

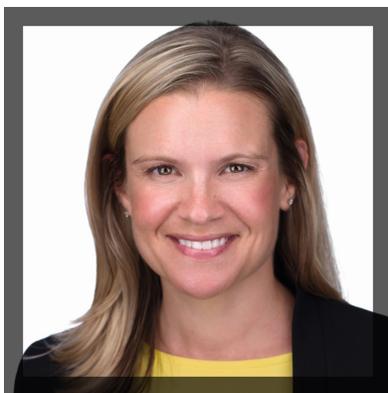


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January 27, 2023

Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford Community!

Although we are in the thick of winter weather, things are heating up at City Hall and we have lots of things to look forward to in the coming weeks and months! During this first month of 2023, I delivered my State of the City address, we supported our local nonprofits with grant funding, expanded our Climate Action Plan goals, set a launch date for our newly designed website, and so much more.

As you can see from the items below, we've been working on a lot over these past few weeks. Here are a few highlights:

- Our Community Fund Committee gave over \$230,000 to every local nonprofit that applied for the Community Fund Grant. The nonprofits awarded, including Temple Shalom, the American Legion, all of our elementary school PTOs, and others, will use this money to expand resources and services.
- We are also excited to announce our new and improved website will launch on January 30! The new site will be cleaner, more accessible, and engaging for the public. Please be patient as we launch the new site. It may take some time for every user to see the new product. We'll be continuing to improve content and functionality post launch!
- City Hall has also been working towards our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan goals in various ways; including the purchase of an electric street sweeper with a \$280K DERA grant to replace the current diesel one and a \$400K MVP grant to help increase the City's climate resiliency and emergency preparedness.

If you have any questions, comments or want to learn of ways you can get involved, please email me at mayor@medford-ma.gov.

I hope you have a great rest of the month!

Recent News

Medford to Break Ground on Several Parks Projects this Spring and Summer

City of Medford to Launch New Website



The City will begin construction on \$5 million worth of upgrades and renovations to several parks this spring and summer, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The scheduled projects include new solar panels and dedicated pickle ball courts at Carr Park, renovating the Morrison Park Playground, expanding accessibility at Gillis Park, completing the Tufts Pool Renovation, and a reconstruction of the basketball and tennis courts at Hickey Park.

Since 2020, the City has worked on and invested in several completed upgrade and renovation projects, including basketball and tennis court renovations at Barry Park, Dugger Park, and Playstead Park, playground resurfacing at Capen Park, Cummings Park, and Tufts Park, upgrades at Condon Shell, playground renovations and a fence addition at Harris Park, a mural and lighting upgrades at LoConte Rink, multiple ADA compliant upgrades and added features at Tufts Pool, repairs, ADA compliant picnic tables, and a mural at Wright's Pond, and more.

Click [here](#) for more.

Medford Awards Over \$75,000 in Grant Funding to 23 Small Businesses for Storefront Improvements

The City's Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability awarded over \$75,000 in grant funding to 23 local small businesses and property owners during the second round of the Small Business Façade Improvement Grant Program this winter, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The Storefront improvement program provides matching CDBG funding up to \$5,000 to business and commercial property owners interested



The City of Medford will launch its newly designed website this Monday, January 30th, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Earlier this year the City signed a contract with FinalSite, a website, content management system and communications platform.

Having built out the new site on the FinalSite CMS engine, the City has completely overhauled the old medfordma.org website into a new fully functional, responsive and dynamic user experience with enhanced clarity and ease of accessing important information for residents. The new website expands functionality and accessibility, creating a more comprehensive and dynamic user-experience.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Replacing Diesel-Fueled Street Sweeper with an All-Electric Model



The City has secured over \$280,000 in grant funding from the state to assist with the purchase of an all-electric Street Sweeper, replacing the diesel fuel-powered vehicle that is currently in use, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Transitioning to a green-friendly vehicle will help the City achieve key transportation emission reduction goals outlined in Medford's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The purchase of this street sweeper will mark the first

in making street front exterior improvements to lighting, awnings, signage, window boxes, and paint.

