



The City of

**Medford**

Massachusetts

02155

May 31, 2023

### Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford!

May was another busy month, with plenty of events, holiday celebrations and the exciting news that we've delivered the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to the City Council for approval.

We also had exciting news for our Police Department and new Bluebike construction, just in time for the summer! Of course, we're still looking forward to plenty more construction this season, with improvements to many of our parks, streets, sidewalks, and more tree stump removals.

Below are just a few of our May highlights:

- We broke ground on three new Bluebike stations in some of the most highly requested areas of the City - Hormel Stadium, Harris Park, and Haines Square. These new stations add to the four already existing at Tufts Square, Main St. at Brooks Park (near George St.), Medford Square (opposite Riverside Plaza), and Wellington MBTA Station.
- We are preparing for events like Porchfest, the Pride Flag Raising, Cardboard Canoe Races, National Gun Violence Day, Juneteenth Flag Raising, and more!
- We completed our spring Big Sweep and are looking forward to further beautifying our city through our tree canopy strategy (planting 200 trees during the 2023 season) and stump removal strategy (removing approximately half of the total stumps this year).

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

Have a great month!

*Bruce C. Kroll*

## City Holds Memorial Day Ceremony

This Memorial Day, we gathered at Oak Grove Cemetery to honor the service and sacrifice of the military members we've lost.

Such a meaningful and thoughtful ceremony organized by our Veterans Services Director Jeremy Johns and led by Medford Police Department's Chief Buckley.

Thank you to the American Legion Post 45 for assisting with placing flags at gravesites and my fellow colleagues for sharing a few words about what this day represents.



## Medford Police Awarded Cummings Grant

Congratulations to the Medford Police Department on receiving the Cummings Foundation grant award for \$100K! With only a few local organizations receiving funding, I'm so proud that our department will be able to use this award to help keep up the work they are doing around community engagement.



## Medford Rowing Holds Mayor's Cup Regatta

Our Medford High School rowers made our community proud at the Mayor's Cup Regatta! 40 boats competed for the Cup from Medford, Malden, Everett, MVCS, Somerville, St. Mary's of Lynn, and Waynflete School of Portland ME.

Thanks to everyone that came down to the Park at River's Edge on this beautiful day to participate and watch, and congrats to the winners!





# Under One Roof Project Beam Signing

Such an honor to join with Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, local leaders, community advocates and countless volunteers for a celebratory beam signing at the construction site of the Under One Roof project.

This multi-use housing and food access facility at 54 Eastern Avenue will house Bread of Life, a wonderful non-profit that provides food to people throughout Medford and Malden. I'm so happy to support this project that will expand food resources for the community.

More info can be found at <http://www.breadoflifemalden.org/under-one-roof>.



## Scout Safety Day

Cub Scout Pack 416 Scout Safety Day at the McGlynn was a huge success, thanks to all the first responders that came with their vehicles. Special shoutout to our Medford Police and Fire Departments for their participation!



## Rain Barrel Program Distribution

Thanks to the amazing work of our Planning, Development and Sustainability staff along with hardworking volunteer students we distributed over 200 rain barrels to the community through our discounted pre-order program.

According to the EPA, rain barrels can save the average homeowner 1,300 gallons of water. These barrels can help conserve water and protect the environment by:

- Reducing runoff and non-point source pollution by capturing rainwater from the roof that would otherwise become runoff.
- Providing an additional source of water during droughts.
- Reducing erosion and flooding.
- Saving drinking water resources and money.

Thank you to everyone for doing their part in helping our environment!



## St. Joseph School Walk for Education



It was the perfect morning a few weeks ago to visit my old school, Saint Joseph School, for their annual Walk for Education! This year's walk raised over \$16,300, which will go toward classroom essentials like science textbooks and other curriculum materials.

Thank you to the Medford Police Department for all the help!

## Opening Pull at Boston Glory





I was honored to receive an invite to the Boston Glory ultimate frisbee game today against the Philadelphia Phoenix to join the team during the national anthem and throw the opening pull.

Check out their schedule here and watch them at Hormel Stadium through July:  
<https://theaudl.com/glory/schedule>.

Great food, breweries and entertainment for all!

## Recent News

### Mayor Lungo-Koehn Delivers Proposed FY24 Budget to City Council at Earliest Date in Over Twenty Years



The Fiscal Year 2024 City of Medford Proposed Budget has been delivered to the City Council for approval at the earliest date in the last two decades, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The proposed operating budget total is just shy of \$205 million, with the City General Fund (excluding the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund) totaling \$179,150,897.79.

Read more [here](#).

### Medford Sets Second Annual Run Medford Races for September 22 & 23

The City and the Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation, Inc., headed by former Medford resident Dave McGillivray, race course director of the Boston Marathon and president/founder of DMSE Sports, are hosting the second annual Run Medford Race event, with a weekend of races and activities on September 22 and 23, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Run Medford will offer races for all ages, including a 5-mile, high school mile, celebrity mile, and other unique events including the Hormel Stadium Track Dedication to Dave McGillivray. The events will be held on Friday, September 22 at the Hormel Stadium track and on Saturday, September 23 at City Hall.

