



Fitchburg FORWARD

Mayor Sam Squailia

JANUARY 2026



Shining Starz Dance Center Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

10 MAIN ST.,
FITCHBURG, MA



We cut the ribbon at 10A Main Street and welcomed this new nonprofit dance studio to Moran Square. Thank you to the owners, board of directors, dancers and families, the North Central Mass Chamber, neighbors, and everyone who packed the studio to celebrate this big moment.

Shining Starz is a family oriented, nonprofit recreational studio with a supportive competitive team for dancers who want more advanced training. They believe in the power of dance to inspire creativity, build confidence and bring people together, and every dollar goes right back into teachers, classes, recitals, studio upkeep and community programs so more dancers can grow and shine.

The City of Fitchburg DPW, Police and Mayor's Office mobilized to work with the studio to adjust parking and create new loading zones off Main Street on Sawyer Passway, making parent pickup and dropoff easier and safer, while also having the added ability to help Moran Square residents load and unload closer to home. Love that our depts were able to help so quickly and love this new business in our downtown ... so much more active and welcoming.

Shining Starz offers classes for ages 2-1/2 through adult, including acro, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre, ballet, hip hop, tap, pointe and fun adult classes. They are officially a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible and help keep dance accessible for families.

10A Main St, Fitchburg, MA 01420 978-696-8585
info@shiningstarzdancecenter.org shiningstarzdancecenter.org

If you have a dancer or you have always wanted to get into dance yourself, stop by the new gorgeous studio, check out the schedule and consider supporting this community driven nonprofit.

INAUGURATION EVENT



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CITY OF FITCHBURG

SWEARING-IN

Ceremony

MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

01/08/2026 AT 6:00PM

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
WESTON AUDITORIUM
363 NORTH ST,
FITCHBURG MA 01420

Fitchburg Mass January Events 2026

Featured highlights

- **Thu, Jan 1, 11 am-2 pm:** Mini Indoor Xpedition Event Series, RC Excitement, 208 Bemis Rd
- **Thu, Jan 1, 5 pm-2 am:** Neon New Years Party, Power Surge Barcade, 347 Main St
- **Fri, Jan 2, 12-4 pm:** Tara Sellios Exhibit, Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St
- **Sat, Jan 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm:** Library Chess Club, Fitchburg Public Library
- **Sat, Jan 3, 7:30-11 pm:** Diplomats of Funk, The Boulder Cafe
- **Sun, Jan 4, 5-8 pm:** Shakespeare Sundays, Main Street Studios, 569 Main St
- **Mon, Jan 5:** Schools Reopen
- **Jan 8th 6pm** Inauguration Ceremony at Fitchburg State Weston Auditorium
- **Mon, Jan 19, 10 am-3 pm:** MLK Celebration, Fitchburg Senior Center, 14 Wallace Ave
- **Fri, Jan 16, 8-10 pm:** Boulder Comedy, The Boulder Cafe
- **Tue, Jan 20, 7 pm:** Varsity Boys Basketball vs Leominster, Fitchburg High School
- **Sat, Jan 31, 8-11 am:** Fitchburg Hot Wheels Club Buy Trade Sell, British American Club

Community supports

- Food pantries (Sat mornings): Highland Baptist, Horizon Christian Fellowship, Christ Is The Center, St Joseph's
- Free community meals (weekly): Our Father's Table, Faith Christian Church
- NAMI Peer Support Group (Thurs, 7-8:30 pm): Messiah Lutheran, 750 Rindge Rd
- Chair Yoga FREE (Tues, 2-3 pm): First Parish Church, 923 Main St

Arts, music, and games

- **Live Jazz (Wed and Sat, 5-8 pm):** Dario's Ristorante
- **Jazz Brunch (Sun, 8 am-1 pm):** The Pauper's Pantry
- **Board Game Night (Tues, 7-10 pm):** Power Surge Bar Arcade, 347 Main St
- **Line Dancing (Mon, 7-10 pm):** Mill City Pub
- **Pinball League Night (Mon, 7-10 pm):** Mill City Pub
- **Trivia nights (various):** Mill City Pub, Partner's Pub, Thirsty Robot, 99 Restaurants

Public meetings

- **Mon, Jan 5, 6 pm:** License Commission Meeting, 700 Main St
- **Mon, Jan 5, 6 pm:** School Committee, Legislative Building, 700 Main St
- **Tue, Jan 6, 5:30 pm:** Parks Commission, City Hall, 718 Main St
- **Wed, Jan 7, 6 pm:** Conservation Commission, 700 Main St
- **Tue, Jan 13, 6 pm:** Zoning Board of Appeals, 700 Main St
- **Wed, Jan 14, 6 pm:** Finance Committee, 700 Main St
- **Wed, Jan 21, 5 pm:** Water and Wastewater Commission, 700 Main St
- **Tue, Jan 27, 6 pm:** Planning Board, 700 Main St



CHILDREN

Reading Challenge

Winter Reading continues through January 31, win prizes!

Story Times

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

Storytime at FPL (all ages) January 17, 20, 21, 27, 28, 10:30 - 11 AM

Play Groups

Toddler Playgroup, January 22, 10 - 11 AM

Parachute Play (ages 1-6) January 26, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

MOC CFCE Playgroup, Jan. 29, 10 - 11 AM

Arts & Crafts

Take & Make Craft Kits (available while supplies last) January 2, 16, 30

Crafternoon (4 and up) January 9, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Messy Monday (2 and up) January 12, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Family Craft Night (5 and up) January 13 and 27, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

S.T.E.A.M. Activity (ages 6-12) January 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Clubs & Gaming

LEGO Club, January 2, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Pokémon Club, January 5, 4 - 6 PM

JANUARY

TEENS

Reading Challenge

Winter Reading continues through January 31, win prizes!

