

Mechanics Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL?

What a busy time it has been- so busy that we are summarizing THREE weeks in one for this week's newsletter. Read on for more and thanks for making all of this activity possible over the last three weeks!

EVENTS:

Sunday, May 17: WYO 78th Season Finale

Tuesday, May 19: Department of Corrections Beyond Excellence Awards

Thursday, May 21: St. Paul Graduation

Friday, May 22: Scensob Leadership Summit

Saturday, May 23: Souaiden Wedding
*This was a BIG wedding with a lot of moving parts. Shout out to **Olivia** for going above and beyond with the client and great work to our **bar staff** who delivered great service! Special thanks to **Mark** who stayed very late for a load-out that went into the wee hours.*

Tuesday, May 26: Shrewsbury Graduation

Wednesday, May 27: Met HD Cinderella

Thursday, May 28: Sutton High Graduation

Friday, May 29: Natick High School Prom.
*This was a BIG one, so we got creative and added seating in Washburn Hall. Thanks to all who made this big prom possible. Bravo to **Sales & Ops** who brainstormed a solution that could lead to larger proms in the future.*

Monday, June 1: Washburn Society Lunch

Tuesday, June 2: Greater Worcester Community Foundation 50th Annual Mtg

Wednesday, June 3: Guided Tour (*Sold Out!*)

Thursday, June 4: MA Club Coalition Dual Recovery Winter Celebration (*snow date*)

Friday, June 5: Millbury High Graduation

Saturday, June 6: Gallo/Tyler Wedding

OTHER:

Recently, Worcester Public Library and Alex London (WPL historian) hosted a presentation on Mechanics Hall. Thanks to **David Jaffe** (volunteer) for letting us know about the event and **Dixie Estes** (volunteer) for asking Alex for his presentation! Check it out here:

[Powerpoint \(Clickable Link\)](#)
[Recording of Presentation \(Clickable Link\)](#)
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FEATURED EVENTS:



We presented an amazing **FREE Met HD live screening of Cinderella** as part of our new national partnership with The Met! A small but enthusiastic crowd of young and old enjoyed this abridged English-language version in a space designed for incredible acoustics! As we look to expand our programming and build the next generation of arts patrons, programs like these are crucial. Thanks to all who helped!



Our **2nd Annual Washburn Society Luncheon** was a hit! This society, named after Ichabod Washburn, honors our major donors. 11 members attended a presentation on the Hall's past and present, along with a special behind-the-scenes tour of the attic and basement! They also enjoyed a performance on the newly restored Hamburg Steinway by Dr. Ulysses Loken and **Christon's** beautiful vocals. Special thanks to **Heather** for her help in organizing the event and **Monica** for the beautiful flower arrangements!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 22: Joe Armenti (bartender) celebrated 6 years! It is also Joe's Birthday on June 8!

May 24: Eva Clark (facilities) celebrated three years with the Hall.

May 26: Happy Birthday to Ellen Santimaw (event manager). Ellen just joined the Hall in April, so welcome aboard!

MEETINGS:

May 18: Met with **WCMS** to discuss collaborations next season. Also met with **Paul Levenson** re: Holiday Pops 2026

May 19: Both the **Finance Committee** and **Executive Committee** met as we wrap FY26. I also attended the **Black Leadership Networking Event** and met some incredible people who have just started leadership roles in the city.

May 20: Met with Isabelle Jenkins and Susan Hunt (Government & Community Relations) from **Holy Cross** re: possible partnerships and student attendance.

May 21: Met with the **Ambassador's Circle** committee which will shift focus to invite community members to join our board committees as volunteer contributors.

May 26: **MH Full Board Meeting**

May 28: Kelsey, Graham, and I met with **Power Options** to review current energy prices and options. Heather and I met with **Rockland Trust** to discuss sponsorships and **Greater Worcester Community Foundation** to get feedback on some recent grant applications. Last, a meeting with **Junkyard Shakespeare** about bringing their one-woman version of Hamlet, "Sweet Prince" here in the fall.

June 2: **Worcester Cultural Coalition** board meeting. As a board member, I'm happy to report that WCC will be hiring an executive director to advance the mission. Good news for all art and culture creators!

June 3: Attended a seminar with **Charles Vogl**, author of "The Art of Community."

June 4: Meeting with **Music Worcester** about the upcoming season and formalizing more of our partnership. We also met with **Isabella Rossi**, our new summer intern starting June 16!

Poll: How much do you think our National Grid bill was in May?

a) \$6,000 b) \$8,000 c) \$12,000

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