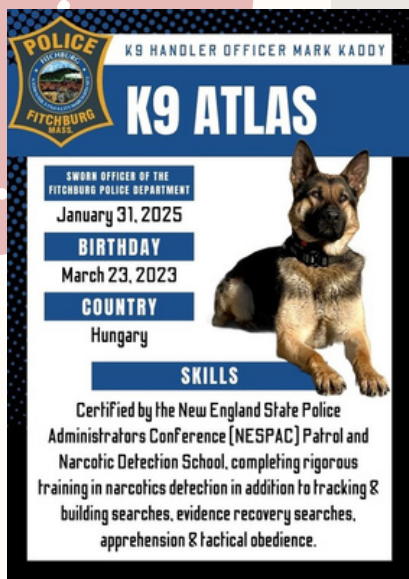


CITY HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE AND PROMOTIONS

Captain Steven D. Giannini was confirmed with a unanimous 9-0 vote of the Fitchburg City Council for the appointment of Chief of Police for the City of Fitchburg and our promotions are all effective February 1st, 2025

Captain Giannini is a proven leader with expertise in budgeting, personnel management, and crisis response. He understands the importance of diversity within our department and actively works to cultivate a culture of inclusivity. Highly approachable, he fosters open communication and trust within the department and the community.



Fitchburg Mass February Events 2025

First Thursdays – Downtown Fitchburg

Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St. Free admission:
12–7pm | Farmers Market: 3–5:30pm through May

Vendors: Amy's Raw Honey, Maeberry Naturals,
RockHoppers, The Tupperware Lady, Evie Cakes, Wind
Ridge Farm, Candy Lady confections, Growing Places

Public Skate at Gaetz Arena \$7, skate rental \$7

Wallace Civic Ctr, 1000 John Fitch Highway

Sun. 3:00–4:20pm, **Mon-Thurs** 12:30pm–1:50pm

Fridays 1:00–2:20pm (except 21st 12:30pm–1:50pm)

Ski Trail Open House at Saima Park

Finnish Center at Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd.

Saima Park's trails will be open to the public for
skiing and snowshoeing, or hiking (weather
dependent). WISH FOR SNOW! Free admission.

Donations welcome. A limited supply of equipment is
available to borrow. For trail conditions, call 978
407-6940.

Saturday, February 1, 8, 15, 22 10am–2pm

Whitney Doucet at Boot Barn

Grand Opening Weekend

146 Whalon St., Fitchburg, MA

Saturday February 8th, 2025 12–3pm

Dan Cormier Music at Thirsty Robot Brewing

Saturday February 8th, 2025 6–9pm

Fitchburg Black History Month Trivia

Fitchburg Historical Society 781 Main St.

Local stories of Fitchburg's African American
history, from the early 1800's to the 21st century.
come cheer for the local contestants as they try
to guess the answers. Great event for parents
and children (above 12 years old, or adults.)
Plus, you may run into an old friend, too!

Saturday, February 8, 7pm–8:30pm

FAM Spring Exhibits Opening Reception

Reception to celebrate the opening of 2 new exhibits – Tara
Sellios: Ask Now the Beasts & Stephen DiRado, Better
Together: Four Decades of Photographs. Refreshments by
Finicky Fork Catering. Free FAM members, \$9 non members

Saturday, February 8, 2pm–4pm

Fielder's Choice Baseball Clinic

296 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA

Join us for vacation week. Winter clinic! Ages 8 to 14 Monday
through Friday, 10 AM to noon. Limited spaces available
period coaches will cover infield and outfield drills hitting
catching pitching etc. stay warm during your off-season.

Monday February 17th, 2025 10am

Log Cabin Karaoke 135 Westminster St.

Friday February 21st., 8:30pm–1:30am

The North Central Creative Network Summit

Connecting Creativity, Building Community

Bringing together artists, entrepreneurs, community leaders,
and creative professionals for two transformative days of
connection, learning, and collaboration. Set in the heart of
Fitchburg, this groundbreaking event celebrates and
strengthens our creative economy while building lasting
partnerships across sectors.