Arts & Crafts

Take-home Craft: Crochet Star, January 9

Bring your own Sketchbook! January 10, 10 AM - 3 PM

Origami Bookmark, Jan. 13, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Silent Reading Party, Jan. 24, 12PM - 2:30 PM

ADULTS

Arts & Crafts

Craft Supply Swap, Jan. 7, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Knitting Club, Thursdays, 12 - 3 PM

Books

Book Club, Choose Your Own Book!, January 14, 1 - 2 PM

Writing

Writing My Memoirs The Easy Way, Mondays, 2 - 3 PM

Community & Educational Programs

Career Resources & Assistance, January 12, 2 - 4 PM



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

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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

RETURN YOUR CENSUS

"The City Clerk would like to remind all residents to please complete and return the 2026 Annual City Census, which will be mailed to all Fitchburg households.

The annual census is required under Massachusetts General Law and plays an important role in maintaining accurate voter registration, jury service eligibility, and municipal records. Just as importantly, census data is used to support state and federal funding that directly benefits the City of Fitchburg, including funding for schools, public safety, transportation, and other essential services. Completing the census is quick, but its impact on our community is significant."



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FITCHBURG POLICE DEPT

STUDENT OFFICERS SWORN IN



The City of Fitchburg is proud to share an update on our newest Fitchburg Police student officers. In July 2025, the City Council confirmed the appointments of Student Police Officers Nicholas Gray and Andres Porras. After a brief delay in their ability to start the academy, all of their pre employment steps are now complete, Assistant City Clerk McNiff has officially sworn them in at City Hall, and they are enrolled in the police academy and are in training now.



Once they graduate from the academy, Officers Gray and Porras will join Officer Diandra Boddie, who was appointed with them in July, in serving the Fitchburg community. We are grateful for their commitment to public service and look forward to welcoming them into their roles with the Fitchburg Police Department soon.

Please join us in wishing our student officers success and safety as they continue their academy journey, and in thanking all of our officers for the work they do every day for Fitchburg.



Fitchburg DPW getting salty this season... Brine Time for our Winter Road treatments

Fitchburg is about to get a lot more seasoned when it comes to winter road treatment. This year our Department of Public Works is rolling out a major expansion of liquid brine for snow and ice operations, keeping roads safer, using salt efficiently, and putting science behind every grain.

DPW Commissioner and Professional Engineer Nick Erickson designed a new reinforced concrete pad at our DPW yard to hold two new 10,000 gallon brine tanks. Our own DPW concrete construction specialists set the reinforcing bars and formed and poured the pad, then crews worked with Aldrich Towing to accept delivery and set the huge tanks in place. Staff are now plumbing new fill and pour valves so the system can come fully online in January 2026. Once everything is connected, those tanks will become the center of our new brine operation that feeds trucks across the Fitchburg road network.

How brine helps us stay ahead of the storm

Salt brine is salt dissolved in water, a liquid that can be sprayed directly on pavement or onto rock salt. MassDOT and towns like Westminster have long been using brine as a two part strategy:

- Anti icing: before a storm, crews spray liquid on roads and bridges. The brine keeps snow and ice from bonding tightly to the pavement and lowers the temperature at which water freezes. That makes it easier to plow down to bare pavement more quickly once the storm passes.
- De icing: during and after a storm, crews plow and apply more material. When brine is sprayed onto rock salt as it is spread, the salt starts working faster and sticks to the road instead of bouncing off tires into the gutters.

Salt brine can prevent frost for up to three days in some conditions, giving us a head start on warmer storms, and letting us use less rock salt overall. An efficient distribution of brine combined with salt lets us use less salt overall with increased effectiveness.

New equipment... and a pinch of innovation

Fitchburg is now gearing up to join that briny club... Several of our plow trucks are being outfitted with saddle tanks that carry roughly 150-200 gallons of liquid brine per truck. On those vehicles, brine will be sprayed directly onto the rock salt at the spinner. Wet salt sticks better to the pavement and hills, and begins melting almost immediately, so less of it ends up wasted on the shoulders... literally helping keep both the salt and the salt budget from going down the drain.

- We acquired a new-used Sterling six wheel dump truck that has been outfitted with a 1,000 gallon brine tank and sprayer setup. This truck will apply straight brine directly to the roadway for anti icing, and next procuring a second new-used straight brine truck. When everything is in service, Fitchburg will have 2 trucks for spraying straight brine on streets and hills and 4 additional plow trucks that pre wet rock salt with brine as they spread it.

That mix will let us shake things up depending on the storm – from light pre treatment before a small event to heavy pre wetting during a major snowfall. If all works well, we will look to add additional equipment in future years.



DPW Commissioner Nick Erickson showing me our new 10k brine tanks



Setting the tanks in place took a good crew and a helpful flatbed & crane

To fine tune our operations, Fitchburg will be testing two different liquid brine products:

- Promelt Mag Plus, a liquid magnesium chloride with a corrosion inhibitor
- GeoMelt S8, a beet juice based brine blend

Both are used by many New England agencies. Magnesium chloride helps at lower temperatures where regular salt alone is inefficient and Beet based products are valued for performance and reduced corrosion. Our goal is to see how each behaves in steep Fitchburg conditions... on our hills, in our valleys, and in everything from annoying marginal 30 degree storms to deep long cold snaps.

Whether one product is best for most conditions, or keeping both on hand lets us tailor the applications, like using one for pre treating and the other as a pre wet on very cold nights. We are going to be testing out our *weather spice rack* to find the right recipe for our streets, equipment and environment.

Our DPW snow and ice staff have attended Baystate Roads training on modern snow and ice operations for front line employees, including detailed sessions on salt and brine applications (they convinced our team that sand is on the out and *salt is so hot right now*). That training covers how different liquids behave at different temperatures, how to calibrate equipment so we do not apply more product than we need, and how to balance safety, cost and environmental impacts.

