



The City of

**Medford**

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July 31, 2023

### Message from the Mayor



Happy summer Medford!

It's been another busy month with projects breaking ground and many already underway as well as some fun upcoming events. But before you dive into all the great things that have been going on in Medford this month, I want to remind you that while we all love the hot weather, too much of it without the proper protection can be harmful, so please be sure to keep yourself safe, especially during heatwaves by checking out our [summer safety tips here](#).

Below are a few of our July highlights:

- Earlier this week, we broke ground on a \$1.4 million renovation project at Gillis Park. Thanks to the support of our amazing community partners, like Medford Youth Baseball, the park will be getting upgrades like a rebuilt baseball field, improved accessibility, and more!
- We awarded over \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to 17 local nonprofits that are supporting the community with COVID-19 recovery, specifically relating to issues like food insecurity, housing, and more. I'm excited to see the great projects and resources that will come to fruition as a result of these funds.
- Our Office of Prevention and Outreach has launched a community survey to gather public feedback on how Medford's Opioid Settlement Fund money should be used. The City is currently planning for over \$830K over 18 years, with the potential for more funding to come. Please take the survey and inform the resources and goals needed for our community!

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!

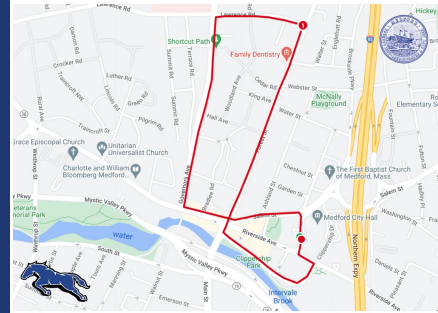
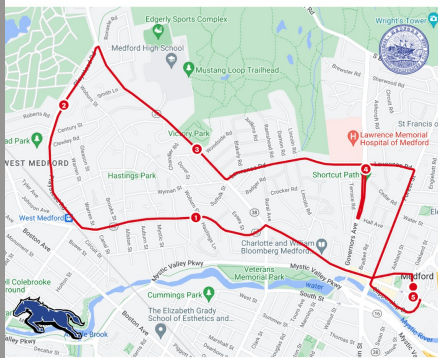
## Run Medford is Back!

The two-day Run Medford Event is about 2 months away but there's still time to sign up!

- Friday, Sept. 22 at Hormel Stadium - Kids Fun fun, High School Mile, Mayor's Celebrity/VIP Mile

- Saturday, Sept. 23 at Medford Square - 5 mile road race and 2 mile walk. Check out the maps of these events below and be aware, streets within the race maps will be CLOSED for a few hours during the event so please plan accordingly!

For more info and to register visit [runmedford.com](http://runmedford.com)



## Fill Out Our Opioid Settlement Survey

The City has committed to using statewide Opioid Settlement funds to supplement and strengthen resources available to community members. We want the community's involvement in the planning process and setting broad goals that maximize the funding's impact.

Take the survey here to share your input and guide how Opioid Settlement funds are spent in Medford: <https://forms.gle/SXK6eaD581nz4Khb6> and read more about [the settlement here](#).

## City of Medford Opioid Settlement Fund Survey



**Medford Health Department's  
Office of Prevention and Outreach**



Help decide how to use statewide opioid settlement funds to supplement and strengthen resources available to Medford.

Please take the survey by using the QR code. Your feedback will guide how the funds are spent in Medford.

A hard copy of the survey is available at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Office of Prevention and Outreach, Room 205.

**ALL SURVEYS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO CITY HALL, ROOM 205 OR SUBMITTED ONLINE BY AUGUST 18TH 2023.**

If you have any questions or need help filling out the survey, please contact Alysia LaGambina at 781-475-5646 or [alagambina@medford-ma.gov](mailto:alagambina@medford-ma.gov)

# Meet Our Community Liaisons!



Our community liaisons are a team working with the City to design programs and services in partnership with Medford community members. They are the first multicultural and multilingual team of liaisons in Medford and are passionate about connecting with and lifting up the voices of our communities in the City. Meet our liaisons:

- Darline Raymond, Community Liaison for the Haitian Communities
- Jennifer Alvarez, Community Liaison for the Spanish Speaking Communities
- Samira Hayek, Community Liaison for the Arabic Speaking Communities
- Stacey Moore, Community Liaison for African American Communities
- Marileia Barroso, Community Liaison for the Brazilian-Portuguese Speaking Communities

Learn more and find contact information for our liaisons [here](#).