Fri., Feb. 21, 6–8:30pm Fitchburg Art Museum 185 Elm St.

Sat. Feb 22, 8am–4:30pm Fitchburg Armory 14 Wallace Ave

Pannukakku Breakfast at Saima Park

Finnish Center at Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd.

Celebrate National Sauna Week! Finnish oven pancake,
bacon, sausage, fruit, Finnish coffee bread, juice, coffee/
tea/cocoa. \$13, or 2/\$25. Loaves of coffee bread for sale.
Vendors of arts, crafts, and bee products. Visit our sauna
museum and library/museum. A program will follow the
breakfast at 10:15 in the Function Hall. Finnish Center at
Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd., Fitchburg. **Sat., Feb. 22, 8–10am**

ELLA Love thy Self – networking with Latina leaders
free with registration. Fitchburg Art Museum 185 Elm St.

Sat. Feb. 22 at 11am ella-ella.org



Storytimes

Read with TheraPAWS

Read to a therapy pet to improve confidence and reading comprehension.

Storytime with Miss Jane

Join for songs, finger plays, movement, and stories (all ages).

Storytime with Miss Molly

Songs, finger plays, movement, and stories (all ages).

Tot Time

A special storytime for toddlers (24-36 months).

Babygarten

Stories, music, and art for babies (birth-23 months).

Cuentacuentos: Spanish Language Storytime

A Spanish-language storytime for children ages 0-6.

Saturday Storytime

Stories and songs for families with young children.

Arts & Crafts

Adult Craft Night: Paper Flowers

Create paper flowers from recycled book pages.

Teen Crochet Club: Mini Amigurumi

Make Valentine-themed crochet items (ages 12-18).

Take & Make Craft Kit

Pick up easy craft kits in the Children's Room (first-come, first-served).

Valentines for Seniors

Create Valentine's Day cards for seniors (all ages).

Family Craft Night

Make a Valentine ornament (ages 5+).

Crafternoon

Create Pokémon suncatchers (ages 4+).

Teen Art with K.L. Ricks

Join an informal art program with a local artist (ages 12-18).

STEAM Activities

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Weekly activities focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (ages 6-12).

Owl Pellet Dissection

Explore owl pellets and learn biology basics (ages 6-12).

Teen Owl Pellet Dissection

Owl pellet dissection for teens (ages 12-18).

Teen: 3D Color & Build Puzzle

Color and build 3D puzzles (ages 12-18).

Clubs & Gaming

Pokémon Club

Trade cards, battle, & chat w/ Pokémon fans (ages 7-12).

Lego Club

Build creations with library-provided Lego bricks (ages 5-12).

Unlock-the-Box: Pokémon

Solve puzzles in this escape-room-style challenge.

Community & Educational Programs

Messy Monday

Sensory art exploration for ages 2 and up.

Career Resources + Assistance

Drop-in help with resumes, applications, and career resources.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Attend the monthly meeting to support the library.

Film Showing: A Call to Spy

Watch a film at the Fitchburg Art Museum as part of the Community Read.

Book Club Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Monthly discussion of a selected book (two sessions).

Playgroups

Parachute Play

Play with toys, sing rhymes, and explore with a parachute (ages 1-6).

MOC CFCE Playgroup

Families with young children (ages 0-6) are invited for group play and activities.



Scan the QR code to visit the library's event calendar for dates and times.

[FITCHBURGMA.GOV/LIBRARY](https://fitchburgma.gov/library)



978-829-1780

fplref@cwmar.org

Fitchburg Public Library



166 Boulder Dr. Fitchburg, MA 01420



CITY OF FITCHBURG BOARD OF HEALTH

The MGH Bloodmobile will be returning to Fitchburg in front of the Legislative Building, 700 Main St. from 9:30am - 3:00pm on the following dates in 2025:

March 5

June 17

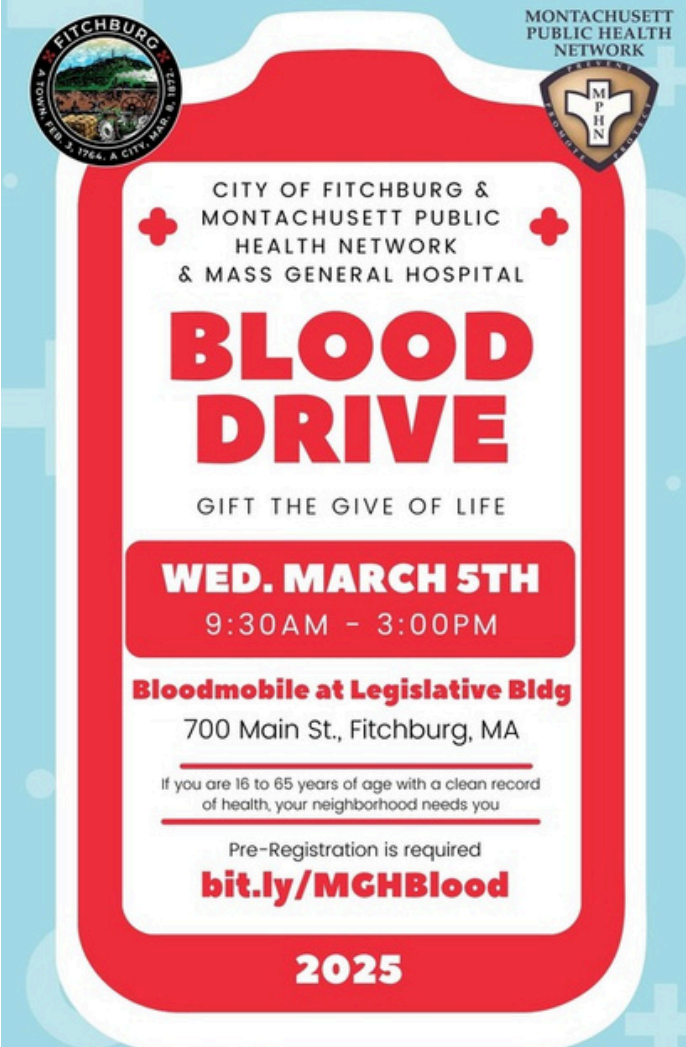
August 27

November 6



Pre-registration is required at

bit.ly/MGHBlood



CITY OF FITCHBURG & MONTACHUSETT PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK & MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL

BLOOD DRIVE

GIFT THE GIVE OF LIFE

WED. MARCH 5TH
9:30AM - 3:00PM

Bloodmobile at Legislative Bldg
700 Main St., Fitchburg, MA

If you are 16 to 65 years of age with a clean record of health, your neighborhood needs you

Pre-Registration is required
bit.ly/MGHBlood

2025



2025 GREAT FITCHBURG CITY CLEANUPS

JOIN US TO CLEAN OUR STREETS AND PARKS OF LITTER AND DEBRIS. PLEASE BRING FRIENDS WITH WORK GLOVES AND A HELPING HAND. WE PROVIDE BAGS, PLASTIC GLOVES AND DISPOSAL.

CITY CLEANUPS AND EVENTS ARE 8AM - 12PM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- APRIL 19: VOLUNTEERS MEET @ LOT HIGH/PLEASANT STREETS.
- SUN. APRIL 20 AT 9AM: RIVERFRONT PARK CLEANUP & INVASIVE PULL
- APRIL 26: VOLUNTEERS MEET @ DANIELS ST. PARK
- MAY 3: VOLUNTEERS MEET @ 44 WANOOSNOC RD.
- MAY 10: VOLUNTEERS MEET @ BAC/STANLEY PARK 1 SIMONDS RD

COFFEE, DONUTS, A LIGHT LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY SALVATION ARMY FITCHBURG

LED AND CRT-TV'S AND MONITORS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A \$10 FEE

****Mattresses & Boxsprings will be accepted with a \$20 fee each****

Questions: contact the Health Dept. (978) 829-1870

Together we can make Fitchburg a cleaner place!

Sponsored by the City of Fitchburg Health Department and Department of Public Works

Save the DATE for the 2025 Great Fitchburg City Cleanups!