Our Streets Superintendent and Streets General Foreman have also been working closely with the Town of Westminster, which has several years of experience with brine, and with MassDOT District 3 staff who have been applying brine on state highways. These guys have been so generous with their time and lessons learned (we are very appreciative)... from ideal application rates to best practices for filling, flushing and maintaining equipment.



**Our new-used
Sterling Brine
spraying Truck with a
1,000gal. brine tank**

As the brine spraying starts salting up, residents may notice a few changes on the road. Before a storm, you might see light spray patterns on otherwise dry pavement, often in narrow lines across each lane, that is our crews applying straight brine as an anti icing treatment. Some plow trucks will also be outfitted with tanks mounted behind the cab or on the body and may be moving more slowly than regular traffic while they spray. When salt is being spread during a storm, it may look slightly damp as it comes out of the spreader, that is pre wet salt that has been treated with brine so it activates faster and stays on the pavement.

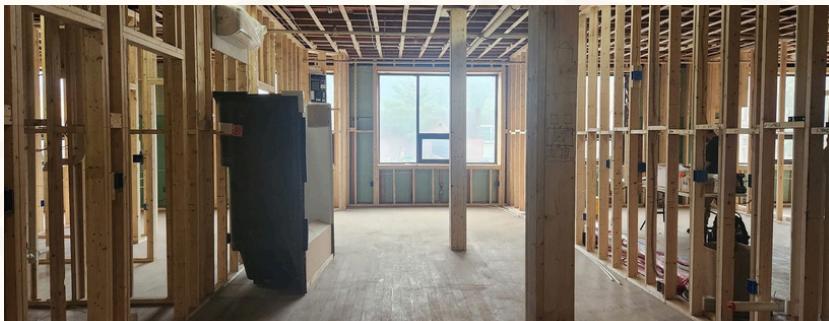
Whenever you come up behind a truck applying brine, please give it space, staying about 100 ft back gives crews room to work and helps keep your windshield from needing extra washer fluid.

Going heavy on brine makes our streets a little safer and a little smarter. Using liquids allows DPW to take a more proactive approach by treating roads before they get slippery, to help prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement so plowing is more effective, to reduce the total amount of rock salt needed over a season which helps protect vehicles, bridges, trees and streams, and to stretch our snow and ice budget further since brine is a relatively economical liquid treatment.

As the new tanks go online in January 2026 and the full fleet of brine capable trucks comes into service, Fitchburg DPW will be tracking performance in different storms and neighborhoods. We may adjust routes, application rates and products based on that data for best effectiveness. Residents will still see plows, rock salt and sand where appropriate. Brine is not a magic cure all, and it does not replace careful driving in winter conditions. It is another tool in our toolbox, helping us keep roads passable and neighborhoods connected in snow events.

When you see our crews out applying liquids before a storm, know that they are working to stay one step ahead of the ice... and that Fitchburg is embracing the brine solution so your drive can be a little less salty. -Sam Squailia

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



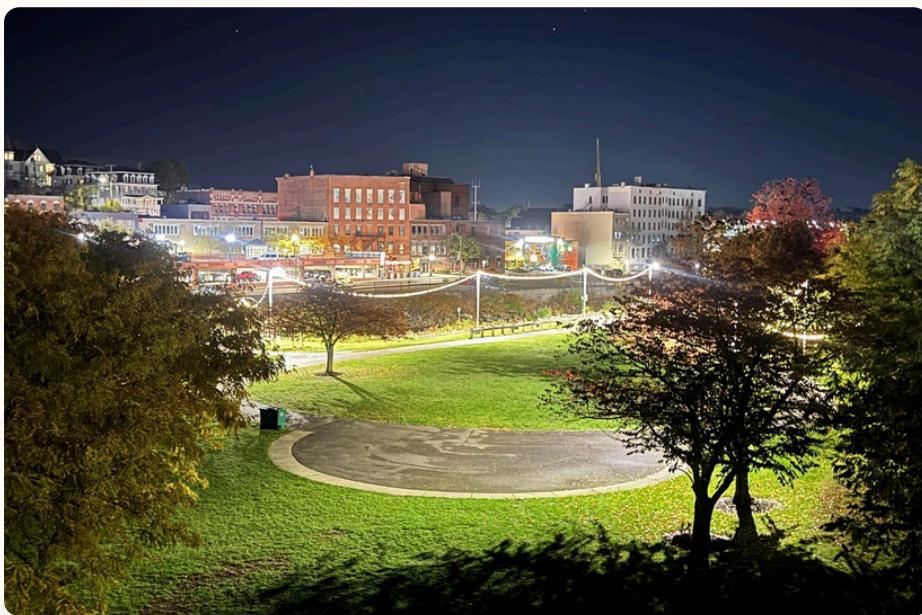
**633 Main St. mixed-use redevelopment
(upper story apts. framed)**

Fitchburg's Community Development Department is the behind the scenes motor that keeps much of our city running... combining and facilitating grants, planning, business development and neighborhood projects that help every corner of Fitchburg move forward 🏙

Right now, CommDev is at work on several big grant applications. They are applying to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to help build a permanent stage at Riverfront Park, combining this with funding we have received from Republic Services and state earmarks to create an improved space for community events along the riverfront and in our intown district. They are pursuing additional MassTrails funding for continued recreational trail improvements at Rollstone Hill Rock Walk and the Steamline Trail. They are also preparing an EPA Brownfields cleanup grant for 173 Bemis Road, with the goal of cleaning up the site, demolishing the existing building, and opening the area for future intersection improvements increasing traffic capacity in this area in anticipation of Amazon's planned full activation of their (135 Intervale Rd.) facility in 2026.

