



The City of

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June 11, 2024

Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford,

As we look toward summer, we have celebrated tons of events over the past month, with many more on the horizon. Construction season is underway, and we're making great progress with many of our parks projects. It was a lot of work but we completed and submitted the [FY25 Budget Proposal](#) to the City Council at the end of May. I'm so proud of the work of our finance team as well as all of our departments and staff for working together to craft this document. You can find more info on the budget at medfordma.org/budget or read my budget message [here](#).

We've accomplished some great things over the past year and still have plenty to look forward to!

Here are a few of our recent highlights for May:

- We kicked off Pride Month with our annual flag raising and celebration on May 31! The fun doesn't end here, as we have a great slate of events coming up which were organized by our Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion along with community partners. And big thank you to our Pride Planning Committee for all their work on making these events possible. For more details, visit medfordma.org/events.
- Many of the parks projects we've recently been working on are in full swing or are wrapping up. Join us for the Gillis Park ribbon cutting on in early July to celebrate the newly renovated park, which includes improvements to drainage, accessibility, and other new features.
- Finally, there's still time to sign up for our free city curbside composting service run in partnership with Garbage to Garden that begins on July 1! Find more information at medfordcomposts.com.

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

Thanks for reading!

Kicking Off Pride Month!



We officially kicked off Pride Month by raising the flag at City Hall and holding an amazing festival and dog parade.

It's so wonderful for our community to share this experience and show one another such compassion, understanding and love.

Huge thank you to our Pride Planning Committee, our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei, Boston Proud and Event Them for making this celebration possible!

Black Health Series

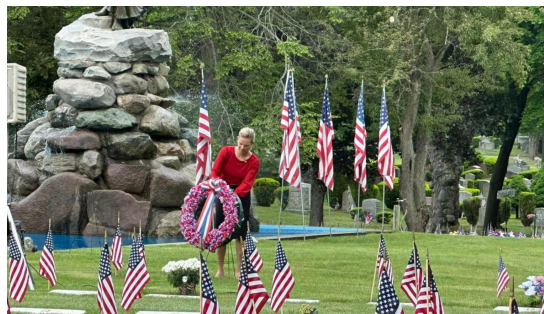


This month's Black Health Series presentation at the West Medford Community Center about asthma among black children and climate Justice was so informative.

Did you know the leading cause of air pollution inside the home, which can cause asthma and other illnesses is gas stoves? (Try an induction cooktop instead)

Thank you to all who organized and joined us. The last installment of the Black Health Series is June 26, we hope to see you there!

Memorial Day Ceremony



In recognition of Memorial Day, we gathered at Oak Grove Cemetery to honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the armed services we've lost.

This touching ceremony was organized by our Director of Community Affairs, Lisa Colaianni with the support of our new Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw and led by our Police Chief Jack Buckley.

Thank you to the American Legion Post 45 for helping with placing flags at gravesites, DPW, Police and Fire Honor Guard, my fellow colleagues for participating and of course our veterans community for their courage and strength.

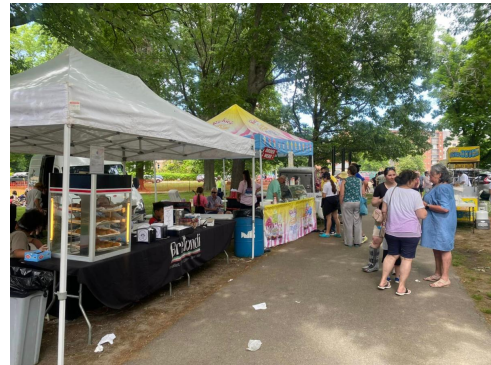
Celebrating Haitian Flag Day



Our Haitian Flag Day celebration was amazing thanks to our community connectors and liaisons!

Thank to all who organized and joined us.

Feast of the Republic Celebration



Absolute beautiful weather for the Italian Festival, Feast of the Republic today at the Condon Shell!

So much incredible food, great vendors and live music.

Thank you to the organizers for putting on such an amazing event and to everyone in our community who came out to support and honor Italian heritage.

Recent News

Medford Releases Schedule of Pride Month 2024 Events

The City has released a schedule of events to celebrate and honor Pride Month this June, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. This year's slate of events has expanded to 11 in its third year and was organized in partnership with the Medford Pride Committee and other community partners.

"Building upon the past two years of successful celebrations, we've put together a long list of fun events for all to

City of Medford Financial Task Force Releases Plan for Investments in Public Schools, Fire Headquarters, and Road Repair

After several discussions and thoughtful negotiations, the Mayor, City Council leadership, School Committee leadership, and municipal staff, serving as the city's Financial Task Force, are releasing a historic proposal for consideration at the Medford City Council's June 11, 2024 regular meeting

enjoy this Pride Month,” said Mayor Lungo-Koehn. “Thank you to our Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Frances Nwajei and the Medford Pride Committee for all the time and work that has been put into planning this year’s event schedule.”

Learn more [here](#).

that includes three ballot questions; two override questions totaling \$7,500,000 million in additional funding to be invested in the schools and City, and one debt exclusion question for a new fire headquarters, for voters to consider on the November 2024 general election ballot that support major investments in Medford’s future.

Read more [here](#).

City Hosted Hazardous Waste Event at Andrews Middle School



The City hosted its second Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day event on Saturday, June 8th from 9am–1pm at the Andrews Middle School.

Residents properly disposed 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 or exact cash. This event has been made possible in part by grant funding through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Read more [here](#).

Run Medford Road Race Returning September 27 & 28

The City of Medford and the Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation are hosting the third annual Run Medford Road Race event weekend on September 27 and 28, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The events will be held at the Hormel Stadium track on Friday, September 27 and at City Hall on Saturday, September 28.

