



Fitchburg FORWARD *Mayor Sam Squailia*

MARCH 2025



BUSINESS & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS HAPPENING IN FITCHBURG!



Mera's Cakes - from Residential Kitchen, to the Fitchburg Public Market-- now moving to their own space at 150 Main St.!

The Boot Barn celebrates their grand opening & Ribbon cutting at 146 Whalon St. featuring western & work apparel

Power Surge Barcade at 347 Main St. & 13 Units of new housing anticipated opening this spring, with 70+ more Main St. housing units under development.

Fitchburg Arts Community moving in operations have commenced! Open house anticipated this April.



Fitchburg Mass March 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)

Fitchburg Public Schools Art Department Showcase March 6 – 30, 2025

Celebrate the incredible creativity of Fitchburg's young artists! This exhibit offers a sample of the work created by many students in the district. Students use various materials to produce artwork, from crayons and paint to clay and paper. With these materials, they use their imagination to create artwork based on themes such as literature, mathematics, science, and social studies.

**Opening Reception: Thurs, March 6
5 – 6:30 PM**

Thurston Consort Duet Ensemble, Gallery

Marquee, 699 Main Street, Fitchburg. Free performance with "Water: Currents of Change"
Saturday, March 8, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Widowed Helping Widowed Support Group in Room 205 at the Fitchburg State University Recreation Center, 130 North Street. Kelley Lynn and Bernie Schultz will co-facilitate the meeting.
Thursday, March 13, 4 until 5:30 p.m.

ST. URHO'S DINNER DANCE!

Celebrate the fictional saint who drove the grasshoppers out of Finland to save the grape crop! \$25/person. BYOB Roasted Italian chicken, rice, maple-glazed carrots. Vegetarian option. Music & Revontulet Folk Dances. Wear green and purple, and bring a St. Urho themed decorated hat to enter a contest. Prizes! Please make reservations by Sunday, March 9: finnishcenter@yahoo.com or 978-407-9690.

Finnish Center at Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd, Saturday, March 15, 4-8pm

Gathering of Hearts, an event hosted by the Guaribono Nakan

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March 15th 2-5pm, 14 Wallace Ave

Annual Ramadhan Dinner Opening of the Fast

– Free Presentation and Dinner sponsored by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Fitchburg

Friday March 21st 6-8pm, Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd., Fitchburg

Pannukakku Breakfast: Finnish oven pancake, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, Finnish coffee bread, coffee/tea/cocoa. \$13 or 2 for \$25. Vendors of arts and crafts and bee products.

**Finnish Center at Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd
Saturday, March 22, 8-10am**

Artist Talk: Steven DiRado: Better Together:

Four Decades of Photographs
Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg
Saturday March 22, 2-3:30pm

Broadway Ball: Creative Hall of Fame

Fitchburg Cultural Alliance, 569 Main St.
Saturday March 22, 6-9pm

Fitchburg State University Music Mega-Mix, featuring Community Orchestra, Modern Jazz Band, Concert Band, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir, Weston Auditorium, Pearl St, Fitchburg
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:30pm

A Celebration of African Art Opening

Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St. FESTIVAL: A Celebration of African Art at the Fitchburg Art Museum is the first in a series of exhibitions honoring FAM's centennial. **Saturday March 29th, 2025**

Fitchburg Mass March Events
2025



Storytimes

All storytimes include songs, finger plays, movement, and stories

Read with TheraPAWS

Read to a therapy pet to improve confidence and reading comprehension. (all ages) Meet a dog on March 1, 10:30 AM

Storytime with Miss Jane

Join for songs, finger plays, movement, and stories (all ages).
Tues. 10:30-11AM

Storytime with Miss Molly

Songs, finger plays, movement, and stories (all ages).
Wed. 10:30 - 11AM

Tot Time

A special storytime for toddlers (24-36 months). Thursdays
9:30 - 10:15 AM

Babygarten

Stories, music, and art for babies (birth-23 months).
Thursdays 10:30-11:15 AM

Cuentacuentos: Spanish Language

Storytime

A Spanish-language storytime for children ages 0-6. March 8,
1-1:145 PM, & March 18, 6-6:45 PM