Join us to clean our streets and parks of litter and debris. Please bring friends with work gloves and a helping hand. We provide bags, Plastic gloves & disposal. City Cleanups and Events are 8AM - 12PM





FITCHBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fitchburg High's Honors Academy Application Class of 2029.

This application form is for students
applying for the Honors Academy
at Fitchburg High School.

The application closes
on February 28.

bit.ly/fhshonors29



8TH GRADE D.C. TRIP

Our 8th-grade students at Memorial Middle School and Longsjo Middle School are gearing up for their upcoming Washington, D.C. trip, and they need your support!

To make contributing easy and convenient, they've set up a donation QR code through Go Fan. Simply scan, donate, and be part of this incredible journey!



bit.ly/FHSDC2025

FITCHBURG BUSINESS FOCUS



For New Years Ever we got this awesome platter by *El Bohio Restaurant*... wow was it awesome. The fried cheese (queso frito) was the crowd favorite. This is the El Bohio Picadera Large Platter with Chicharron de pollo & de cerdo/ Dominican Fired Chicken & Fried Pork Chops, carnitas, fried pork belly, longaniza chuleta, salami, queso frito/fried cheese & tostones/fried plantains. Great idea for parties!

El Bohio Restaurant | 362 Main St, Fitchburg, MA 01420 | (978) 342-7510



I tried 60 minutes of HOT Bikram yoga— here's what I look like right after!

What I love about the Bikram style is how slow and deliberate it is. Compared to some faster-paced Vinyasa classes, this style gave me time to focus on getting into the right form and really feel the benefits of each posture. Plus, the teachers at Inferno are amazing—they're supportive, knowledgeable, and make you feel right at home. The studio is conveniently located right near the new Dunkin' and Preppy Pet on John Fitch Hwy, and they've got an awesome app that makes scheduling classes super easy.

If you're looking for a way to improve your health and challenge yourself, I highly recommend trying Inferno Hot Yoga & Pilates!

Bikram Yoga: A series of 26 postures and 2 breathing exercises in a 105° room with 40% humidity.

A full-body workout that's great for beginners and advanced yogis alike.

Inferno Hot Pilates: Full-body, high-intensity interval training class on a yoga mat in a room heated to 95° with 40% humidity. And More like Barre or different time length Bikrim or a Power Yoga... etc.

Give it a try—step out of your comfort zone and see what hot yoga can do for you!

Inferno Yoga | 139 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg, MA | theinfernohyp.com

EVENTS



Love Thy Self

ELLA

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE YOU?

Event Highlights:

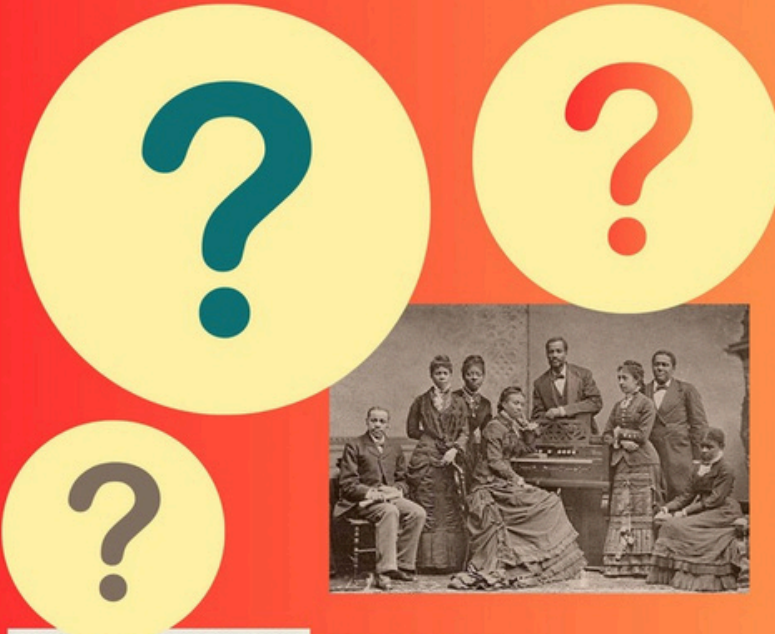

- Inspiring keynote address on living authentically
- Engaging panels on balancing responsibilities, boundaries, embracing authenticity, and self-care
- Networking lunch to connect with fellow Latina leaders and raffles & door prizes

