



The City of
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Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford!

Spring is in full swing in Medford and April was busy! We hosted our Citywide Clean Up, an Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit, celebrated Patriot's Day and Arab American Heritage Month, and so much more. We've also been honoring Earth Month by outlining our tree planting plan for 2023, pruning our trees at Wright's Pond and have once again been designated as a Tree City USA! On top of all that, we're looking forward to a busy construction season, with improvements to many of our parks, streets, sidewalks, and more tree stump removals!

Here are some of our April highlights:

- Over 400 people in 17 different locations around the city cleaned up nearly 10 tons of trash at our Citywide Clean Up! We smashed our goals for the year and our City looks great, thanks to you!
- We will be planting over 200 trees around Medford as part of our continual tree canopy strategy to make Medford even more green. This plan for 2023 builds upon the 180 trees that were planted last year.
- Secured \$80K to remove 160 tree stumps this year. We've already removed 50, and will have the remaining 110 done by June!
- The Big Sweep started on Monday, April 24 and continues into the first few weeks of May! Don't forget to check your zone so you know when to move your car off the street. More information on street sweeping and your zone can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.

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

Enjoy our full updates below!

Bruce C. Kol

Recent News

Spring "Big Sweep" to Begin on April 24



City Seeks to Transform Dorothy T. Hegner Community Center into a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Site

The City of Medford has applied for over \$2 million in federal funding to transform the Dorothy T. Hegner Center into a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness site serving the community in a variety of essential functions, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The site will also host after-school programming and other community-oriented recreation activities when not being used during emergencies.

Medford's application centered on the current lack of a community space that staff hope to use to coordinate emergency response and serve as a resiliency hub for residents during climate emergencies. The administration seized on the opportunity to secure federal funding to help renovate and restore the center ensuring that an accessible, resilient and safe facility can be utilized for sheltering and informing the community without putting financial constraints on the public.

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Outlines Tree Planting and Maintenance Strategy for 2023 Season



The Medford DPW will conduct spring street sweeping over the course of several weeks, beginning on Monday, April 24. In the interest of public health and public safety, the DPW will proceed with the spring Big Sweep over several weeks to clear leaves and debris from streets and catch basins, allowing for proper drainage of water and making sure that our City's streets are clean and safe. The DPW conducts two Big Sweep events on all secondary roads twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Street sweeping will be conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Street sweeping is divided into 14 zones with one zone conducted each day. The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones, can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping. In the event of heavy rain or severe weather, sweeping may be cancelled on that day, and would be rescheduled for the end of the regular schedule. All updates will be posted on www.medfordma.org as well as the City's social media feeds.

[Read more here.](#)

City Taps New Human Resources Director

Lisa Crowley has been appointed Human Resources Director, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Crowley was previously HR Director for the City of Methuen and brings over two decades of municipal experience to Medford City Hall. Crowley will begin her employment with the City on May 1.

Crowley is the latest of several senior staff positions joining Mayor Lungo-Koehn's administration in the past few months. Over the last several months, the City has installed:

- Chief Assessor, Ted Costigan



The City of Medford will be planting over 200 trees throughout the community during the 2023 season as part of its continual tree canopy strategy, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The City will invest additional Community Preservation Act Funds as well as ARPA funding to build upon last year's total of 180 new trees planted.

Dozens of different tree species will be planted to ensure the health and sustainability of the City's tree inventory. The goal is to plant trees, in greater numbers of species and varieties, in locations where they can grow and thrive into maturity. Diversification of species and planting of trees in appropriate locations, especially under urban conditions, will ensure success of trees and provide benefits to the community for the foreseeable future.

[Learn more here.](#)

Medford Now Accepting Outdoor Dining Applications for Upcoming Season

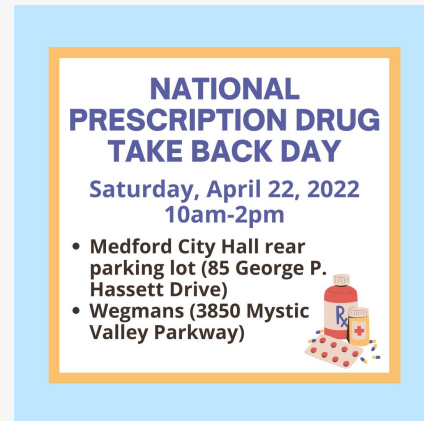


The City's Department of Planning, Development and Sustainability is now accepting applications for the 2023 Outdoor Dining program for eligible restaurants.

- Assistant Assessor, Jared Yagjian
- Benefits Administrator, Ginny Richard
- Established first ever Facilities Manager for Medford, Paul Righi

Read more [here](#).