Saturday Storytime

Stories & songs for families with young children.(all ages),
Mar. 15, 10:30-11AM

Arts & Crafts

Adults: Make a Mini Book, March 5, 6:00 PM

Knitting Club, Thursdays, 12 - 3 PM

Teen Crochet, March 11 & 25, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Teen Origami, March 18 & 20, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Family Craft Night, March 11 & 25; 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Children's Crafternoon, March 14, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

STEAM Activities: Weekly activities focused on
science, technology, engineering, art, and math (ages
6-12) March 3, 13, 20, 24 at 6:30 PM

 **STEAM Saturday,** March 22, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Community & Educational Programs

Career Resources + Assistance

Drop-in help with resumes, applications, and career
resources. March 10, 2 - 4 PM

Friends of the Library Meeting


Attend the monthly meeting to support the library.
March 3, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

African Art Series (Zoom)

March 9, 2:30 - 4 PM

How to Become a Published Author: 10 Tips for Successfully Navigating the Publishing Process,

March 27, 6:30-7:30 PM

 **Book Club** The Secret Book of Flora
Lea by Patti Callahan Henry, March 12 at
1:00PM and 6:30PM

Monthly discussion of a selected book
(two sessions).

Playgroups

Parachute Play

Play with toys, sing rhymes, and explore with a
parachute (ages 1-6). March 31, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

MOC CFCE Playgroup

Families with young children (ages 0-6) are invited for
group play and activities. March 27, 10:00 - 11:15 AM

Clubs & Gaming

LEGO club, March 13 & 27; 4-6 PM

Pokémon club, March 3, 17, 31; 4-6 PM

Teen Anime Club, March 8, 12-12:30 PM



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

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





CITY OF FITCHBURG BOARD OF HEALTH



To address the recent issues regarding property owners who do not reside in Fitchburg, not being able to access a permit to the Landfill, we have created a new permit and have amended the webpage to make things easier.

Here is the link to the Landfill page: [Fitchburgma.gov/546/Landfill](https://fitchburgma.gov/546/Landfill)

Here is a link to the Health Home Page under Hot Topics to also access the new permit: [Fitchburgma.gov/211/Health-Department](https://fitchburgma.gov/211/Health-Department)



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 (mostly full!)