CommDev recently completed a TDI District Grant application for the Water Street Corridor. For the follow up meeting with the funding source (MassDevelopment), Community Development pulled together more than a dozen Fitchburg partners on one call, a huge showing that demonstrates Fitchburg has a strong, coordinated voice when it comes to economic development and investing in one of the key gateways to our intown district, Water Street. This new round of TDI districts will be announced sometime in February, so stay tuned & fingers crossed that Fitchburg is among the new districts chosen.

At the same time, CommDev is actively managing many current grants and planning efforts. That includes a Massachusetts Downtown Initiative (MDI) parking technical assistance grant, our new Housing Production Plan in collaboration with the City of Leominster, and design work for the Green Acres HousingWorks Infrastructure grant, including a \$330,000 HousingWorks award for design of the roadway at Green Acres. They are also advancing long-range planning efforts at three abutting West Fitchburg industrial parcels including the city-owned 'lagoons' site ("0" Princeton Rd.) as well as the former Greif-owned property and the current Weyerhaeuser-owned site to collectively support future industrial and commercial development with rail access and proximity to Route 2.



Riverfront Park illuminated at night



Trio of West Fitchburg industrial parcels to be studied

On the parks and trails side, they are overseeing a MassTrails grant of \$78,005 for the Rock Walk on Rollstone Hill, a DCR Recreational Trails grant for Coggshall Park improvements, and the Twin Cities Rail Trail Connector Shared Streets and Spaces project on Railroad Street to better link neighborhoods to the trail. Design of the Twin Cities Rail Trail Connector, which will connect phases one and two, is nearing completion, with CDBG and Shared Streets and Spaces funding secured for construction. Phase II of the Twin Cities Rail Trail construction project itself has been awarded, with construction set to begin next fiscal year.

Community Development also helped secure a Shared Streets and Spaces grant of \$199,646 for sidewalk improvements on Franklin Road, and completed design of proposed improvements to Moran Square under a \$450,000 MassWorks grant. A Complete Streets grant award of \$456,121 will support future work at the Electric Avenue rotary and safer crossings on Summer Street. Through CDBG funding, handrails were installed at the Crocker Field field house to make access safer, the stairs and structural steel at the Crocker Field press box were painted, and phase II of the bench replacement project at the grandstand was completed. Play equipment was installed at Parkhill Park and Mama Fitz Memorial Playground under an ARPA grant, adding more safe and fun spaces for kids to play 🌳

On the environmental and redevelopment side, CommDev is managing an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant that allowed environmental site assessments on eight key properties, including 40 Fairmount, 104 Daniels, 145 Mechanic, 172 Fairmount, 173 Bemis, 580 John Fitch Highway, 866 Main and 520 Main. Beyond initial assessments, 580 John Fitch Highway, 866 Main and 173 Bemis also had Phase II work completed, with ongoing redevelopment planning at John Fitch Highway. These steps move long underused properties closer to cleanup and reuse.

Community Development is partnering with our IT team on a \$25,000 grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for cybersecurity improvements, and on a Community Compact IT 40U grant award of \$62,100 to purchase equipment that supports municipal 40U work, helping modernize and protect the city's technology systems 

CommDev is also working with Procurement to put three demolition projects out to bid, clearing the way for safer streets and future reuse. Removing the structure at 580 John Fitch Highway will allow future roadway improvements. Demolishing the blighted building at 7 Third Street will create open space that could support Twin Cities Rail Trail parking or another community use.

Clearing 104 Daniels Street will help support future redevelopment of that site.

Staff from Community Development continue to support the Fitchburg Disability Commission and the Twin Cities Rail Trail Association, helping volunteers and advocates keep their work aligned with city plans and funding opportunities. All of this work assists nearly every department in some capacity... public works, planning, housing, police, fire, economic development, parks, IT and more. Our Community Development team is helping bring in outside dollars, unlock private investment, improve safety, expand housing, clean up and reuse difficult properties, and create new public spaces for our community to enjoy. They keep forward progress moving for residents and businesses every day 



Power Surge Bar Arcade with eager patrons on grand-opening night

FITCHBURG FIRE DEPT.

FIREFIGHTERS HONORED AT STATE CEREMONY



Governor Maura Healey presents the Medal of Valor to Firefighter Antonio Similia of the Fitchburg Fire Department during the 36th annual Firefighter of the Year awards ceremony at Mechanics Hall Nov. 25.

Rick Sinclair/Telegram & Gazette

I joined our FFD members & fire service leaders from across Massachusetts at Mechanics Hall in Worcester for the 36th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards... and Fitchburg Fire Department was well represented in the crowd and on the stage 🚒🏅
Fitchburg firefighters were honored with Citations for Meritorious Conduct for two major incidents this year...

Citation for Meritorious Conduct (May 26 fire, 53 Mechanic St.)

Deputy Chief Patrick J. Roy, Captain Andrew Doughty, Lt. Kyle Forrest, Lt. Robert Lafleur, Lt. Francisco Robles, Firefighter Jeffrey Boudreau, Firefighter Brendan Byrne, Firefighter Charles Colburn III, Firefighter Kenneth Hollums, Firefighter Jeremy Kimber, Firefighter Trevor Lawler, Firefighter Jacob Morin, Firefighter Benjamin Nealon, Firefighter Justin Pike, Firefighter Jose Silva, and Firefighter Antonio Similia 🌟

And **Firefighter Antonio Similia received the Medal of Valor** for extraordinary actions during that call... including rescuing two young children and two adults under rapidly worsening conditions 🏅❤️

Citation for Meritorious Conduct (Dec. 22 fire, 153 Ashburnham St.)