Medford Hosted National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 22



The Medford Police Department and the Medford Board of Health host a National Prescription Drug Take Back on Saturday, April 22, from 10am to 2pm, in the rear parking lot at City Hall (85 George P. Hassett Drive), and at Wegmans (3850 Mystic Valley Parkway).

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. This service is free and anonymous for residents.

[Learn more about the event and accepted items here.](#)

Fire Engine 3 Closed for Renovation

The Medford Fire Department has begun work on the floor slab replacement and front ramp at the Engine 3 Fire Station at 276 Salem Street. The work begins on Monday, March 27 and will take approximately four months to complete.

Engine 3 will be closed beginning on Sunday, March 26 at 8am and will remain closed until the project is complete. Ladder 2 will remain in

Beginning on April 4, the City is now accepting applications for restaurants and eateries interested in offering outdoor dining options. Medford's outdoor dining season lasts from March 1 to October 31.

[Learn more here.](#)

Affordable Housing Lottery Available (Rental Apartments)

A total of 61 affordable apartments are available for rent through an upcoming housing lottery, at Sanctuary at Winchester, in Winchester, MA.

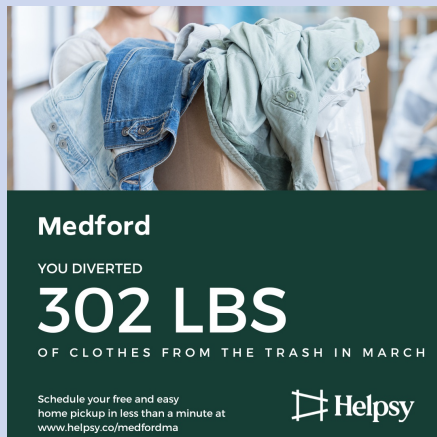
Applications/further information is available at any of the following locations:

- SEB Housing's
webpage: <https://sebhousing.com/property/sanctuary-at-winchester/>
- By phone: 617-782-6900
- Town of Winchester's
webpage: <https://www.winchester.us/1039/Sanctuary-at-Winchester>

Completed applications must be received via online form or mail by 2pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, no exceptions.

[Learn more here.](#)

Medford Residents Have Recycled 302 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in March



Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 302 pounds of unwanted clothing in March.

As the largest clothing collector in the

service, running out of the Headquarters Station, and the rest of the Engine 3 apparatus will be stored at Engine 4. The station closure is necessary for the health and safety of the firefighters and to allow construction crews to complete this work as fast as possible.

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Seeks to Fill Vacancies on Various Boards and Commissions

The City of Medford is currently accepting applications from Medford residents to serve on one of its many City Boards & Commissions. Residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards and commissions below should complete the [Board and Commission Interest Form](#) available at medfordma.org/boards-commissions. If you are in need of a physical form, please visit the Mayor's Office at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 202, Medford, MA 02155.

[Learn more here.](#)

Medford Accepting Applications For Next Poet Laureate

The City, in partnership with the Medford Arts Council, is currently seeking applicants to fill the position of Poet Laureate, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The Medford Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term from July 2023 to June 2025 and will receive a \$2,000 stipend each year.

The City of Medford Poet Laureate, acting as the official City poet, will highlight poets and poetry, and literature, particularly working with community members who may traditionally have less access to poetry. Working with the City Administration and the Medford Arts Council, the Poet Laureate will strive to increase access to senior citizens, youth, and non-English speakers across various platforms.

[Learn more here.](#)

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](#).

Annual Citywide Cleanup

Our Citywide Clean Up took place on April 15, and with your help we collected nearly 10 tons of trash - almost double what we did last year!

This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing work of our ambassadors and volunteers. All together, over 400 people in 17 different locations disposed of 20,000 pounds of trash, about the weight of a tractor-trailer!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their Saturday to clean up Medford!



Girl Scout Troop 72103



Daisy Troop 77569



Medford Square



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Sign up for City Alerts!

The Big Sweep continues into May - make sure you stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events and info from the City!

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!

CHARLOTTE & WILLIAM BLOOMBERG MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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/

Next Week: Walk, Bike, Roll to School Day!



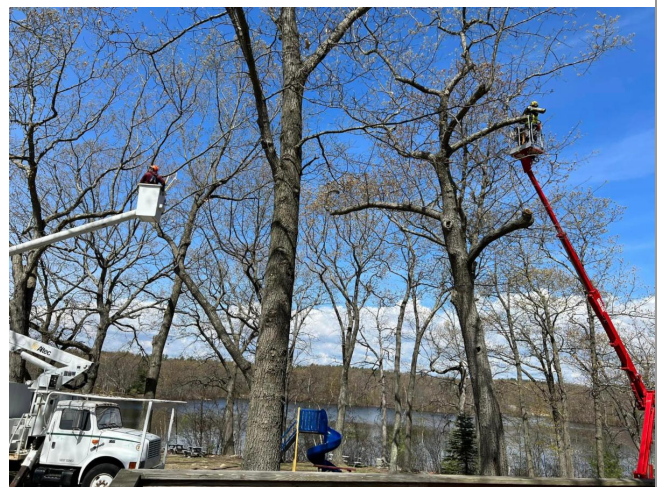
Join your peers for Massachusetts' annual Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day next week on May 3! Group events are being organized for the Roberts School, Missituk School, Andrews & McGlynn Middle Schools, and MHS. For details and updates, visit tinyurl.com/medfordbiketoschool.