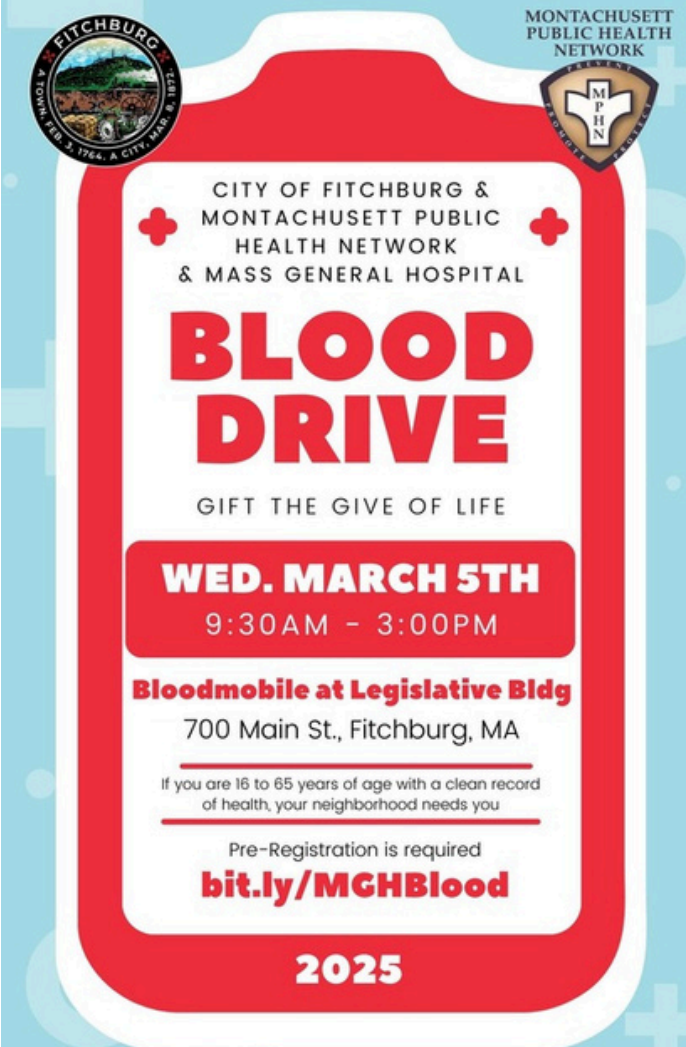
June 17

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
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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

PRE-K ENROLLMENT STARTS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1

The Fitchburg Public Schools invites you to enroll your child in Preschool for the upcoming school year! Your enrollment must be complete by March 31 in order to be selected for an open seat or waitlisted. After completing the online enrollment forms, it is the parent's or guardian's responsibility to check with the Enrollment Department to ensure the enrollment is complete. Please visit the Enrollment Department website for more information!

sites.google.com/fitchburg.k12.ma.us/fpsenrollment

The Enrollment Department can be contacted with any questions at FPSEnrollment@fitchburg.k12.ma.us or 978-345-3200 x5.

2025-2026

PRE-K
ENROLLMENT

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Please visit the Enrollment Department's website for more information.

Please complete your student's **entire enrollment** by **March 31st** to be considered for an open slot.
Contact Us!
(978)345-3200 x5
fpsenrollment@fitchburg.k12.ma.us

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GIRLS 55M DASH

FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

NEW
SCHOOL RECORD

#ALLHAILTOTHEREDANDGRAY

Red & Gray Senior La'Anna Draper set a NEW school Indoor Track record of 7.369 in the Girls 55m Dash. The previous record of 7.44 was set in 2002 by Martha Oliver & tied by Draper a week prior in 2025.



Micron Solutions

Our Community Development team and I toured Micron Solutions at 25 Sawyer Passway, Fitchburg and met with their leadership team to discuss their business operations and how our city's infrastructure plans align with their current operations and future growth. We got some great pics of their manufacturing floor & some of their products!

Micron Solutions is a leader in Plastic Injection Molding, Medical Machining, and Silver/Silver Chloride Sensors—right here in Fitchburg! They assemble intricate 17-piece components in cleanroom environments for healthcare industries, producing everything from mail-in blood collection kits to knee replacement joints. This work requires sophisticated machinery and skilled workers, and we're proud to have them in our city

We also discussed the Twin Cities Rail Trail expansion that will pass by their property, along with other major projects like the Water Street Bridge replacement, Main Street reconstruction, and the Moran Square revitalization—all part of incredible investments in our economic opportunity and livability through infrastructure improvements.

Another highlight mentioned were opportunities for skilled trades internships with our local technical high schools like our machine technology at Leominster CTEi or Advanced Manufacturing at Monty Tech

And great news—Micron Products Inc. has been awarded \$5,250 through the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to provide safety training for 78 workers through June 2025. Ensuring workplace safety and upskilling our workforce is a win... Fitchburg is constantly growing, and it's businesses like Micron that show how innovation and community go hand in hand.

Learn more about their work at micronsolutions.com.

FITCHBURG BUSINESS FOCUS



John Fitch Exhaust & Repair / Zero to 60ish

Visited Zero to 60ish and John Fitch Exhaust & Repair 🚗🔧 at 180 Main Street, Fitchburg right off Boulder Drive next to the MART Train Station. I met with owners Jonathan and Travis Beauvais, who are not only keeping Fitchburg rolling with auto repairs but also revving up our local car culture. 😊

John Fitch Exhaust & Repair offers everything from brakes, suspension, and exhaust work to tune-ups and general repairs. Whether your car needs some TLC or a full performance upgrade, they've got you covered. Plus they offer 0% interest free financing on all repairs for 6 months for qualified applicants.