## Apply Now for the 2023 Fire Fighter Exam

Get involved, serve your community, and make a difference - sign up to take the 2023 Firefighter Examination today! Applications are open through August 29, and testing begins in October. For more info on the testing process and key dates, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2023-municipal-firefighter-examination>





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Hacer la diferencia  
Examen de Bombero 2023



Solicitudes aceptadas hasta el 29 de agosto  
Las pruebas comienzan el 14 de octubre

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Envolve-se - Sirva a sua comunidade  
Faça a diferença  
Inscrições para exame de novos bombeiros 2023



Inscreva-se até dia 29 de agosto de 2023  
Os testes começam no dia 14 de Outubro

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## Mayor Lungo-Koehn Joining the MBTA Advisory Board

With the opening of the Green Line Extension and the public engagement on the better bus network redesign we've seen first hand the significant impact that public transportation has on our neighborhoods and our residents.

That's why I signed on and was elected Vice Chair of the MBTA Advisory Board. I will continue to advocate for more equitable access for riders and our communities.

Read more [here](#).

## Mobile Office Hours

I'm holding mobile office hours next week, on August 3rd at Colleen's Ice Cream from 3pm-4pm!

Come down to enjoy some ice cream, ask questions, and let us know your concerns.

Can't make it but want to stay in touch?

Visit [medfordma.org/alerts](https://medfordma.org/alerts) to sign up to receive important city alerts.

**MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**  
with Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Get the scoop... Office Hours - ICE CREAM EDITION!

Discuss your ideas, get your questions answered, or just say hello!

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

**WHERE:** Colleen's Ice Cream  
61 High Street

Follow @MayorLungoKoehn on Facebook & Instagram for updates!



## Gillis Park Groundbreaking!

This month we broke ground on a \$1.4 million renovation project at Gillis Park.

Crews are hard at work on a ton of upgrades for the facility including rebuilding the baseball field, exercise area, adding a loop walking path and improving accessibility for the community!

Thank you to our teams in DPW, Planning Development and Sustainability, and Procurement, as well as the Community Preservation Committee, for working tirelessly to make this project happen.

And thank you to our community partners, specifically Medford Youth Baseball for their support. Bill O'Keefe applied for a CPA grant on behalf of the organization in 2016 that went toward funding this project.

Read more about the Gillis Park Project [here](#).



## Bread of Life Meal Making and Serving

Every other month, Sanctuary UCC gathers to make and serve a meal for 100 at Bread of Life, Malden. In August, they will be Meal Making on 8/9 and Meal Serving on 8/10.

Use [this sign up form](#) to

- 1) Bake something at home and deliver to Hillside before 6 on Wednesday;
- 2) Join us to prep and cook the meal at Hillside (6-8pm)\*; and/or
- 3) Pick up, Deliver, Heat and Serve the meal at Bread of Life, Malden (3:30-6pm)

See you there!



## Recent News

### City to Officially Install Next Poet Laureate



The City and the Medford Arts Council are holding a Poet Laureate installation

### Medford to Unveil New Morrison Park Playground Geared Toward Toddlers





ceremony for Vijaya Sundaram on Tuesday, August 8 at 4 pm at City Hall, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The program will include a reading from Sundaram and a special farewell poem from Medford's Inaugural Poet Laureate, Terry E. Carter, and Rikita Bk, Medford High School's first place winner of the MPS Poetry Contest, will also give a reading.

Read more about the position and ceremony [here](#).

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### **Medford to Award Over \$500,000 in ARPA Funding to Local Nonprofits Supporting COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

The City of Medford will be awarding over \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to 17 local nonprofits that are assisting and supporting the community in several key areas related to COVID-19 recovery, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The City is utilizing a portion of its remaining federal funds to award the one-time grants.

In the spring, the City launched its subrecipient application process and over the course of the last few months has been reviewing project proposals to ensure that its funding will have the most impact.

Read more [here](#).

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### **Medford Launches Community Survey to Inform Investment Strategy of Opioid Settlement Funds**

The City's Office of Prevention and Outreach has launched a community survey to help determine strategies and goals for investing funds awarded from the Opioid Settlement Fund, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Medford will receive over an estimated \$830,000 over 18 years, with the potential for more funding to come, from a settlement of a July 2021 statewide class action lawsuit filed by Attorney General Maura Healy against opioid distributors and manufacturers to

The City is officially unveiling the completed Morrison Park Playground to the public at a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 7 at 10 a.m.

The new Morrison Park Playground is funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that totals just over \$400K. The project brings a new preschool-aged play area to the playground, which includes a sandbox, swings, balance balls, and a new fishnet climber. The entire site was resurfaced with an accessible poured-in-place rubber surface and porous rubber surfacing was used to protect the roots of the large pine oak tree at the park.

Read more [here](#).

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### **Medford Breaking Ground on Accessibility Renovations and Upgrades to Gillis Park**

The City of Medford will break ground on a \$1.4 million renovation project that will upgrade accessibility features, improve the baseball field, and add new park amenities to Gillis Park, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The project, funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and Community Preservation Act (CPA) monies, will address two key issues: drainage and accessibility from the street.

Read more [here](#).

