



The City of

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Message from the Mayor



Spring is finally here Medford!

And now with the weather warming up, that means you'll be seeing a lot of projects happening throughout the City as well as a lot of great events. We've been celebrating Women's History Month, Social Work Month, and a number of other holidays and events in City Hall this past month. We've also been planning for a super busy spring, with lots of construction and roadwork in the pipeline, which you can read more about below.

Here are a few highlights from March and some plans to look forward to:

- The City has released plans to revitalize Medford Square, which includes the redevelopment of up to three parking lots and reimagining the riverfront open space into a place the entire community will be able to enjoy. With this revitalization, we hope to attract more commercial and residential opportunities for the City.
- There are plenty of road and sidewalk projects in the works for the coming months as the weather gets warmer. Projects include crack sealing the remaining identified 64 roads and removing 110 tree stumps.
- Medford is partnering with Unite Us, a shared technology platform, to help community partners provide social care, including sending and receiving electronic care referrals, addressing the community's social needs, improving health, and identifying service gaps.

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

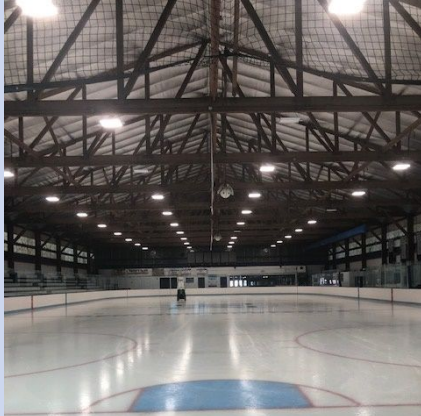
I hope you have a great rest of the month!

Bruce E. Kohl

Recent News

Medford Secures Grant Funding for Energy Efficiency Upgrades at Two City Facilities

Medford Holding Parking Community Meeting on April 12 at West Medford Community Center



The City has completed two projects at LoConte Ice Rink and the Department of Public Works making both facilities more energy efficient and reducing the City's carbon emissions, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The scope of the projects include LED lighting improvements, retro-commissioning and controls upgrades.

The City secured a \$100,000 grant from the Green Communities Division of the Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Staff also worked with National Grid to reduce the cost of the project. Both projects are expected to save the City thousands in annual energy costs and significantly reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

[Read more here.](#)



The City of Medford Parking Department is holding its Second Community Meeting on April 12, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the West Medford Community Center (111 Arlington Street).

Each branch of the Parking Department will give a presentation and hold a Q&A. IPS, the new parking kiosk vendor, will give a demonstration of the new equipment and answer questions as well.

With questions, please reach out to the Parking Department at (781) 393-2501 or parking@medford-ma.gov. For general parking information, visit medfordma.org/departments/parking

City Holding Its First-Ever Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on April 8

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAY
Saturday, April 8th, 2023 - 9am - 1pm
DPW City Yard @ 21 James Street, Medford

Accepted:
Aerosol cans, oil based paint, batteries, bleach & household chemicals, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel & oil, mercury-containing devices, paint thinners, lawn & garden chemicals, pool chemicals

Not Accepted:
Appliances, TVs, latex paint, commercial hazardous waste, construction & demolition debris, radioactive materials, medical waste, syringes, gas cylinders, tires

Payment:
1/4 trunk load - \$30.00
1/2 trunk load - \$35.00
Full trunk load - \$60.00
Payment Via Checks Only

Residents must reserve a timeslot to participate in the disposal event
To reserve your timeslot, visit bit.ly/HazMat02155 or call (781) 393-2417

For a full list of accepted items, please visit www.medfordma.org/departments/dpw

The City will be hosting its first-ever Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day event on Saturday, April 8th from 9am–1pm at the DPW City Yard (21 James Street), announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. This will be Medford's first hazardous waste disposal event, and residents of neighboring communities are welcome to join.

ARPA Subrecipient Application is Open Until April 7

ARPA Subrecipient Funding Application

Find more info and the application at
medfordma.org/arpa

Reminder that the application for our ARPA Subrecipient Funding Round is open! If your nonprofit has not yet registered with SAM for a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) Number, please do so ASAP as it will take 2-3 weeks to get one. The application closes on April 7, 2023. If you missed our information session on the application, you can access the slides/recording below. Important links and information can be found at medfordma.org/arpa.