COST: FREE; DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

FEB 22 2025 AT 11 AM

Fitchburg Art Museum
185 Elm St
Fitchburg MA 01420
508-769-3532 | www.ella-ella.org

REGISTER NOW






FITCHBURG BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

FREE FUN EVENT

LOCAL STORIES AND LOCAL CONTESTANTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 7 PM
FITCHBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY
781 MAIN STREET 978-345-1157
SNOW DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEB 12 AT 7 PM



COMMUNITY — READ —

FILM SHOWING

Tuesday, February 18 at 2:30pm

FITCHBURG ART MUSEUM
185 Elm Street, Fitchburg

FREE

ADMISSION

Film runtime: 123 minutes Rated PG-13
Feature film based on the life of Virginia Hall & other women working for the British Intelligence Service



HAPPY Presidents Day

President's Holiday Observance 2025

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2025**

NO COLLECTION DELAY





FITCHBURG CREATIVE
CITY PARTNERSHIP

2025

NORTH CENTRAL
**CREATIVE
NETWORK
SUMMIT**

DOWNTOWN FITCHBURG
FRI, FEB 21 - SAT, FEB 22, 2025

JOIN LEADING VOICES AT THE SUMMIT,
WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS OPPORTUNITY.



BUILDING
NORTH
CENTRAL
CREATIVE
ECONOMY









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FITCHBURG STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE

◆ *Sign-Ups* ◆

**REGISTRATION
CURRENTLY
OPEN!**

Registration Closes
March 23rd

COOLIDGE PARK
JOHN FITCH HIGHWAY
FITCHBURG, MA

www.fitchburgstreethockey.com



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THE ACTIVITY ANNOUNCED HERE IS NOT SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT. IT IS OFFERED BY A NON-PROFIT.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Blue/Green Fitchburg: Downtown Climate Adaptation Plan

The City of Fitchburg is pleased to announce a project aimed at enhancing climate resilience within the downtown Urban Renewal Area. Funded by the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, BlueGreen Fitchburg represents a significant investment in the City's ability to respond to flooding and extreme heat. The MVP and BRIC programs provide critical funding to communities preparing for the impacts of climate change such as increased precipitation, flooding, and extreme heat.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Community members are the subject matter experts when it comes to the lived experience as a resident or business owner in Fitchburg. We would love to hear from you. The information we are requesting in this survey is intended to inform the creation and evaluation of climate adaptation solutions for Fitchburg now and in the future. The survey is provided in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. Please take our survey by scanning the QR code or clicking the link: <https://arcg.is/14zGjT1>

BLUE GREEN FITCHBURG DOWNTOWN CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN



COMMUNITY MEETING AT CITY HALL 718 MAIN STREET Fitchburg, MA 01420 3rd Floor, North Conference Room

Tell us how you and your neighbors
have been impacted by extreme heat &
flooding.

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**



FEMA

Learn more/Aprenda más
Sáiba mais/ Aprenn plis:
FITCHBURGMA.GOV

Contact Us/ Contactenos
Contate-nos/ Kontakte nou:
bluegreendowntown@fitchburgma.gov

BLUE GREEN FITCHBURG DOWNTOWN CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN



Flooding and excessive heat affect more Fitchburg residents every year. Make your voice heard and help shape the future of Fitchburg for the better. Be a part of the Downtown Wide Climate Adaptation Action Plan by participating in the online survey. Scan the QR code to let us know how flooding and excessive heat have impacted you and your family.

Las inundaciones y el calor excesivo afectan más residentes de Fitchburg cada año. Haga que su voz se escuche y ayude a transformar y mejorar el futuro de Fitchburg. Sea parte del Plan de Acción para Adaptación Climática de la ciudad de Fitchburg participando en la encuesta en línea. Escanee el código QR y comparta con nosotros como las inundaciones y el calor excesivo le han impactado a usted y a su familia.