In the first round of the program, the City awarded over \$50,000 to local businesses and property owners. Between the two rounds, 35 small businesses and property owners will receive funding to help enhance their storefronts, bringing new vibrancy to Medford's commercial areas.

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Releases Concept Designs for Wellington Station Development

Eight development firms submitted proposals, expressing their interest and vision for developing the 28 acres of City-controlled air rights above Wellington Station into a transit-oriented, mixed-use district, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The City has hired real estate firm Cushman and Wakefield to assist with the administration of the RFI and evaluation of responses. The concept designs will help inform a future Request for Proposal that the City will issue as well as any additional planning that is necessary to act on the air rights. The City is also working collaboratively with MBTA representatives to understand operational needs and impacts.

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Residents Have Recycled 917 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in December



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917 LBS

OF CLOTHES FROM THE TRASH IN DECEMBER

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medium/heavy-duty vehicle that will be transitioned to net-zero emissions. The grant will cover roughly half the cost of the vehicle and the City will look to fund the remainder of the balance through ARPA funds or by requesting a favorable vote by the Medford City Council to use free cash.

[Read more here.](#)

City's Community Fund Committee Awards Over \$230,000 in Grant Funding to Medford-Focused Nonprofits



Through the City's Community Fund Committee, twenty-five nonprofits that serve the Medford community have been awarded over \$230,000 in grant funding to be used to expand services, resources and outreach, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Upon forming the committee in September, the application process was open until October 30th. Every applicant that applied identified areas where funding would be most effective and outlined the reasoning for why this grant would help their organization support the community. All twenty-five nonprofits that applied were awarded funding.

[Learn more here.](#)

Medford Secures Over \$400K in Grant Funding to Expand its Climate Resiliency

The City has secured a \$400,000 Municipal Vulnerability Grant from the state that will help improve climate resiliency throughout the community, expand the City's emergency preparedness strategies, and increase accessible communications to non-English speakers in Medford, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 917 pounds of unwanted clothing in December.

As the largest clothing collector in the Northeast, Helpsy partners with municipalities and organizations across 11 states to collect unwanted clothing and other textiles in order to keep clothes out of landfills. In 2021, the company diverted nearly 30 million pounds of textiles from landfills through a combination of clothing drives, home pickups, thrift store partners and clothing receptacles.

As part of its environmental mission, Helpsy now requires a three bag minimum for pickups. The company is optimizing routes in order to use resources as wisely as possible and reduce environmental impact.

Read more about the Helpsy program [here](#).

With this funding, the City is enhancing its climate resiliency and emergency preparedness efforts through “Medford Connects.” Climate vulnerability and resiliency refers to how sensitive a community is to climate emergencies, and how quickly it can rebuild afterward. This is especially relevant to communities that have been marginalized and are therefore more sensitive and cannot rebuild as quickly due to a lack of resources. Medford Connects, headed by Prevention and Outreach Manager Penny Funaiolo, will seek to expand and strengthen resources for community members who are most marginalized to build the community’s ability to withstand and recover from climate crises in the future.

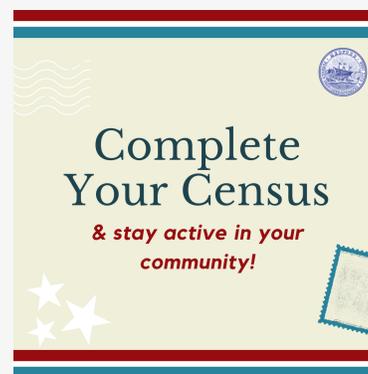
[Learn more here.](#)

Come Ice-Skating with the Mayor!



Strap on a pair of skates and come down to LoConte Rink on February 21 from 11am-noon to hit the ice with me! Hope to see you there!