Residents will have the opportunity to properly dispose of common household hazardous items, such as oil-based paints, lawn/garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline/kerosene/diesel fuels and oil, household cleaners and more for a fee, payable by check. This event has been made possible in part by grant funding through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

[Learn more and sign up here.](#)

Medford Revitalizing City's Riverfront Open Space



The City of Medford is implementing key recommendations from planning efforts in Medford Square to incentivize new development and reimagine the riverfront open space, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Landscape architecture firm Copley Wolff was engaged by the City to generate new design concepts for Clippership Park and DCR-owned riverfront property in Medford Square. The firm built on numerous plans that recommended activating the riverfront in Medford Square to develop initial ideas for transformation of the waterfront area into a space that the Medford community can enjoy, along with initial input from City staff.

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Residents Have Recycled 680 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in February

Medford Square Revitalization Underway

The City of Medford is implementing key recommendations from planning efforts made by its partner, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, in Medford Square to attract and incentivize new development on city-owned parking lots in the Square, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

"We have the opportunity to transform Medford Square and make it an ideal destination for commercial and residential growth," said Mayor Lungo-Koehn. "We are thoroughly engaged with the community, our seniors, local businesses and the Chevalier Theatre to ensure that their needs are met and that they are heavily involved with the development process and is a willing partner in our efforts to revitalize the Square."

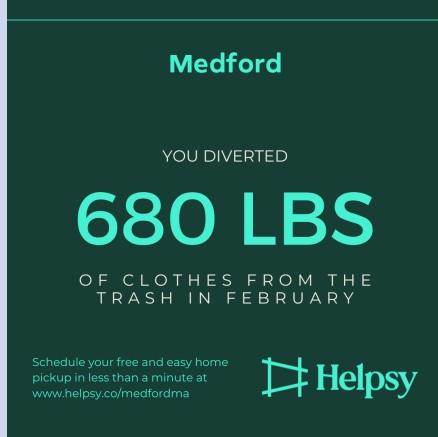
[Read more here.](#)

Medford Installing New State-of-the-Art Water Metering System throughout the City

The City will begin to install brand new, state-of-the-art water meters at every household throughout Medford in an effort to modernize the current antiquated and inefficient system, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. With these new meters the City will be able to better identify leaks and unintended overuse leading to more precise readings and stable rates.

The City has a two-decade old water meter reading system. The meters and equipment currently in use have reached the end of its life expectancy and need to be replaced to ensure accurate billing for the future. The City will be using an outside contractor to assist with the installations, but in the meantime Water Department staff will be replacing meters that are being estimated. The new system comes with built in acoustic leak detection to discover leaks on water mains and services.

[Learn more here.](#)



Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 680 pounds of unwanted clothing in February.

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.

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

Medford to Expand Social Care Referral Program with Partnership with Unite Us

The City of Medford is partnering with Unite Us, a digital referral platform, to participate in the Unite Us Massachusetts network, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Through Unite Us Massachusetts, the City will be able to securely and electronically direct people to targeted care options and track their progress.

[Learn more here](#).

2023 Medford Arts Council Grant Recipients

The Medford Arts Council received a high volume of applications for the 2023 calendar year and awarded 53 projects, totaling over \$100,000 in funds. The Council is excited to announce the grants that will allow residents to engage, explore, and connect with the community at large.

A full list of grant recipients can be [found here](#).

The full press release can be [read here](#).

Join Our Citywide Cleanup on April 15!

MAYOR LUNGO-KOEHN'S CITYWIDE CLEAN UP!

Saturday,
April 15th 10am - 1pm

(Rain date: Sunday, April 16th from 10am - 1pm)



- Special Thanks to the Medford DPW -

Please use the QR code to sign up for specific locations!



We are having a CITYWIDE SPRING CLEAN UP initiative on Saturday, April 15th from 10am-1pm (Rain date is Sunday, April 16th from 10am - 1pm).

We're still looking for VOLUNTEERS & AMBASSADORS to help pick up trash and debris and help make our neighborhoods and green spaces more viable and vibrant for ALL to enjoy. Ambassadors get to choose which areas of Medford get cleaned, so sign up today and suggest a location!

Learn more about becoming a volunteer or ambassador and [sign up here](#).

Sign Up for Alerts to Stay Up to Date on this April's Big Sweep

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www.medfordma.org/alerts

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Sign up to receive alerts through our reverse 911 system. You can receive notifications by phone, text or email, or all three!