Learn more [here](#).

### Medford to Hold First-Ever Porchfest Event

### Medford Breaking Ground on Three New Bluebike Stations Around the City



The City is installing new Bluebike stations in three multi-modal locations around the City, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. Medford currently has four other stations in high density locations.

Installation began at Hormel Stadium on May 16 and Harris Park on May 18. The other installation will be at Haines Square on May 24. Installation will occur throughout May and early June, with each station taking one day to complete. There may be parking restrictions during installation, depending on the location. Traffic was not impacted at the first two locations, but may be temporarily affected at Haines Square.

Read [more here](#).

## 2023 Census Confirmation Cards

The Election Commission wants to thank the residents who returned their 2023 census. To capture the non-respondents, we are sending out confirmation post cards to voters who have not responded. The postcards should be arriving in your mailboxes within the next 5 days. If you have not responded to your 2023 census, your voter registration status has been changed from “active” to “inactive”. You will never be denied the right to vote, however, on election day, if you are “inactive,” you will be required to sign an affirmation and show ID to vote. Please take time to fill out and return your confirmation postcard. Once we receive your card, we will change your voter status from “inactive” to “active.” Returning your annual census is particularly important, it provides proof of residence to protect your voting rights, veteran’s bonus, subsidized housing, and related benefits, as well as provide better municipal services.

Learn more [here](#).



The City is partnering with the Medford Arts Council and local volunteers to host Medford Porchfest on June 3, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Porchfest is a citywide festival celebrating the music and multiculturalism of the City. It is scheduled to take place on June 3 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, June 4.

Neighbors host musical acts outdoors on their porches (or patios, driveways, and lawns) in a live, free, public performance at locations all around the city during the festival. The event will spotlight the musical skills and diverse cultures of the Medford community.

Find a map of all performances [here](#). And the schedule [here](#).

Learn more [here](#).

## Medford Residents Have Recycled 1,085 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in April

Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 1,085 pounds of unwanted clothing in April.

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.

## More May Holidays



We celebrated Mother's Day for all mothers, mother figures, caregivers, and dog moms out there! Pictured here are many of the moms that work at City Hall.

Happy Bengali New Year! Had the best time celebrating with everyone.



Haitian Flag Day, hosted by the Medford Haitian Community Task Force, was an afternoon of culture and fun! We had great entertainment, guest speakers, and food. Thank you for having me!

Happy National Bike to School Day!

We had a beautiful morning to bike with my friends to drop off students at our Middle Schools.



Thank you to all the incredible teachers out there who have made such a tremendous and enduring impact on students!

We're lucky to have some of the most caring, thoughtful and insightful teachers educating the young minds in Medford. Thank you for everything you do!





## Talking about Government and Community



I spent a morning this month talking with 3rd graders at the Brooks School about being Mayor and how government works.

So many great questions and the kids were very eager to hear about all the parks projects we're working on this summer!

Thanks so much to Mr. Coates for inviting me. Easily the best part of my day!

Behind the scenes on set at NBC10! I talked housing, social services, transportation, and more with Mayor Koch on the NECN's @Issue show.

Watch the segment [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

June 1: 4pm - Pride Flag Raising  
@ City Hall (outside)

\* 7pm: Love Wins  
Interfaith Pride  
@ Hillside Comm. Church

\* 7:30pm: Drag Bingo  
@ Ford Tavern  
(5 tickets required)

June 8: 7pm  
LGBTQ Book Club  
"Gender Queer"  
by Alex Klibbe  
@ Medford Library

June 8: 7pm  
Discovering American Drag  
Medford Library Zoom event  
(reserve on medfordlibrary.org)

June 14: 7pm - Malinda Lo  
author talk on her historical novel  
(Last Night at the Telegraph Club)  
@ Medford Library

June 16: 6-7pm @ City Hall  
Sweatin' through the Decades  
- Pride Edition by Reimagyn  
(free outdoors exercise class)

June 16: 7pm-1am @ Deep Cuts  
Queering the Dance Floor  
(music, drinks, dancing w/ DJs)

June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25: various  
Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue  
@ Chevalier (5 tickets req'd)

June 22: 7pm  
Same-Sex Marriage history  
by Sasha Isenberg  
@ Medford Library

June 24: 2pm  
Kinsey Scales Pride Concert  
@ Medford Library

June 25: 4-8pm  
Medford Pride Festival  
Music, Vendors & more!  
@ City Hall (outside)



**M3 Outdoor Adventures**  
**Medford Recreation** Medford Recreation  
**Presents:**

FLOAT YOUR BOAT at the **2023**  
**CARDBOARD**  
**CANOE RACE**

**Sunday, June 11**  
**10:00am- 1:00pm**

**Location**  
**Wrights Pond**  
 Medford, Ma  
**To Register a Boat:**  
[www.MedfordRecreation.org](http://www.MedfordRecreation.org)

**Event Details:**  
**Music**  
**Concessions**  
**Beach Games**  
**FREE Admission for**  
**SPECTATORS**



## join us for wear orange

### what

A proclamation declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Medford to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we must do more to end this public health crisis.