Plus the Zero to 60ish crew is the heart behind the amazing lighted car displays we enjoy during the holiday season, including at our Tree Lighting event. 🎄✨ And very cool news—they're gearing up to film a reality series in the coming months! The show will spotlight their passion for cars, the ups and downs of running a business, and the strong sense of community they're building right here in Fitchburg. ❤️ They have got some cool merch too... hats... hoodies.. shirts... even swag for the kids!

Support local businesses that keep our engines running and drive our community together.

Check them out at www.zeroto60ish.com or call for Auto Repair: 978-696-5475



GATHERING OF HEARTS

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DATE: MARCH 15TH

TIME: 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

LOCATION: LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
(700 MAIN ST. FITCHBURG, MA 01420)



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March 15th 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Fitchburg Senior Center, 14 Wallace Ave

PICK UP FUTSAL
AT GAME ON FITCHBURG
EVERY TUESDAY
6:00PM-10:00PM
CO-ED 16+
5 V 5
ONLY \$10!

For more information contact:
978-956-4111
futbol.gameonfitchburg@gmail.com

PICK UP SOCCER AT GAME ON

No need for registration just show up,
pay and play!

Every Tuesday 6:00pm-10:00pm
\$10 Co-ed 16+

Email

futbol.gameonfitchburg@gmail.com
with any questions

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF FITCHBURG PRESENTS

ANNUAL IFTAR DINNER

voices for peace



FRIDAY MARCH 21st 6-8pm

SAIMA PARK
67 SCOTT RD.
FITCHBURG, MA. 01420

ENJOY A FREE PRESENTATION, DINNER &
EXPERIENCE THE OPENING OF THE FAST.

Annual Ramadhan Dinner Opening of the Fast -

Free Presentation and Dinner
sponsored by Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community Fitchburg
Friday March 21st 6-8pm, Saima
Park, 67 Scott Rd., Fitchburg

EVENTS



HOLLIS HILLS FARM
Farm, Restaurant & Bar
Fitchburg, MA



Maple Season!
March 1st-30th



Retail Store:
Sat & Sun 9am-3pm
Sugar House:
Sat & Sun 10am-2pm
(As long as the Sap is flowin'!)

Mass Maple Weekend!
March 8th
&
March 9th



It's Officially
Maple Season!



Sugar on Snow!

Sugar House Demonstrations!

Maple Donuts!

Breakfast Sandwiches & Soup!

Retail Store open
Saturday & Sunday 9am-3pm
Sugar House open
Saturday & Sunday 10am-2pm



Hollis Hills Farm

340 Marshall Rd, Fitchburg, MA,
978-696-3130

Maple Season is officially here!
Come out to join in on the fun!

Our Retail Store will be open
Saturday & Sunday 9am-3pm and the
Sugar House will be open 10am-2pm!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The City of Fitchburg requests proposals from qualified artists to develop a public art piece to be installed at a location identified in coordination with the City. The art installation is funded through the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program and is intended to bring awareness to the local impacts of climate change. Please visit the website below for complete details on the Call for artists and application form.

[Fitchburgma.gov/1108/Call-for-Artists-BlueGreen-Fitchburg](https://fitchburgma.gov/1108/Call-for-Artists-BlueGreen-Fitchburg)

The Blue/ Green Fitchburg initiative is a proactive project aimed at enhancing the City of Fitchburg's resilience to climate change, particularly flooding and extreme heat.

Funded by the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program and FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, this initiative focuses on improving the downtown Urban Renewal Area with climate adaptation measures. Through community engagement and innovative solutions, Fitchburg seeks to create a model for other municipalities, addressing environmental vulnerabilities while promoting economic growth and sustainability.

As a part of this project, we seek an art installation that brings awareness to the public of the need for resilience to climate change.

Proposals must be received via Website Form submission no later than 3:00 PM on March 10, 2025. Please send all questions to CommDeve@fitchburgma.gov



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fitchburg Announces Major Infrastructure and Construction Upgrades

The City of Fitchburg is rolling out a series of major infrastructure improvements aimed at upgrading water, sewer, and roadway systems throughout the downtown area. These projects, led by city engineers and multiple agencies, will enhance public utilities, modernize aging infrastructure, and improve overall quality of life for residents and businesses.