Visit medfordma.org/alerts for more info!



[Sign up here](#) to receive Go Green Medford's periodic newsletter with updates on programs, events, and other news from the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability!

Check out the **Medford Public Library's Newsletter!** The letter contains information on events, library hours, and more! The newsletter is available to view online and to sign up for here: medfordlibrary.org/newsletter/

Spring Construction Projects

- Thanks to a state earmark we're on our way to removing 160 tree stumps this year, with 50 already completed. And we're not done! The City Council has approved an additional \$250K bond for about 50-100 tree stump removals that require sidewalk work. That means that by the end of this year we'll have removed almost half of the tree stumps identified in the City!
- After 30 streets were crack sealed in the fall, the remaining 64 streets will be done over the next month or two. Read our release on the project [here](#).
- 181 trees were planted throughout Medford last year, and we're hoping to beat that number in 2023. The map of where these trees were planted is in the section below.
- The City will begin to install brand new, state-of-the-art water meters at every household throughout Medford in an effort to modernize the current antiquated and inefficient system. With these new meters the City will be able to better identify leaks and unintended overuse leading to more precise readings and stable rates.

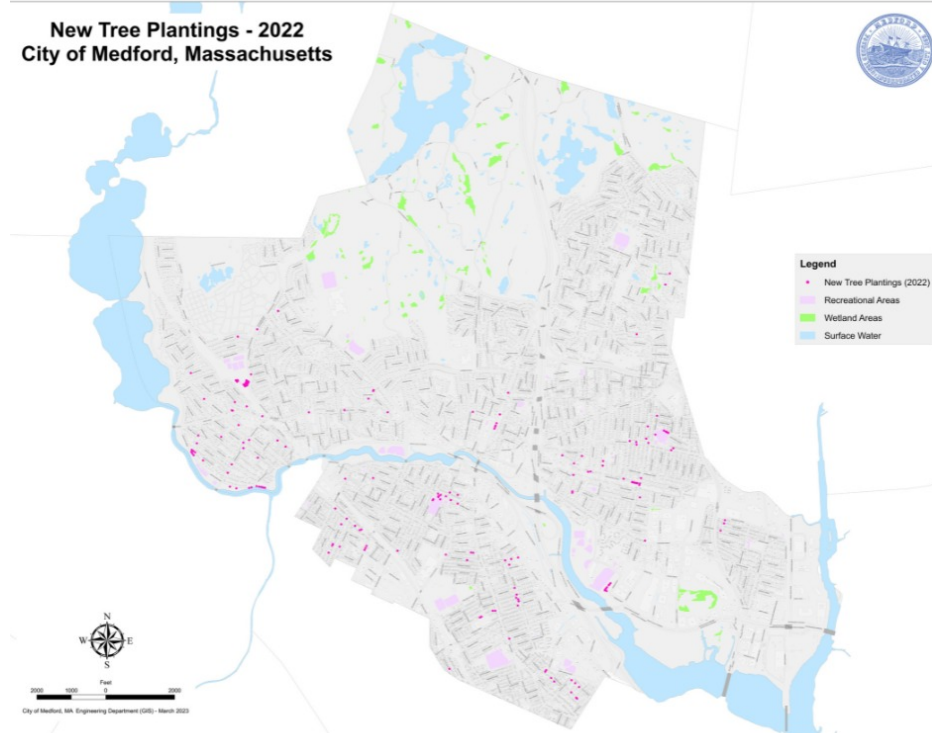
Making Medford Greener

Last week the Mayor outlined the work the City's been doing to remove stumps throughout Medford. We're on our way to completing about half of our list, but that means that we are also making a meaningful effort to replace the trees we've lost.

Last year we [planted 180 trees](#) throughout Medford and thanks to the work of our GIS Mapping Coordinator and the team at DPW, we have a map of all of those locations! Check it out below!

What this map illustrates is the City's commitment to expanding Medford's forest and canopy management. We're on track to once again achieve the Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation and will continue to build out our tree planting strategy.

**New Tree Plantings - 2022
City of Medford, Massachusetts**



March City Happenings



Thanks to all the generous donations made by staff at City Hall as well as the public, we were able to drop off a trunk full of blankets, pillows and other supplies at Freerange Market that will be delivered directly to people affected by the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

The Market has been coordinating with the Turkish Consulate to get items into the hands of the people who need them most. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated!