As inundações e o calor excessivo afetam cada vez mais os residentes de Fitchburg todos os anos. Faça sua voz ser ouvida e ajude a moldar o futuro de Fitchburg para o melhor. Faça parte do Plano de Ação de Adaptação Climática do Centro da Cidade participando da pesquisa online. Digitalize o código QR para nos informar como as inundações e o calor excessivo afetaram você e sua família.

Inondation ak anpil chalè fè eò sou anpil moun ki rete Fitchburg chak ane. Nou vle tande vwa'w epi ede fòme avni Fitchburg. Fè pati de Plan Aksyon Adatapsyon Klima a nan Downtown nan pa patisipe nan sondaj sou entènèt. Skane QR kòd lan pou fè nou konnen koman inondasyon ak anpil chalè afekte oumenm ak fanmiv.



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FEMA



FEBRUARY AFTER SCHOOL STEAM ACTIVITIES

PRESENTED BY Fitchburg Parks & Recreation and The Fitchburg Public Library through funding from the United Way of North Central Massachusetts and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



MON 03

LEGO FLOWERS

Monday, February 3 @ 6:30 PM
Ages 6-12. Registration required.



YOU & ME

VALENTINES CRAFT

Thursday, February 13 @ 6:30 pm
Ages 6-12. Registration required.

THUR 13

THUR 20

BUBBLE BLOWING SHAPES

Thursday, February 20 @ 6:30 PM
Ages 6-12. Registration required.



MOSAIC TILE ART

Monday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm
Ages 6-12. Registration required.

MON 24

CONTACT THE LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S DESK AT 978-829-1789
OR EMAIL FPLYL@CWMARS.ORG TO REGISTER.



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fplyl@cwmars.org

Fitchburg Public Library



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FITCHBURG PARKS & RECREATION WALKING PASS

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
GET YOUR ANNUAL WALKING PASS!**

We are pleased to offer this program in our ongoing partnership with Fitchburg State University to all Fitchburg residents. Passholders can enjoy a warm and safe indoor track at Fitchburg State University's Recreation Center located at 130 North St., to stay active as the weather changes making it difficult to stay active during the winter months.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

To register and obtain the walking pass please visit the Parks and Recreation Office at City Hall, 718 Main St. Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9am-4pm.
(office is located on the 1st floor suite 108A)

Please note the following:

- Program runs October 1st, 2024-April 1st 2025
- Fitchburg State University Recreation Center Hours may vary with school activities, events, and breaks
- Passholders have access to the **indoor track ONLY!**
- Children under the age of 18 are permitted when accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Pass must be shown at the Fitchburg State University Recreation Center front desk upon entry
- A waiver must be signed in order to use the indoor track
- Guest(s) must adhere to all University rules and guidelines while on University Property

DPW: PARKS AND RECREATION



Happy National
Trivia Day!

TWIN CITY TRIVIA NIGHTS

PRIZES | FUN GAME | DRINK

TWIN CITY TRIVIA NIGHTS

Mondays

7pm DJ Trivia - The Gazbar, 1045 Central St., Leominster, MA

Tuesdays

7pm DJ Trivia - Mai Tai's, 638 N. Main St., Leominster, MA

Wednesdays

7pm DJ Trivia - Partner's Pub, 970 South St., Fitchburg, MA

- Tavern 13, 13 Central St., Leominster, MA

7pm Singo Bingo - Singapore, 170 Whalon St., Fitchburg, MA

Thursdays

7pm DJ Trivia - Mill City Pub, 488 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg, MA

- Columbia Tavern, 16 Central St., Leominster, MA

- Chopsticks, 21 Commercial Rd., Leominster, MA

7pm Team Trivia - Thirsty Robot, 265 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA

7pm 99 Trivia - 99 Restaurants, 275 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA

JANUARY 2025

Add some Twin City Trivia Nights into your calendars!

Build a team with your smartest friends, have some food, drinks and win some prizes!

City of Fitchburg & City of Leominster, MA

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