Key Projects in Progress

- Water System Upgrades: Improvements in Main Street, Moran Square, and Water Street to enhance water quality, increase fire flow, and replace aging infrastructure.
- Sewer & Drain Projects: Compliance with EPA, MassDEP, and DOJ regulations to separate combined sewer systems and reduce flooding risks.
- Gas Line Upgrades: Minor service connection upgrades led by Unitil in the downtown area.
- Bridge Replacements: MassDOT is overseeing the replacement of Water Street Bridge and River Street Bridge, along with new rail trail installations.
- Sidewalk & Pavement Repairs: Main Street sidewalk restoration and repaving efforts will enhance pedestrian safety and improve downtown accessibility.

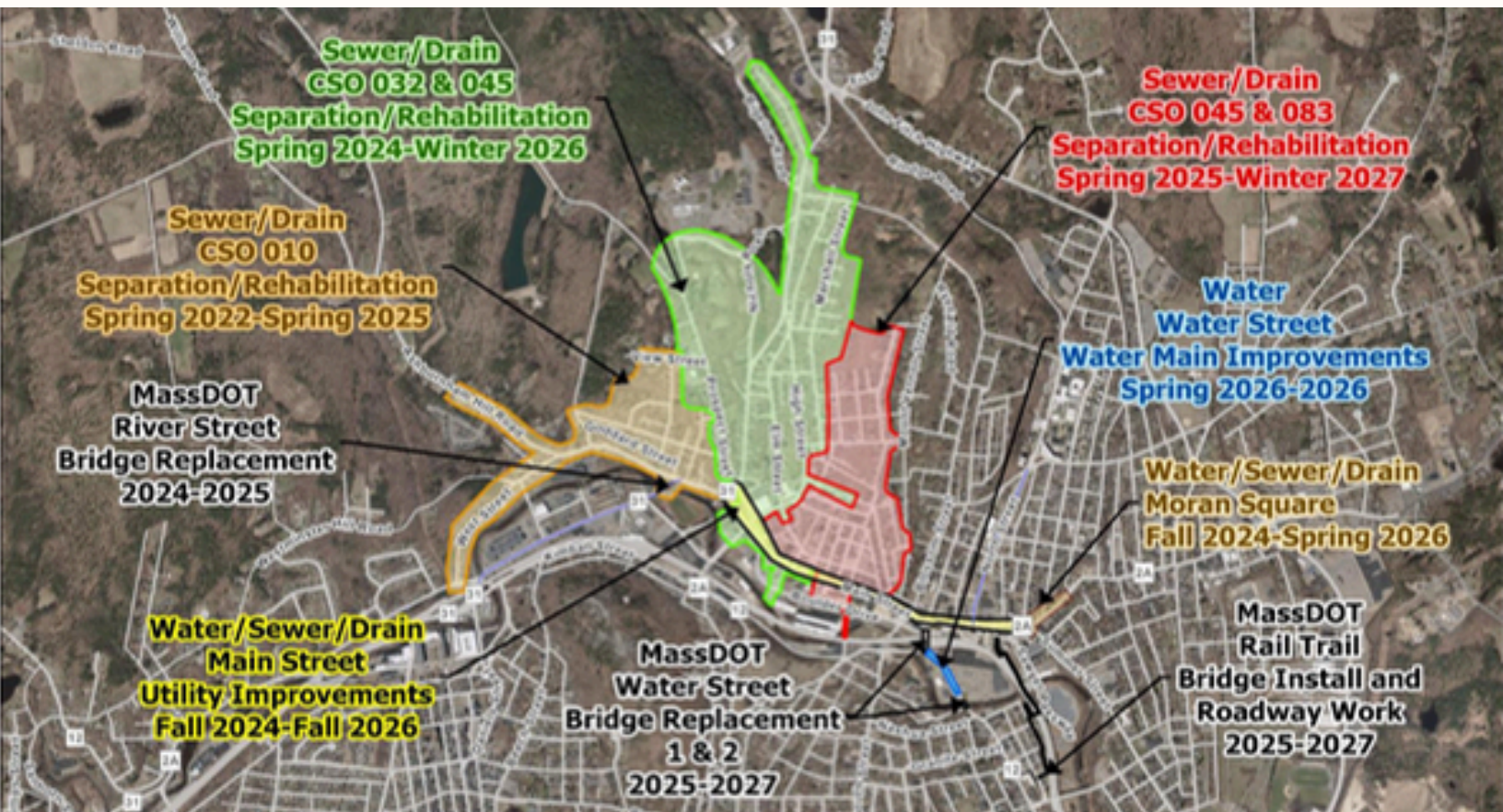
Project Goals & Benefits

- ✓ Strengthen water infrastructure and improve maintenance capabilities
- ✓ Reduce flooding risks and improve water quality
- ✓ Modernize sewer systems and meet environmental regulations
- ✓ Enhance roadways, sidewalks, and pedestrian access

Project Coordination & Updates

To keep residents informed, Fitchburg will provide weekly email updates detailing work locations, detours, and schedules. Additionally, residents and businesses can opt-in for project notifications through the city's website

For questions or concerns, contact the Engineering Project Team at FitchburgMAWMIP@wseinc.com or call 781-909-4028



JOBS IN FITCHBURG



Now Hiring! 🚀

Open Positions:

- ✓ **Airport Manager – Fitchburg Municipal Airport (FT Employee)**
- ✓ **Civil Engineer – Engineering Division, Public Works Dept. (FT Employee)**
- ✓ **Civilian Police Dispatcher – Police Department (FT Employee)**
- ✓ **Head Lifeguard – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**
- ✓ **Lifeguard I – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**
- ✓ **Part-time Principal Clerk & Stenographer – City Hall, Building Dept. (PT)**
- ✓ **Playground Coordinator – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**
- ✓ **Playground Leader – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**