Lt. Paul Andrew Duquette, Lt. Barry Hyvarinen, Firefighter Michael Castelli, Firefighter Timothy Downey, Firefighter Skylar Kozlowski, Firefighter Nicholas Landry, and Firefighter Michael Pawlak 🌟

The ceremony included remarks from Governor Maura Healey and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine... recognizing the service of firefighters across the Commonwealth 🇺🇸
Our Fitchburg firefighters answer the calls, look out for each other and look out for our community 🚒🌟 We appreciate you.

\$1,053,000 TO HOUSING

113 UNITS OF DOWNTOWN HOUSING



Thank you to Senator John Cronin and Representative Michael Kushmerek for delivering awesome housing momentum for Fitchburg through state funding-- over a Million Dollars!

This support will help make two major redevelopment projects possible:

533 Main Street (the former YMCA building)

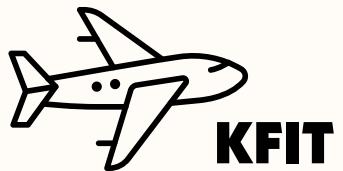
State earmarked funding is going to support a complete renovation of this historic downtown building into 17 new apartments, plus commercial space on the first floor. This project will continue to bring new life to Main Street... more residents downtown, more customers for local businesses, more activity day and night.

Iver Mills

We are also seeing major state support for the transformation of Iver Mills into approximately 96 units of housing, along with commercial space. Taking a long blighted property and turning it into homes is huge... we need to build more housing to support our residents being able to stay here in Fitchburg and having state support is crucial for Gateway cities like ours to close those funding gaps in long vacant buildings.

Housing is infrastructure. When we invest in homes, we invest in stability, workforce, and the future of our neighborhoods. Next we keep pushing to move these projects through the pipeline, support smart growth, and keep Fitchburg's revitalization rolling forward. Please stay engaged, share your ideas, and keep showing up to support the investment in the Fitchburg we're building together 

FITCHBURG AIRPORT



Chestnut-collared Longspur

Range Map

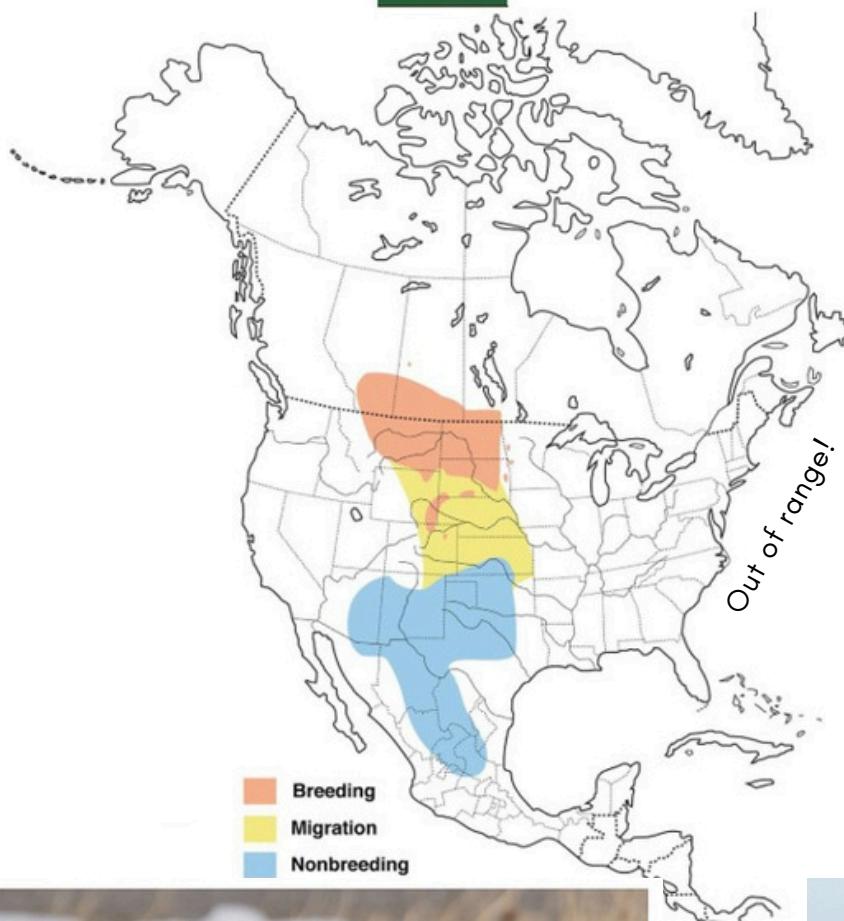


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Fitchburg Airport attracts flying fans of all kinds! Shoutout to the dedicated birders flocking to our airport in droves, all for a peek at the elusive Chestnut-collared Longspur.



FITCHBURG HIGH ATHLETICS



FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

2025-2026 VARSITY SEASON SCHEDULE



DEC.12 vs WORCESTER TECH
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.16 vs GROTON-DUNSTABLE
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.18 AT MONTY TECH
6:30 PM GYM AT MTHHS

DEC.20 vs LEOMINSTER
12:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.22 AT MAIN SOUTH
6:00 PM GYM AT MAIN SOUTH, WORCESTER

JAN.02 vs TANTASQUA
3:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.05 AT DOHERTY
6:00 PM GYM AT DMHS

JAN.06 vs OAKMONT
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.09 AT SHEPHERD HILL
6:00 PM GYM AT SHHS

JAN.13 vs WESTBOROUGH
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.16 vs MARLBOROUGH
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.20 AT GROTON-DUNSTABLE
6:00 PM GYM AT GDRHS

JAN.23 AT NORTH MIDDLESEX
6:00 PM GYM AT NMHS

JAN.26 vs WAYLAND
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.30 AT OAKMONT
6:00 PM GYM AT ORHS