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### **Medford Residents Have Recycled 392 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in June**

Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 392 pounds of unwanted clothing in June.

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

mitigate the effects of addiction, focusing on prevention, intervention, and supporting those in recovery. The City will use funds to supplement and strengthen resources available to community members.

The survey closes on August 18 and can be [found here](#).

Learn more [here](#).

### **Medford Opening Applications for Senior Work Off Real Estate Tax Abatement Program**

The City of Medford Council on Aging and Office of the Assessor invites seniors, ages 60 and over, to apply for the Senior Work-Off Abatement Program. Through this program, seniors have the opportunity to lower their real estate tax payments by temporarily working for the City. Preference will be given to Seniors that have not participated in previous years.

The work program will begin on September 5, 2023, and must be completed on or before February 23, 2024.

Learn more [here](#).

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](#).

## **This Month in Our Community**

Elsa made a quick 15-minute detour on her way to Arandale this morning to meet with the kiddos at the Princess Dance Party at the Medford Public Library!



Checked in on the progress of the mural at Wright's Pond and chatted with the local artist Jamie Chan about the project.

I'm happy to report that this incredible work of art is finished! Please stop by the pond to see the amazing piece.



Thank you to Jamie and the team at Medford Recreation for all their work on completing this project and enhancing the experience at Wright's Pond

To help beat the heat, I stopped by Wrights Pond and handed out some classic Bomb Pops. A true summer staple that did not disappoint!

If you haven't purchased your permit for the pond this season, head over to the Medford Recreation website at [medfordma.myrec.com](https://medfordma.myrec.com)!



The first Annual Kelley-Miller Cup was a success! Great job organizing, Chris Murphy.

I cheered on the players from the Fire Department, Police Department and our MHS team because I could not pick a side!

## National Night Out



**Next week:** the Medford Police Department's National Night Out is August 1 from 5pm-8pm at Hormel Stadium!

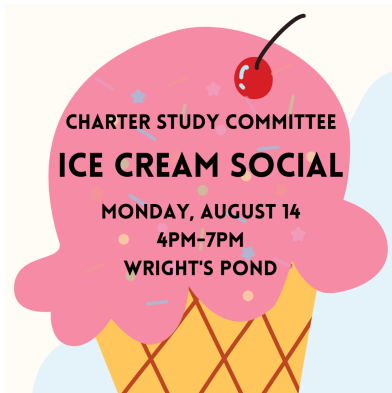
There will be kids activities including face painting, touch-a-truck, obstacle courses, K9 Demos, the popular "Dunk the Chief" dunk tank & more. The event will also have 20+ vendors and



FREE food from local vendors.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

## Charter Study Committee Ice Cream Social



Ice cream & local government! The **Medford Charter Study Committee** will be at Wright's Pond on **Monday, August 14** for an **Ice Cream Social**. Stop by our table between 4 and 7 p.m. to learn about our work reviewing Medford's charter and tell us what you think about ward representation, term limits and other topics. There'll be information, interactive games and ICE CREAM! For information on the committee visit [www.medfordma.org/charterstudy](http://www.medfordma.org/charterstudy).

## Medford's Fourth of July

Spent part of my Fourth of July at the Royall House & Slave Quarters listening to poetry of Terry E. Carter and the words of Frederick Douglass and the long history of Black Activism.

Thank you to Mass Humanities for the grant, which made it possible.



## Social Work Hours at the Library

If you or someone you know is struggling, there may be resources that can help! Alysia LaGambina, our Social Worker, holds office hours every Wednesday at the Medford Public Library in the Spinazzola Family Counseling & Study Room in the Adult section, from 10 am to 2 pm.



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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!



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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

- **August 1:** National Night Out
- **August 3:** Mobile Office Hours with Mayor Lungo-Koehn
- **August 8:** Poet Laureate Installation Ceremony
- **September 4:** Labor Day (City Hall closed in observance)
- **September 22-23:** Run Medford

### MEETINGS

#### **August 2**

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

#### **August 3**

- **3:00pm:** Medford Farmer's Market
- **5:00pm:** Community Outreach Meeting - Victory Gardens
- **6:30pm:** Charter Study Committee Meeting

#### **August 7**

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

**August 9**

- **6:00pm:** Medford Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting

**August 10**

- **3:00pm:** Medford Farmer's Market
- **6:00pm:** Historic District Commission Meeting

**August 14**

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

**August 15**

- **6:00:** Parks Commission Meeting
- **7:00:** City Council 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](http://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
- Head Clerk (Planning, Development, and Sustainability)
- Circulation Assistant (Adult and Youth Services)
- MEO III Motor Equipment Repairperson
- Parking Clerk
- Senior Clerk (Elections)
- Head Clerk, Records (Police Department)
- Registered Sanitarian

**Other/Ongoing Positions:**

- Traffic Supervisors

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