- ✓ **Pool Front Desk & Concessions Staff – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**
- ✓ **Primary Water Treatment Plant Operator – Water Division (FT Employee)**
- ✓ **Senior Wastewater Treatment Operator – WWTF – Public Works (FT)**
- ✓ **Splash Park Attendant – Public Works Dept. (Seasonal FT)**



Apply now!

FitchburgMA.gov/Jobs



We Are Hiring!

Fitchburg Police Department
Communications
DISPATCHER



THE CITY OF FITCHBURG IS NOW
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR COMMUNICATION
DISPATCHER POSITIONS



COVER LETTER, RESUME &
APPLICATION MUST BE
SUBMITTED TO:

Brittney Fish
Interim Director of Human
Resources
bfish@fitchburgma.gov
By March 24, 2025

**FULL JOB DESCRIPTION
AVAILABLE AT**
www.FITCHBURGMA.GOV/JOBS

Starting Salary
\$44,224

Full Benefits/Pension
Ability to Work TRAFFIC DETAILS

REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or GED required
- Available to work rotating shifts – including holidays, forced overtime and weekends - (we're a 24/7 operation)
- Must pass an audio-based entrance exam with a minimum score of 70%
- CPR certification, First Aid, and bi-lingual ability preferred
- Past or present employment as a Police/Fire/EMS Dispatcher a plus



**WALLACE TOWERS
RENOVATION UNDERWAY NOW
IN OUR DOWNTOWN.**

**A \$30.1M TOTAL INVESTMENT IN
IMPROVING OUR SENIOR &
ACCESSIBLE HOUSING.**

**ESTIMATED SUBSTANTIAL
COMPLETION AT SUMMER 2026
WITH FULL COMPLETION FALL
2026.**



**VOLUNTEERING AT HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY NCM**

Thank you to Middlesex School students as well as Catherine, David, Matthew, Barbara, Carson, Don, Emery, Gerald, John, Melissa, Rebecca and Catherine who helped us to build and repair homes, stock the ReStore shelves, and run the office this month. Thank you all so much!

To help us on any of the sites or at the ReStore, [register](#) online or send an email to tara@ncmhabitat.org with any questions.
GO TO: NCMHABITAT.ORG/RESTORE-VOLUNTEER-2/



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