### when

Friday, June 2, 2023 at 10am

### where

Medford City Hall, 85 George P Hassett Dr, Medford, MA 02155

### rsvp



Snap the QR code, text ORANGE to 644-33 or email [medfordmembers.ma@gmail.com](mailto:medfordmembers.ma@gmail.com)



**join us for our 10th annual....**  
**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**  
**Friday, June 9, 2023**  
**10:00 - 12:00 pm**

**Location:**  
**Victory Park, Winthrop Street, Medford**

**Knucklebones...For the Love of Play!**  
 Teddy Bear Parade  
 Bring your favorite Teddy or "Lovie"  
 Bring a blanket & picnic  
 Balls Chalk Play Open Art  
 Bubbles FREE Books Parachute Play

**Meet & Greet with our invited Legislative, School Committee and City Council Members**

**Special thanks to Deloitte volunteers!**  
**Please register here by Friday, May 26, 2023**



## COMITES AND LA FEDERAZIONE PRESENT Italian Festival FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

**JUNE 4TH • 11AM TO 6PM**  
**CONDON SHELL - MEDFORD, MA**

2501 MYSTIC VALLEY PKWY, MEDFORD, MA 02155

*All Are Welcome*



**BEER & WINE GARDEN • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLE**  
**FOOD VENDORS • CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT**

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 scan the code above using your mobile phone camera

11 AM - Opening ceremonies including a salute to the flag and United States and Italian national anthems  
 2 PM - Italian performance by Medford School Students  
 4 PM - Concert by Tenor Alberto Proietta



**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 11, 2023**  
**KICK OFF THE SUMMER WITH**  
**HOOPS and HOPE**

**NBA YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC**  
**HS BOYS/GIRLS/MENS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - NEW DATE THIS YEAR!**



**Honoring Our Youth! Join NBA Players and Coaches**

Join NBA players and coaches and other current and former pro athletes this summer at Dugger Park in West Medford, Massachusetts to honor and support the memory of Medford's own Brandon Bolden, Krystle Campbell, and the West Medford Community Center (serving Medford youth and families).

Our vision is to bring together families across Medford and its surrounding areas, to honor our young people, build a sense of community across neighborhoods and to expose our youth to a quality learning experience. Our goal is to raise money that will support youth activities while also creating an annual athletic event for everyone to enjoy.

- NBA Free Clinic - Ages 7-17
- Silent Auctions
- HS Boys/Girls Basketball Tournaments
- Kids Games, Food Trucks and Much Much More...
- For more info to come soon: [www.hoopsandhope.org](http://www.hoopsandhope.org) • follow us @HOOPSANDHOPE



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### STAY INFORMED!



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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](http://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/](http://medfordlibrary.org/newsletter/)

## 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

- **June 1:** Pride Flag Raising
- **June 1:** Interfaith Pride Celebration
- **June 1:** Drag Bingo at Ford Tavern
- **June 2:** National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation
- **June 3:** Porchfest
- **June 4:** Italian Festival - Festa Della Repubblica Italiana
- **June 7:** Medford High School Graduation
- **June 8:** Medford Farmer's Market
- **June 8:** LGBTQ+ Book Group
- **June 8:** Discovering American Drag
- **June 11:** Hoops and Hope
- **June 11:** Cardboard Canoe Race
- **June 14:** Malinda Lo Author Visit
- **June 15:** Juneteenth Flag Raising
- **June 16:** Sweatin' Through the Decades - Pride Edition
- **June 17:** Circle the Square
- **June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25:** Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue
- **June 22:** Same-Sex Marriage History
- **June 24:** Kinsey Scales Pride Concert
- **June 25:** Pride Festival
- **June 25:** Pride After Party @ the Vault

### MEETINGS

#### **May 31**

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

#### **June 1**

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

#### **June 5**

- **5:30pm:** School Special Meeting and Public Budget Hearing
- **6:30pm:** Energy & Environment Committee Meeting

#### **June 6**

- **6:00pm:** Medford Police Department Community Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

#### **June 7**

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

#### **June 8**

- **6:00pm:** Historic District Commission Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Charter Study Committee Public Information Session
- **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](https://medfordma.org/jobs). The webpage is updated regularly, but current opportunities include:

**Full-Time Positions:**

- Director, Economic Development
- Economic Development Planner
- City Solicitor
- Assistant City Solicitor
- Parking Control Specialist
- Staff Planner (Climate Policy)
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Info Reference Librarian (Part Time)
- Head Clerk (Planning, Development, and Sustainability)
- Circulation Assistant (Adult and Youth Services)
- Head of Reference Services

**Other/Ongoing Positions:**

- Traffic Supervisors

To apply, visit [medfordma.org/for-residents/jobs](https://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.*