This year, Run Medford introduces Jerry’s Run for all Ages 5K Race, named after Jerry Panarese, who was a member of the New England 65+ Runners Club. Jerry was the director of the Run of All Ages for 25 years. In addition to the 5K, the event will also feature races for all ages, including a kids’ fun run, 5-mile race, high school mile, VIP/Celebrity mile, and more.

Read more [here](#).

City Hosted Compost Giveaway and Bin Distribution Event



The City of Medford along with its composting provider Garbage to Garden distributed curbside composting bins and free compost (one bag limit per

Medford Residents Have Recycled 773 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in May

Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 773 pounds of unwanted clothing in May.

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,

household while supplies last) for Medford residents eligible for the new City composting program on Saturday, May 18 from 10am-2pm at City Hall.

Residents received their 12-gallon rolling, locking curbside composting bin and finished compost. This event was for anyone already on the waitlist for the composting program or anyone who wished to join the waitlist.

Read more [here](#).

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](#).

More May Events

Gorgeous afternoon earlier this month watching our Medford High Softball team play in the Tufts University's Classic!

Go Mustangs!



The first grade class at the Roberts stopped by City Hall to learn about being a good citizen!

It was so much fun talking to the kiddos about what I do as Mayor and how we can all help make Medford better.

Fabulous day for the Mayors Cup Regatta at Tufts boathouse.

Great job to all of the teams especially our Medford High School crew team.



Free Curbside Composting in Medford

Starting this July, the City has partnered with Garbage to Garden to bring free composting services to Medford residents and the waitlist is open!

You can find more info at medfordcomposts.com. If you want to



start composting now, you can sign up for Garbage to Garden services at a special rate of \$8.99/month and you will automatically be enrolled in the free service starting this July 1.

Save the Dates!



The Medford Recreation Department, alongside Run Medford, will be hosting a Citywide Track Meet on June 14 at Hormel Stadium. The meet will be for Medford residents only grades 1 through 8. Participants will be competing in running and throwing events such as, long jump, shot put, javelin, dash, hurdles, and a 5K.

This event is FREE, but registration is required.

Find more information and sign up [here](https://www.medfordrecreation.org).

Join us for the fifth and final installment of the Black Health Series on June 26, focusing on men's health and mental wellbeing! Join us from 6pm-8pm at the West Medford Community Center and on Zoom for important discussions with guest speaker Mimi Gardner from NeighborHealth.

Register for the Zoom here:



<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/2uqT0qH9VAmzKj0gZZLcFz9mwbonXp>



Put on your best costume and come down to the Medford Public Library for the Fairy Tale Ball! This Sunday, June 9 from 1pm-4pm, the library will have face painting, sword fighting, a bounce castle, and more at this free family event.

Join us at City Hall on June 18 at 4pm for the Juneteenth Flag Raising & Musical Appreciation!

After guest speeches, including the keynote address by Dr. Joyya Smith, Vice President of Diversity, Access and Inclusion at Suffolk University, and the flag raising, there will be food from Neighborhood Kitchen and music by the Glen David Andrews Band.



**JUNETEENTH
FLAG RAISING &
MUSICAL APPRECIATION**

**TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2024 | 4PM - 6PM
MEDFORD CITY HALL**

FREE

- WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (FRANCES N. NWAJEL, DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION, MEDFORD, MA)
- OPENING BLESSING
- MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN, MEDFORD, MA
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS, DR. JOYYA SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DIVERSITY, ACCESS AND INCLUSION, SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MA
- VIJAYA SUNDARAM, POET LAUREATE, MEDFORD, MA
- VERONICA SHAW, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES, MEDFORD, MA
- A MESSAGE FROM THE MEDFORD CITY COUNCIL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT ZAC BEARS
- BLESSING OF THE MEAL, AARON OLAPADE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, MEDFORD, MA
- CALL TO RAISE THE FLAG
- MUSICAL APPRECIATION, GLEN DAVID ANDREWS BAND

This event is made possible by the MVP grant and ARPA funding. The musical appreciation segment is produced by Down by Riverside Inc., Medford, MA. Catering is provided by Neighborhood Kitchen, Medford, MA.

Down by Riverside

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.



NEW!
Social Work Hours
at the Library

Connect with community services to support your family, such as help with food, utilities, housing, mental health, substance use and more.

**Wednesdays
10 am to 2 pm**

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[Sign up here](#) to receive Go Green Medford's periodic newsletter with updates on programs,



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/

The City Council has launched a [monthly newsletter](#)! Read the latest edition [here](#) and sign up to receive the newsletter delivered directly to your inbox [here](#).

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 12:** Pride Paper Flower Crown Craft
- **June 13:** LGBTQ+ Book Club Group
- **June 14:** Citywide Track Meet
- **June 15:** Circle the Square
- **June 17:** Bunker Hill Day- City Hall Closed
- **June 18:** Author Visit
- **June 19:** Juneteenth - City Hall Closed
- **June 20:** An Evening with Mercury Stardust
- **June 21:** Ants on a Log Pride Concert
- **June 22:** Kinsley Scales Pride Concert
- **June 26:** Black Health Series #5
- **June 29:** Mystic River Pride Flotilla
- **June 29:** Skate, Mingle & Dance Disco Party
- **June 30:** Scout Safety Day

MEETINGS

June 11

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Mystic Lakes Path Improvements Project Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

June 13

- **9:30am:** Retirement Board Meeting

June 18

- **12:30pm:** Board of Health 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:

- Assistant City Solicitor
- City Solicitor
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Tree Climber (Urban Forester)
- Registered Sanitarian
- Part-Time Senior Clerk (Elections)

- MEO III Motor Equipment Repairperson
- 911 Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Digital Technology Instructors (part-time, Council on Aging)

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.

