



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

7:00 PM
Room 211

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/88090950416> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 880 9095 0416.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #377-24 Request to set date for a Special Election**
CITY CLERK requesting the setting of a date for a special election to fill the vacancy on the Newton School Committee, in the position of Ward 7, due to the resignation of Committee member Davenport.
- #458-24 Request to set Early Voting Hours for the 2025 Special Election**
CITY CLERK requesting to set early voting hours for the 2025 Special Election as recommended by the Election Commission.
- #449-24 Requesting discussion of Parks, Recreation and Culture Department's parks and fields projects**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion of Parks, Recreation and Culture Department's recently completed, ongoing and future parks and fields projects.
- #373-24 Requesting a discussion with Parks, Recreation and Culture about restroom facilities at city fields**
COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, LUCAS, FARRELL, LOBOVITS, DOWNS, HUMPHREY, LAREDO, AND BIXBY requesting a discussion with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department about the restroom facilities, or lack thereof, at our city parks. The discussion should include information about what restroom facilities

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are currently available, and which fields lack any restroom options. The discussion should also include an estimate for what resources would be necessary to upgrade those options at fields across the city.

#404-24

Requesting discussion on resolution of Field Use Regulations at NSHS

COUNCILORS FARRELL AND LOBOVITS requesting a discussion with Parks, Recreation and Culture on use of fields, especially on evenings and weekends, with respect to non-school permits, light timing, noise, trash collection and responsibility for disturbances and pursuant to PRC, NSHS and Neighbors agreement of April, 2020.

#378-24

Request for discussion/possible amendments to Tree Ordinance

COUNCILORS DANBERG, LIPOF, KALIS, AND KELLEY requesting a discussion and possible changes to the Newton Tree Ordinance to avoid causing financial hardship to homeowners seeking to make improvements to their homes.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair**

#377-24 & #458-24

| DATE | | | TIME | DESCRIPTION | LEGAL |
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| 12/31/2024 | 1/7/2025 | 1/14/2025 | | Nomination Papers available. | 21 DAYS TO COLLECT |
| 1/21/2025 | 1/28/2025 | 2/4/2025 | 5:00 PM | Last hour and day to file Nomination Papers and a statement of candidacy (on nomination papers) with the Election Commission | MGL Ch. 53 § 7 14 DAYS PRIOR TO FILING WITH CITY CLERK |
| 2/4/2025 | 2/11/2025 | 2/18/2025 | | Election Commission files papers with City Clerk. | MGL Ch. 53 § 10 35 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION |
| 2/6/2025 | 2/13/2025 | 2/20/2025 | 5:00 PM | Last hour and day for Objections to and/or Withdrawal of Nomination Papers. | MGL Ch. 55B § 7 2 DAYS AFTER |
| 2/6/2025 | 2/13/2025 | 2/20/2025 | 5:15 PM | Drawing for Ballot Positions for the City Preliminary Election. Drawing to be held in the City Clerk's Office. | Charter 8-3(c) 2 DAYS AFTER |
| 2/13/2025 | 2/20/2025 | 2/27/2025 | | Ballots printed and mailing begins | 7 days after drawing |
| 2/19/2025 | 2/26/2025 | 3/5/2025 | 8:00 PM | Last hour and day to register to vote for the Special Election. | MGL Ch. 51 § 26 20 DAYS BEFORE |
| 02/28 - 03/01 | 03/07 - 03/08 | 03/14 - 03/15 | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm | Early In-person voting | One Friday and one Saturday |
| 3/10/2025 | 3/17/2025 | 3/24/2025 | 12:00 PM | Last hour and day to apply for an Absentee Ballot. | MGL Ch. 54 § 89 1 DAY BEFORE |
| 3/11/2025 | 3/18/2025 | 3/25/2025 | 7:00 am - 8:00 pm | CITY SPECIAL ELECTION | |
| Tuesday | Tuesday | Tuesday | | | |



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Mayor

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November 12, 2024

Honorable City Council
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Honorable Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting discussion of Parks, Recreation & Culture Department's recently completed, ongoing and future parks and fields projects.

Please see the attached letter from Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture Nicole Banks.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Nicole Banks, Commissioner



November 8, 2024

Honorable Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459-1449

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I respectfully request that you docket an item with the City Council for the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department to provide an update on improvement projects for parks and fields. The discussion will cover recently completed, ongoing, and future projects.

Sincerely,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner
Parks, Recreation & Culture

Cc: Jonathan Yeo, COO