FEB.03 vs SHEPHERD HILL
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

FEB.06 AT WESTBOROUGH
6:00 PM GYM AT WHS

FEB.09 vs GARDNER
6:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

FEB.10 AT MARLBOROUGH
6:00 PM GYM AT MHS

FEB.13 vs NORTH MIDDLESEX
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FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS BASKETBALL

2025-2026 VARSITY SEASON SCHEDULE



DEC.12 AT DRACUT
7:00 PM GYM AT DHS

DEC.16 vs SHREWSBURY
7:00 PM FIELDHOUSE AT SHS

DEC.19 vs FRAMINGHAM
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.22 AT SOUTH HIGH
6:30 PM GYM AT SOUTH HIGH

DEC.23 vs MARLBOROUGH
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.27 vs LOWELL
5:30 PM WESTFORD WINTER CLASSIC

DEC.29 TBD
TBA WESTFORD WINTER CLASSIC

DEC.30 vs BAY PATH
TBA WESTFORD WINTER CLASSIC

JAN.02 vs GRAFTON
1:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.06 AT GRAFTON
7:00 PM GYM AT GHS

JAN.09 vs ALGONQUIN
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.16 vs WACHUSSETT
7:00 PM FIELDHOUSE AT WWS

JAN.20 vs LEOMINSTER
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.23 vs SHREWSBURY
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.26 AT AMSA
4:45 PM FOREKICKS II MARLBOROUGH

JAN.28 AT LITTLETON
7:00 PM GYM AT LHS

JAN.30 vs GRAFTON
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

FEB.03 vs ALGONQUIN
7:00 PM GYM AT ARHS

FEB.06 vs WACHUSSETT
7:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

FEB.10 AT LEOMINSTER
7:00 PM WOOD GYM AT LHS

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FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL **INDOOR TRACK&FIELD**

2025-2026 VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS SEASON SCHEDULE

DEC.17 MID-WACH INVITATIONAL NIGHT 1
5:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

DEC.20 MSTCA SPEED CLASSIC
10:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

DEC.28 WARRIOR INVITATIONAL
9:00 AM THE TRACK AT NEW BALANCE

JAN.03 MSTCA FR / SO MEET
10:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

JAN.07 MID-WACH INVITATIONAL NIGHT 2
5:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.10-11 MSTCA NE CHALLENGE
10:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

JAN.14 MID-WACH INVITATIONAL NIGHT 3
5:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.17 MSTCA STATE RELAYS
9:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

JAN.21 MID-WACH INVITATIONAL NIGHT 4
5:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

JAN.28 MID-WACH INVITATIONAL NIGHT 5
5:00 PM GROTCHEFIELD FIELDHOUSE

FEB.01 MID-WACH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET
9:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

FEB.07 MSTCA LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY MEET
10:00 AM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

FEB.10 MSTCA RISING STARS MEET
4:00 PM REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

FEB.12 MIAA DIVISION 3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
4:30 PM THE TRACK AT NEW BALANCE

FEB.21 MIAA ALL CLASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
TBA THE TRACK AT NEW BALANCE

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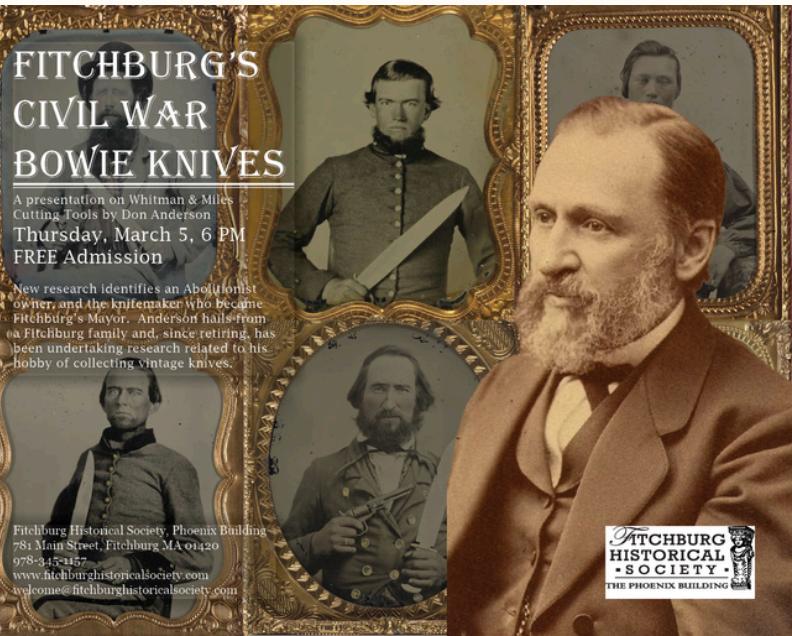
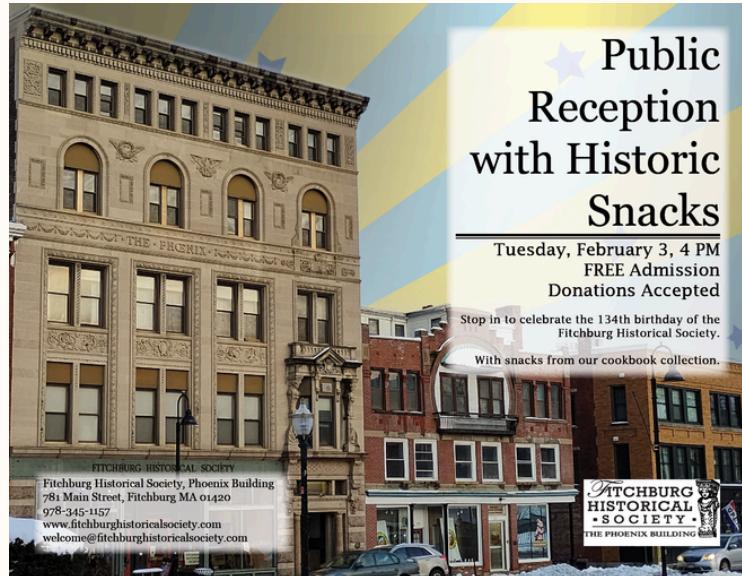
FITCHBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 4-6 pm

Public Reception with Historic Snacks

Celebrate the founding of the Fitchburg Historical Society in 1892, 134 years ago. Stop in to tour the Society, enjoy snacks made from historic cookbooks, and try a Carrie Nation approved temperance beverage. Free, donations appreciated.