2023 Annual Census



The 2023 Annual Census will be arriving in your mailboxes within the next week. Please take time to fill out and return the census within 10 days of receipt. If you don't return the census, you risk being removed from the voter rolls.

The census can be returned via US Mail, dropping off inside Medford City Hall – Room 102, or by dropping off in the white drive-by box next to City Hall.

[Learn more here.](#)

State of the City Address



On Wednesday I delivered my State of the City Address and outlined my vision for the next year.

We're doing so much amazing work in the community and I hope you take some time to hear all about it!

In the speech I talk about our plans to:

- Bring smart, transit oriented, mixed-use development to the air rights above Wellington Station
- 3 40B developments are being negotiated, including one on Mystic Avenue, which may be a \$1 billion life science complex equipped with open space and first floor retail.
- Over \$3.5 million investment in new projects and upgrades at our fire stations, with an OPM on board. We are working diligently to secure an architect to design a new Fire Headquarters for a future 20 plus million dollar investment.
- Allocating ARPA funding to support additional affordable housing projects.
- Expansion of Blue Bike stations at Hormel Stadium, Harris Park and Spring St & Myrtle. With tentative plans to add stations at Riverbend Park, Haines Square, West Medford and the Hillside.
- Expanding our public EV charging network with new stations at Missituk School and Tufts Park.
- Secured over \$5 million in grant funding to improve and renovate many of our parks.

And so much more! Please click [here](#) for the entire program including a poem from our Poet Laureate Terry Carter and remarks from School Committee Vice-Chair Jenny Graham and City Council President Nicole Morell.

Sign up for City Alerts!

Want to stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events and info from the City?

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New and Improved City Website

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Community Fund Committees Give \$230K

One of the best parts of my month was being able to hand deliver a few checks to Medford nonprofits that applied for our Community Fund Grant! A huge thank you to my fellow Community Fund Committee members who reviewed 25 applications from local nonprofits that were seeking to make improvements to programs or facilities to better service the community.

I'm happy to say that all 25 applicants are receiving funding and in total the City is awarding over \$230,000 to these organizations! I was able to hand deliver a few checks—one to the American Legion Post 45 to be used on new carpeting, one to Temple Shalom of Medford to make ADA upgrades, one to Chapters Coffee Cart for expanding advertising and one to the Mystic Valley YMCA to support its mission of food accessibility.



January City Happenings

Medford High Wins at the Tufts University Winter Classic

Both of Medford High School's basketball teams had some great wins at the Tufts University Winter Classic. The Medford High School girls varsity team had a big win against Somerville High School and the boys varsity team swept all of their games. Congratulations to both teams - you made Medford proud!



Police Promotions

On January 19, we promoted three deserving Medford Police Department officers. Congratulations to Sergeant Richard Ziobro, Lieutenant Carl Brooks and Captain James Benoit! I know you each will continue to serve our community with respect, integrity and compassion.



Ben Affleck and J-Lo Give Back to Medford



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez paid a surprise visit to Medford earlier this month. Ben even stopped by the Engine 5 Fire Station this month, bringing the crew coffee while filming a commercial in Medford! Ben hand-delivered the coffee after his hard work manning the Dunkin drive-thru next door and surprising some lucky residents that morning.



Be Prepared for Snow

Winter is here and since 2022 is an even year that means you must park on the EVEN side of your street during a snow emergency, unless there is an exemption. Visit medfordma.org/snow for more detailed information on snow emergencies, including parking restrictions, exemptions, and designated emergency arteries.

The City also has a list of available snow shovelers to help when big storms hit! Check out the list to the right and if you'd like to sign up, contact Pam Kelly at pkelly@medford-ma.gov.

City of Medford **SNOW SHOVELING LIST 2022-2023**

This list and the information contained in it is being provided for general information purposes only. The City of Medford does not assume any responsibility for actions, pricing, performance or lack of performance of any of the persons listed as willing to provide shoveling services. In no event shall the City of Medford be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any damages whatsoever, whether in an action of contract, negligence or other tort, arising out of or in connection with the hiring, use or retention by any person or entity of any of the persons listed herein as willing to provide shoveling services.

