

Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant is the longest serving Mayor of the great City of Marlborough. Along with his eighteen years of service as a member of the City Council, Mayor Vigeant has dedicated thirty years of his life to making his hometown a better place.

Mayor Vigeant's Background

- Elected Mayor in 2011; Never received less than 62% in any election since 2013
- Certified Public Accountant since 1992
- Marlborough City Council, 1994-2011
- President, Massachusetts Mayor's Association 2019
- Mass Municipal Association Board of Directors
- Member of the Mass Municipal Association Fiscal Policy Committee
- Wife, Susan; children Tanya, Derek and Kyle, and five grandchildren
- Born and raised in the City of Marlborough

Below are highlights from Mayor Vigeant's nearly twelve years leading the City of Marlborough:

Keeping Marlborough Affordable

- Marlborough maintains the lowest residential tax rate in the Metro-West region with the residential tax rate decrease for four consecutive years.
- In the twelve years of Mayor Vigeant's tenure as Mayor, the city has NEVER needed to seek any budgetary overrides. In fact, the city achieved a AAA Bond Rating by Standard & Poor for the first time in the City's history in 2019, and repeatedly in 2020 and 2022, a testament to the strong fiscal stability and stewardship of Mayor Vigeant and his colleagues on the City Council.
- Implemented the Senior Tax Work Off Program for eligible seniors in 2012

Rebuilding our neighborhoods

- Supported the DPW's initiation in 2014 of the See, Click, Fix mobile application for residents to report potholes, street light outages, missed trash and any other issues with their cell phone
- Partnering with the administrations of former Governors Deval Patrick and Charlie Baker, Marlborough has received over \$11M in MassWorks grant funding that were used to help rebuild and renovate streets and sidewalks throughout the city.
 - Currently a mixed-use development project is underway that will revitalize the French Hill neighborhood.
 - \$2M MassWorks grant reconstructed a 0.6-mile stretch of Lincoln Street from the Assabet River Trail to Broad Street that included new traffic lights, upgrading on-street parking, and installing new gas utility infrastructure. Breaking ground on a housing and retail development in the coming weeks that will transform an abandoned lot.
 - \$2.7M MassWorks Grant for renovation on E. Main Street completed in 2018

Investing in our Community Facilities

- \$400k Memorial Beach Renovation through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts “Parklands Acquisition and Renovations for Communities” (PARC) Grant Program completed in 2013
- NEW Senior Center opened in 2015
- \$3M renovation of Ward Park completed in 2016
- Supported the DPW and Marlborough Economic Development Corp’s Hometown Heroes Banner Program honoring members of the Armed Forces, living or deceased, who resides or had resided in Marlborough, and lists their branch of service, dates of service or conflict, and a photo.
- First NEW school in decades: Goodnow Brothers Elementary school opened in 2020
- Library expansion project to be completed in summer of 2023
- 3 NEW multipurpose athletic turf fields: John G. Noble Field at 1LT Charles W. Whitcomb Middle School, dedicated in 2018, Bauks Field and Lance Corporal Richard Demers Field at MHS
- Added Splash Pads at Ghiloni and Stevens Park
- 26.2 marathon length trail around the city completed in 2022
- 2022 final completion of upgrades of 40 housing units including two that are ADA compliant at the Pleasant Street housing complex.
- Recently completed the new roof at 250 Main Street
- New Deck Hockey rink at Ghiloni Park slated to open in summer of 2023

Green Initiatives:

- Recently purchased 33 acres of conservation land adjacent to Callahan State Park
- The City recently finished upgrading over 10,000 new LED fixtures at numerous schools and City buildings with plans to include the Public Library with an annual projected savings of \$221,500
- Constructed solar rooftops on four public schools
- The City added another EV charging station on Bolton Street and currently has over a dozen charging stations with 24 port located at Ghiloni Park, Walker Building; Bolton Street municipal lot, City Hall Garage, DPW available to the public.
- Implemented the City’s first free mattress pick up program
- Using goats to remove poison ivy and bittersweet around around our fields and walking trails.

Achievements in Education

- Marlborough High School (MHS), in partnership with Quinsigamond Community College (QCC), expanded college credit program by offering seven college classes earning up to 21 credits transferable to four year institutions and covering the cost of tuition, fees, and course materials.
- Received a \$100,000 grant from Quest Diagnostics helping our MHS students with SAT and AP test preparation
- Established the Public Service Internship Program in 2012 and supports the YouthWorks program through Marlborough High School and MassHire employing college and high school students during the summer months
- Fully supported Police Youth Academy established in 2019 for ages 11 and 12 that includes daily physical training, public speaking, an obstacle course, and education on defensive tactics, drug

recognition, SWAT, firearm safety, crime scene processing, fingerprinting, radar, constitutional law

- Established in 2019, the first in the Commonwealth, Museum in the Streets, detailing the city's history and fun facts about residents and life in Marlborough over the decades. Accomplished by combined efforts with the City's Historical Society, the Marlborough Historical Commission, Marlborough Downtown Village Association, Marlborough Economic Development, and the City of Marlborough.

Investments in Public Safety:

- Supported and initiated the City's first K-9 unit in 2013
- Supported expanded school resource officers to middle school and Assabet Vocational Tech
- Marlborough Police Dept. achieved full accreditation status by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in 2018 and reaccredited in 2021 for a three-year period by meeting 257 mandatory standards as well as 85 optional standards.
- Enhanced testing for Police & Fire candidates

Economic development

- Since January 2012, on average annually, 20 new or expanded businesses have opened in Marlborough increasing job growth by 17% with thousands of new jobs over 11 year period.
 - Home to the following corporate headquarters for BJ's Wholesale Club, Doble Engineering, Hologic, Ken's Foods, Boston Scientific, Cytvia, Whole Foods Regional Headquarters and Quest Diagnostics
- Filled approximately 3 million square feet of commercial space.
- Major commercial developments built; the Apex Center, \$1.65M MassWorks Grant project reconstructing Simarano Drive which runs through the industrial park area at 200 Forest Park and attracting the following companies; The TJX Companies, Quest Diagnostics, and Cytvia/GE Healthcare.
- \$2M MassWorks grant received in 2022 to reconstruct Cedar Hill Street to include a new sidewalk and bike trails in a mixed use area in close proximity of the Routes 495 and 290. Construction to begin this calendar year.
- \$3M MassWorks grant received to upgrade infrastructure, curbing, resurfacing portions of Main and Weed Streets enhancing walkability, outdoor dining, and public areas.
- Oversaw implementation of new programs through MEDC's efforts:
 - Small business assistance
 - "Marlborough Works" Jobs Fairs
 - Food truck festival
 - Downtown development
 - Commuter shuttles
 - Phantom Gourmet; promoting Marlborough our restaurants
 - Lighting and seating enhancements to Union Common

Committed to Communication, Good Governance, and Transparency

- Recruited nearly 100 new appointees to serve on city boards and commissions.
- Launched the City of Marlborough Facebook page in 2012
- Established the city's first reverse 911 system in 2013
- Established development projects page on city website to inform residents and abutters
- Established first non-emergency 24/7 community hotline in 2020 during the pandemic
- Co-hosted the first virtual Local Municipal Government Academy for interested residents in 2021 sharing information on most aspects of city operations while highlighting transparency