**Save the Date:
Fitchburg Historical
Society Events 2026**



Saturday, April 11, 2026, 10 am-12 pm

Introductory Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

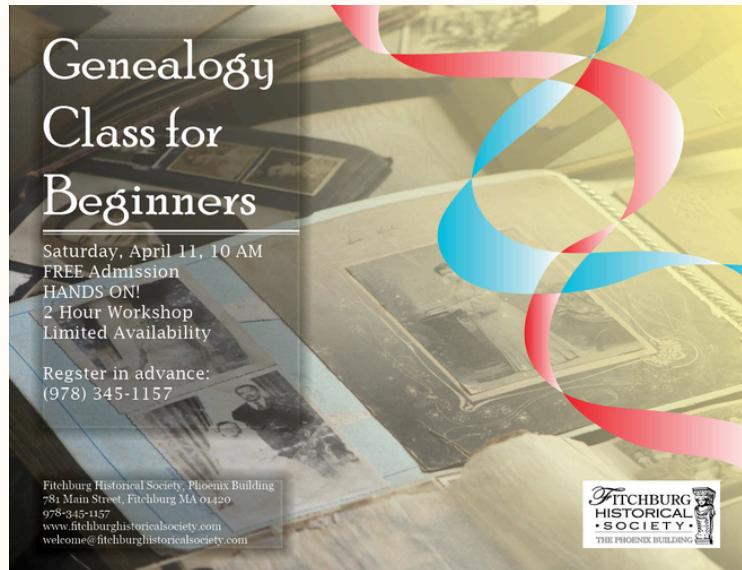
Presented by the Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society. This two hour, hands on workshop will help you start discovering your family's history in the USA or abroad.

Please bring a laptop or tablet, a smart phone can also work. Class is limited to 12 people, registration required. A follow up workshop will be offered in June 2026, date to be announced. Free.

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 6 pm

Don Anderson on Whitman and Miles Cutting Tools and His Bowie Knife

After discovering that a large knife he owns was made by a Fitchburg company, Don Anderson began extensive research on the firm Whitman and Miles. Hear what he found in this free public talk.



ROBON CUTTINGS - 347 & 348 LUNENBURG ST!

Out the 4 Walls Ministries

347 LUNENBURG ST., FITCHBURG, MA



Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Sunday Service: 12:30 PM

Out The 4 Walls Ministries

(978) 235-2217 Outthe4walls@gmail.com

Resurrect Faith, Hope & Love Ministries

348 LUNENBURG ST., FITCHBURG, MA



Service times: Sundays 10:00 AM, Mondays 6:30 PM,

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Resurrect Faith, Hope & Love Ministries

978 855 5510 resurrect0525@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE MONTACHUSETT MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION'S

27TH ANNUAL MLK Jr. CELEBRATION

A FITCHBURG CIVIC DAYS EVENT



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS, MUSIC,
FOOD, VENDORS & MORE

\$10 DONATION SUGGESTED

19 JANUARY 2026

SNOW DATE: 24 JAN. 2026

12:00PM - 3:00PM

FITCHBURG SENIOR CENTER

14 WALLACE AVE., FITCHBURG, MA

FOR MORE INFO, CALL: 978.400.0580



50 Show Stopping Years!

January 17 at 7:30PM

January 18 at 2:00PM

All tickets are \$20 and
available at the door or
nptg.org

Please join with members of New Players
Theatre Guild as we celebrate 50 years in
Fitchburg! Fifty years of History, 50 years of
Music, 50 years of Theater!

Hope For Haddie Paint Party fundraiser

Tickets \$45

45% Donated to Hope For Haddie

JANUARY 21, 2026 6-8 PM

Legends Grille & Sports Bar - Fitchburg MA

**Create this large 14x18' Canvas with us!
Customizable Conversations Hearts**



- Private Room
- Event Menu
- 2 Instructors



Mini Indoor X-PEDITION Event Series

1st Stop! NEW YEARS DAY! 2026

FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY!

1/18 & 1/24 Mini R/C Rock Crawling!

RC Excitement

3 Stop Event Series

Stop #1: January 1st, 2026

Stop #2: February 14th, 2026

Stop #3: March 7th, 2026

Mini Indoor Xpedition (MIX) Challenges

Challenges	Items to Complete Challenge	Prizes
"Tow-a-Truck"	Wheel / Tow Ropes / Pull Pad / String	Prizes
"Flipped Truck Recovery"	Wheel / Tow Ropes / String	Prizes
"Overheated Truck"	Must Wait for Next Driver to Catch up to you on Trail	Prizes
"Run out of Gas"	Gas Can / Jerry Can / Spare Tire	Prizes
"Flat Tire"	Spare Tire / Spare Tire Wrench	Prizes

And MORE COMING SOON!

Earn your chance to win GIVEAWAY PRIZES by completing laps & Challenges!

Prize giveaway at Stop #3 on March 7th!

Xpedition Series Event Info

Doors Open at 10 AM

Event Starts at 11 AM

Event runs from 11 AM - 2 PM

Event: \$25 // Driver FREE with RCE "E-Ticket"!

Rental Vehicles Available!

