

Preservation WORCESTER JANE WEEK - May 1-7

WHO WAS JANE JACOBS?



Jane Jacobs (1916–2006) was an American-born writer and activist best known for her writings about cities. Her first book, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961), upended the ideas of modernist city planning and building, and offered a new vision of diverse, fine-grained cities made for and by ordinary people. She published six more major books about cities, economics, ethics, governance and culture.

WHAT IS JANE WEEK?

Jane Week gives Worcester residents and visitors a chance to connect to each other, explore Worcester by foot and participate in interesting discussions on how we can enhance the design and function of our city. The event is named for Jane Jacobs, an urban theorist and activist who championed a community-based approach to city building. Jane Week in Worcester joins an international movement that occurs the first week in May in over 250 cities across the world.



AROUND THE COMMON,

A Self-Guided Tour

Preservation Worcester's self-guided walking tour of City Hall and the area surrounding the Worcester Common, highlights the history and architecture of the heart of Downtown. Click [HERE](#) to access the tour's information and maps.

BIRDING THE BLACKSTONE AT BLACKSTONE GATEWAY PARK

Tuesday May 3rd 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Blackstone River Valley Heritage Center; 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester

PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/BirdingGatewayPark>.



Join us as we are among the first of the season to see what bird species are making their home here along the Middle River, at the northern edge of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. The River Walk includes observation platforms projecting over the water that give a bird's-eye view of this wetland habitat. We welcome new birders and those interested in sharing their bird knowledge on this volunteer-led walk. Grab your binoculars and join us for this exciting walk to experience nature here, right in the city of Worcester. Binoculars are suggested, but a few extra pairs are available. Walks are generally about a mile and suitable for adults and children ages 10+ with a parent. On Instagram [@bhc_inc](#) and Facebook [@BlackstoneRiverValleyNHC](#)

BUCK BUS

Date - TBD



Masslive and the Worcester Regional Research Bureau are proud to present Buck Bus, a one-day-only game show riding a bus near you! Throughout the day, select passengers on the WRTA will be surprised with the opportunity to win prizes by correctly answering local Trivia. Buses are free through the end of 2022, so grab your thinking cap and hop aboard a WRTA Bus! Buck Bus will be videotaped and available via Masslive's social media channels. On Instagram and Facebook [@masslive](#)





BY THE CANAL,

A Self-Guided Tour

Preservation Worcester's DIY tour of Worcester's Canal District highlights eleven buildings that reflect the history of both the city and the neighborhood. Discover surprising bits of history and hear stories about the people, events, and economy that made Worcester the city it is today. Click [HERE](#) to access the tour information and maps.



CROWN HILL WALKING TOUR

Sunday, May 1st, 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday, May 4th, 11:00am-12:00pm

Meet at the Corner of Pleasant & Oxford St.

FREE - Please RSVP: info@preservationworchester.org / 508.754.8760

Led by Randy Bloom, Preservation Worcester docent

Hidden right on the edge of downtown, Crown Hill is a beautifully preserved neighborhood of mid-19th century middle class dwellings. Learn about the Greek Revival style and find out about Crown Hill's 1970s restoration and the recent establishment of the Crown Hill Historic District. Sorry no dogs allowed on our walking tours.



JEWISH EAST SIDE WALKING TOUR

Thursday, May 5th, 5:45pm-6:45pm

Meet outside the Oak Hill CDC house-74 Providence Street

FREE - Please RSVP: info@preservationworchester.org / 508.754.8760

Led by Moe Bergman, Preservation Worcester Docent, City Councilor, and attorney.

Until the 1950s, East Side's Union Hill was the locus of Worcester's large Jewish immigrant community. Re-experience the history of this ethnic neighborhood with stops at former synagogues, a neighborhood ritual bathhouse and even the site of famous anarchist Emma Goldman's ice cream shop.



OPEN FARM HOURS

Regional Environmental Council- 42 Lagrange St. / <https://www.recworchester.org>

Monday, May 2nd, 3:00-5:00pm

Wednesday, May 4th 3:00-5:00pm

Our staff and YouthGROW program operate an urban farm in Main South that holds open farm hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5pm. Our open farm volunteer hours are a great introductory experience to our work for any age. No pre-registration required! Children of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Parking in the back parking lot of 42 Lagrange St. Rear.

On Twitter [@RECworchester](#) and Facebook [@RECworchester](#)



THIS PLACE MATTERS PHOTOS

Everyone who cares about Worcester and the residents and institutions that make it special are encouraged to snap photos of places that speak to their hearts. Share your photos with us by uploading them on our Jane Week website, or sharing them on social media, tag Preservation Worcester, and use #WORCESTER_thisplacematters Download a 'This Place Matters' sign [HERE](#)



WALK YOUR SANCTUARY IN THE CITY

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary / [broad-meadow-brook](#)

Tuesday-Saturday 9 00am-4:00 pm,

Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm

This 430 acre wildlife sanctuary offers over 5 miles of well- marked trails for walking and exploring. Trails are always open dawn to dusk. Some trails are considered accessible and designed for wheelchairs, baby strollers and walkers. Located at 414 Massasoit Rd (1/2 mile of Route 20) and can be reached on WRTA Millbury 22 bus route. Call the Visitor Center at 508-753-6087 for more info.

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