Tree Pruning at Wright's Pond

Stopped by Wright's Pond on Arbor Day morning with our Tree Warden Aggie Tuden to say thank you to workers at Lawns Plus Tree and Landscaping and Barrett Tree Service East, Inc. These companies generously donated their time and expertise today helping to keep trees at Wright's Pond healthy and thriving. Also thank you to our DPW for assisting with our new full time arborist!

This gracious Arbor Day gesture saves the City thousands of dollars each year.

I'm also happy to report that Medford has been designated as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 25th year in a row!





Celebrating National Arab American Heritage Month

Ended Arab American Heritage Month with a fantastic celebration of culture, food and dance at Brooks Elementary. I had a chance to meet with some of our Arabic neighbors and learned more about their culture and upbringing.

Our team at the Office of Prevention and Outreach along with our office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion organized the event and it was such a huge success.

Thank you so much for having me!



Annual Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit!

Piles of cotton candy, tons of eggs, and plenty of bunny pictures later...

Thanks to Medford Recreation and all the amazing volunteers that made our egg hunt and bunny visit happen. We had to bring the event indoors due to some rainy weather, but we still had fun and hope everyone that came did too!



Tom Heinz Soccer Fields Dedication



The rain cleared up just in time on April 1 for a beautiful soccer field dedication to Tom Heinz, a 30 year coach, referee, board member and mentor, at Playstead Park. Thank you to Medford Soccer for putting this day together and inviting me to honor Tom.

The Tom Heinz soccer fields will be enjoyed by generations of soccer players, and Tom's impact on Medford soccer will live on.

Harlem Wizards vs. Medford

I had an amazing night at MHS earlier this month teaming up with faculty, staff and students to take on the Harlem Wizards!

The entire show was fantastic and the Wizards were incredible entertainers.

Thank you to the elementary citywide PTO, sponsors, the families and fans for coming out and supporting our district!



Patriot's Day at Historic Medford Square

Such an amazing Patriot's Day celebration in Medford!

Thank you to everyone who joined us to welcome Paul Revere as he rode through the Square! Special thanks to Islamic Cultural Center of Medford, our Department of Public Works, Medford Police Department, the Police and Fire Honor Guard, Medford Community Chorale, the Medford Chamber of Commerce, Stacie Clayton, Laura Duggan, my fellow elected leaders and our Director of Community Affairs Lisa Colaianne for helping make the day so memorable!



Celebrating the Life of Krystle Campbell



On the tenth anniversary of the Boston Marathon attack, I spent my morning at the Krystle Campbell Memorial Softball Tournament with Congresswoman Katherine Clark and had a chance to meet with some survivors of the marathon bombing as well as Krystle's brother.

Being able to celebrate and honor her life is incredibly meaningful to our community as we also reflect on the 10 year anniversary of that tragic day.

Thank you to everyone who participated and honored Krystle's legacy.

Welcome to Medford!

This April, we invited everyone who is new to Medford to come to City Hall and learn more about our community at our New Residents Meet and Greet!

Thank you to the Welcoming Committee for organizing and to our new neighbors for attending.

If you missed this one, don't worry, we're planning another one for later in the year!



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

- **May 13:** Haitian Flag Day Celebration
- **May 14:** Mother's Day
- **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 11:** Hoops and Hope
- **June 11:** Cardboard Canoe Race
- **June 17:** Circle the Square

MEETINGS

May 1

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

May 2

- **6:00pm:** Medford Police Department Community Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Meeting

May 4

- **6:30pm:** Charter Study Committee Meeting

May 8

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

May 9

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

May 11

- **6:00pm:** Historic District Commission Meeting
- **7:00pm:** LGBTQ+ Book Group

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
- City Solicitor
- Assistant City Solicitor
- Parking Control Specialist
- Staff Planner (Climate Policy)
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Public Health Nurse
- Laborer DPW-Parks
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Federal Funds Manager
- Info Reference Librarian (Part Time)
- CDBG and Grants Manager
- Head Clerk (Planning, Development, and Sustainability)
- Registered Sanitarian
- Principal Clerk (Cemetery)

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.