Donations are still accepted at Freerange Market (325 Rivers Edge Dr., Medford, MA 02155) or directly to Turkey through these links:

- [Amazon donation list](#)
- [Direct donations](#)



We cut the ribbon on the latest business to join our community. I'm thrilled to officially welcome Needham Bank to Medford!



March is Social Work Month, and we want to take a moment to recognize our Community Social Worker, Alysia LaGambina, and her team! Recent projects Alysia and the Office of Prevention and Outreach have been working on include the Job Readiness Program, the Substance Use Recovery and Harm Reduction Initiative, Medford's multilingual resource line, and so many more.

More info on these projects, and others, can be found at medfordma.org/departments/health-department. Thank you to Alysia and all the other social workers in our community!



Earlier in March, we were very happy to celebrate Connie Spinale's 103 birthday (celebration pictured below)! They sure know how to party at the Council on Aging, and I was honored to take part!

I spent some time with future leaders, Daisy Troop #64376, gave a tour of City Hall and answered a lot of tough questions about my job as Mayor, how laws are created and if we can get more swings at our playgrounds (working on it!).



Thank you to the Daisy Troop #64376 for spending an evening with me and being so curious and insightful. I especially loved seeing what each of the girls would do if they were Mayor!

I had a great time calling a few very intense Bingo games at the Council on Aging, including one game with four lucky winners – a record high for me! We celebrated with St. Patrick's Day themed prizes and cake after their Russian luncheon. Thanks for the invite, it's always a pleasure to join in on the fun here!



Celebrating Women's History Month

Happy Women's History Month! We honor and thank all the amazing women out there - especially those in City Hall that are working every day to move us forward. I was also able to celebrate at the Cummings Center at Tufts for a Leaders' Lunch with two exceptional women, Gilda Nogueira, President and CEO of East Cambridge Savings Bank and Janis Caines, Sr. VP and COO of Members Plus Credit Union to discuss our careers and offer some advice to those starting out. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for organizing this event!



Upcoming Events + Meetings

All events and meetings are listed on the City's [online events calendar](#). Meetings and event details are added frequently, so please check the calendar for updates.

EVENTS/HOLIDAYS

- **March 25:** Medford Library Day at the Museum of Science
 - 9am-5pm at the Museum of Science
- **April 1:** Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit
 - 11am-12:45pm at Wright's Pond

MEETINGS

- March 27**
 - **7:30pm:** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- March 28**
 - **6:00pm:** MBTA Proposed Title VI Policy Changes - In-Person Public

- **April 15:** Citywide Spring Cleanup
 - 10am-1pm around Medford
- **April 17:** Patriot's Day Ceremony and Celebration
 - 10am Ceremony at Salem Street Burying Ground
 - 10:30am Celebration in Medford Square
- **April 23:** Children's Festival (for Earthquake Relief) by the Turk Social Club
 - 1pm-6pm at The Park at River's Edge
- **April 29:** Riverbend Park Labyrinth Ribbon Cutting
- **April 29:** Disability Resource Fair
- **May 29:** Memorial Day Ceremonies at Honor Roll Monument and Oak Grove Cemetery
- **June 1:** Pride Flag Raising
- **June 3:** Porch Fest
- **June 7:** Medford High School Graduation
- **June 17:** Circle the Square

- Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Public Health and Community Safety Subcommittee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

March 29

- **4:30pm:** Water and Sewer Commission Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Community Development Block Grant Community Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Charter Study Commission Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting

March 30

- **9:30am:** Retirement Board Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Medford Square: Transforming the Square Public Meeting
- **7:30pm:** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

April 3

- **6:00pm:** School Committee Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

April 4

- **7:00pm:** Oak Board Cemetery Meeting

April 5

- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board 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 medfordma.org/jobs. The webpage is updated regularly, but current opportunities include:

Full-Time Positions:

- Director, Economic Development
- Information Technology Director
- Director of Human Resources
- City Solicitor
- Assistant City Solicitor
- Parking Control Specialist
- Staff Planner, Housing
- Staff Planner (Climate Policy)
- Community Preservation Act Manager
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Senior Clerk (Clerk's Office)
- Public Health Nurse
- Laborer DPW-Parks
- Transportation Engineer (DPW)

Part-time Positions

- Circulation Assistant - Library (15 hours)

Other/Ongoing Positions:

- Traffic Supervisors

To apply, visit medfordma.org/for-residents/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.