208 BEMIS ROAD

FITCHBURG, MA 01420

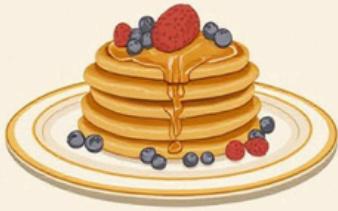
RC Excitement

(978)-342-3374

FB: R/C EXCITEMENT INC.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Superbowl Breakfast



Sunday February 8, 2026
Monty Tech
8:30 am until 12:00 PM

HELP MEMBERS OF OUR CITY KEEP THEIR DOGS SAFE!

Be PAWSitive, Friends of Fitchburg Dogs, Fitchburg Animal Control, Fitchburg City Clerk, and Fitchburg Police Department

DOG LICENSE POSTER CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to educate students and their families about the importance of licensing their dog for the safety of the community. If your dog gets lost, a dog license helps the dog get back home.



Students must live or be educated in Fitchburg, grade 1 through 6.



**Artwork must reflect the theme
"Love your dog. License your dog."**

DO NOT INCLUDE THE WORDS "Love Your Dog, License Your Dog"
DO draw your version of what those words mean — we will include on winning poster

DO create original work
DO use color — bright markers are best

DO fit your design to 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper vertically.

DO include your name, grade, school, caretaker contact info (phone and email).
One entry per child.

DO submit to your school principal or to City Clerk, City Hall, Fitchburg by Friday, February 13, 2026.

No late entries allowed. Winners announced in February (first prize and honorable mentions).

PRIZES include Trophies and Goody Bags.

PowerSurge → Curious Deal:
PowerSurge customers get \$5 off their Curious Escape Rooms ticket. Get a special Hand Stamp before leaving the Arcade (ask Doorman), show it to Curious Escape Rooms staff when making an in-person booking. See live time slots at CuriousEscapeRooms.com and book for that day or for a future date!

(Not eligible with combining other Curious Escape Rooms deals, online bookings, purchasing gift tickets, or for 10 min games.)

Curious-PowerSurge Combo:

- Play Unlimited Arcade Games Before AND After Your Escape Room!
- Upgrade your Curious Escape Rooms booking for only \$5 per person*. To get a special Hand Stamp allowing all day re-entry at PowerSurge on the day of your escape game!

(*Subject to age restrictions)

LIVE CONCERT

JAN 04 | 4 PM
WESTON AUDITORIUM AT FSU
MORE THAN 70 SINGERS BACKED BY A LIVE ROCK BAND!
ROCKVOICES.COM/EVENTS



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CITY UPDATES

2026

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY
OBSERVANCE 2026

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST
CITY HALL EARLY CLOSING 2PM WED, DEC. 31ST

 **COLLECTION DELAY**

NO COLLECTION ON THURSDAY
ONE DAY DELAY



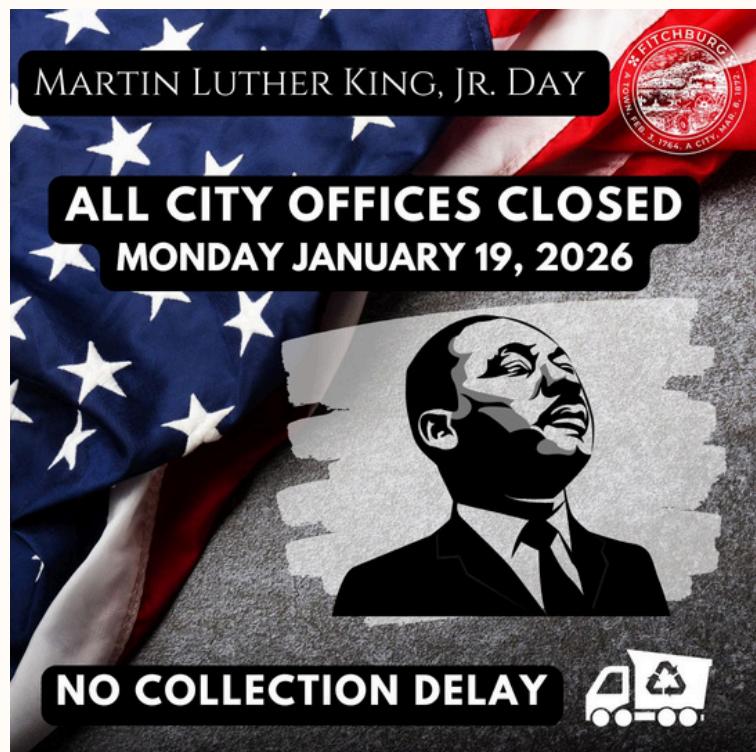
Apply to the Monty Tech School Committee

as Fitchburg's Representative



Applications must be received by Fri. Jan. 9th, 2026 at 4pm in the Fitchburg City Clerk's Office, 718 Main St., Fitchburg

Applicants will be invited to attend the Joint Convention of School Committee & City Council for the Election of (2) Monty Tech School Committee Representatives: Tues. January 20th, 2026 at 6pm at 700 Main St., Fitchburg, MA

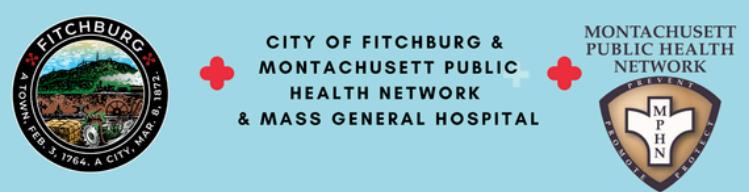


MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026



NO COLLECTION DELAY 



BLOOD DRIVE
GIFT THE GIVE OF LIFE

WED. JAN. 7, 2026
9:30AM - 3:00PM

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

Pre-Registration is required
bit.ly/MGHBlood

2026



MORE INFO

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