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|  | Alex Gazzola
781-910-5857
Fellsway West | Michael Pach
781-866-3399
Haines Square | Keira Messersmith
781-539-5784
East Medford |
| | Jonathan Wright
781-223-8883
East Medford | Marcus Vintos
857-505-8253
North Medford | Sephora Rubim
781-383-4251
Forest St/East Medford |
| | David Crohan
617-953-4704
West Medford | Ben Gowrie
617-415-6308
Tufts Area | Fabi Coutinho
857-207-8379
Forest St/East Medford |
|  | Matteo Giambusso
339-221-3179
Fulton St/Haines Square Area | Austin Price
781-866-5685
South Medford | Tanha Alam
617-999-8185
Riverside Ave/Spring St |
| | | John Poli Jr.
781-645-9779
Wellington Area | Sofia Perez Reyes
617-460-9617
Tufts/Whole Foods Area |

Date of publication: 12/20/2022 We will update the list throughout the season. Contact the Board of Health to be added or removed from the list at 781-393-2560, or if you have any corrections that need to be made.

Health News + Updates

At-Home COVID-19 Tests Available for Residents

In need of at-home COVID-19 tests? The City has secured kits and is distributing them to the public for free at the following locations:

- City Hall, Room 303 (85 George P. Hassett Drive)

- Council on Aging (101 Riverside Avenue)
- Medford Housing Authority (99 Riverside Avenue)
- Medford Public Library (111 High Street)
- West Medford Community Center (111 Arlington Street)
- Medford Farmer's Market (2501 Mystic Valley Parkway)

Each kit consists of two tests and there's a limit of two kits per person. If you need help acquiring a kit, please call our multilingual resource line at 781-475-5644.

Upcoming Events + Meetings

All events and meetings are listed on the City's online events calendar at www.medfordma.org/city-events. Meetings are added frequently, so please check the calendar for updates.

EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

February 1

- First day of Black History Month

February 14

- Valentine's Day

February 20

- President's Day (City Hall closed)

February 21

- Ice-Skating with Mayor Lungo-Koehn
 - 11a-12p at LoConte Rink

MEETINGS

January 31

- **9:30am:** Retirement Board Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Committee of the Whole Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

February 1

- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board Meeting

February 6

- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

February 8

- **6:00pm:** Medford Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Charter Study Committee Meeting

February 9

- **6:00pm:** Historic District Commission Meeting

February 13

- **7:00pm:** Historical Commission Meeting

February 15

- **6:00pm:** Elections Commission Meeting

February 21

- **6:00pm:** Parks Commission Meeting

February 22

- **5:30pm:** Commission on Persons with Disabilities Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting

February 23

- **7:30pm:** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Job Opportunities

The City of Medford currently has several open job opportunities, and we encourage residents of all backgrounds to apply! Open positions, job descriptions, and materials are available at www.medfordma.org/departments/personnel/jobs/. The webpage is updated regularly, but current opportunities include:

- **Full-Time Positions:**

- Director, Economic Development
- Tree Climber (Municipal Forester)
- Chief Assessor
- City Solicitor (Law Department)
- Assistant City Solicitor (Law Department)
- Parking Control Specialist
- Staff Planner, Housing (Planning, Development, Sustainability Department)
- Information Technology Director
- Senior Clerk (Building Department)
- Community Preservation Act Manager

- **Part-Time Positions:**

- Social Worker (Council on Aging)
- Van Driver (5 hours/week)

- **Other/Ongoing Positions:**

- Traffic Supervisors

To apply, visit www.medfordma.org/departments/personnel/jobs/, or contact the City's Office of Human Resources at 781-393-2406.

Medford city services are available to all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, age, language ability, economic situation, or immigration status.

