



July 3, 2024

Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford,

Happy summer! It's getting warmer outside and though many of you will be enjoying some well earned rest and relaxation, our work at City Hall is moving full steam ahead! We've been busy wrapping up some of our recent celebrations, including Pride Month, Juneteenth, lots of graduations, and more. We've also been making significant progress on a number of our parks projects - with the Gillis Park ribbon cutting scheduled for July 18 at 4pm and the partial reopening of Carr Park slated for July 19!

Here are a few more recent highlights:

- The City's Community Fund Committee awarded 36 grants to nonprofits that serve the Medford community last month. The awards totaled \$200,000 in funding to be used to expand services, resources and outreach. Read more about the grantees [here](#).
- Join us at Gillis Park on July 18 at 4pm to celebrate the \$1.4 million renovation with a ribbon cutting and one inning Elected Officials and Medford City Staff vs. Kids game, followed by a Medford Youth Baseball game. Read more about the project [here](#).
- Be sure to join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony and pickleball tournament at Carr Park on Monday, July 22. Portions of Carr Park will be open to public beginning July 18!
- Finally, our partnership with Garbage to Garden began on July 1! You can sign up now to receive free curbside composting services in Medford. 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!

Back-to-School Supply Drive!

PLEASE JOIN
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN
FOR A MEDFORD
BACK to SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 15 - AUGUST 15

ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

Backpacks	Highlighters	Pencils
Calculators	Insulated Lunch Boxes	Pens
Crayons	Lined Paper	Reusable Water Bottles
Erasers	Markers	Rulers
Facial Tissue	Notebooks	Scissors
Folders	Paint brushes	Staplers
Gluesticks	Paints	Staples
Hand Sanitizer	Paperclips	Wet Wipes
Hand Soap	Pencil Sharpeners	

DONATION DROP OFF:

MEDFORD CITY HALL
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Room 202

Hours:

M, T, Th: 8:30am - 4:30pm

W: 8:30am - 7:30pm

F: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Join me for a back-to-school supply drive, running from July 15 to August 15! Help our Medford students in need by dropping off supplies from the list at City Hall in room 202 during regular business hours.

Celebrating Juneteenth



The heat may have pushed us indoors but that didn't stop us from celebrating Juneteenth! This is such a meaningful and thoughtful celebration of culture and history.

Huge thank you everyone who made the day so special, especially our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei who organized and coordinated this incredible event, as well as Neighborhood Kitchen for providing the food, Down By Riverside, Inc. for the music production, the Glen David Andrews Band for the musical performance, our Poet Laureate Vijaya Sundaram, Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw and Council President Zac Bears for sharing a few words.

Porchfest 2024



We had a beautiful day for Medford Porchfest! Thank you to everyone that came out to enjoy our second annual Porchfest!

Thanks to all the organizers, hosts, and performers, this is becoming such an amazing new tradition in Medford.

Park Project Updates



Gillis Park is ready to go and we're celebrating the official opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 18 at 4pm!

The \$1.4 million renovation addressed two key issues: drainage and accessibility from the street and irrigation and grade corrections to make the park accessible from the sidewalk. You can read more about the project [here](#) and we hope to see you on the 18th!

Starting after July 18, the Carr Park Phase I renovation will be partially open to the public, including the loop path, pickleball courts, Stowers Ave path, and periphery areas. The central field will continue to be closed to the public until Spring 2025, due to the newly seeded field lawn which needs two growing seasons to establish. The City continues to ask that no one enter the fenced off field until it is open to the public. Walking or rolling on the lawn compacts the roots of the growing lawn, which has long-term maintenance consequences.



Checked out the progress of the McGlynn Universally Accessible Playground project and it's looking amazing!

We broke ground this past January and when completed this space will offer several play opportunities and a variety of developmentally-appropriate challenges with inclusion at the forefront! There will also be a fully accessible and curriculum-



aligned outdoor classroom!

You can read more about the project [here](#).

Hoops and Hope

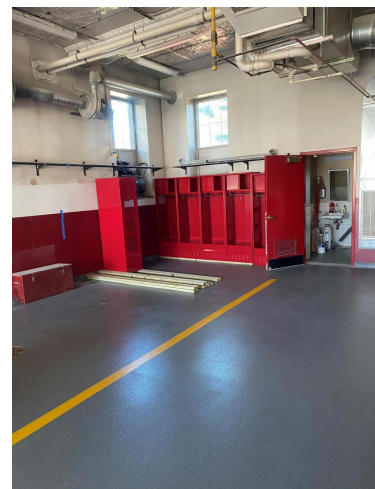
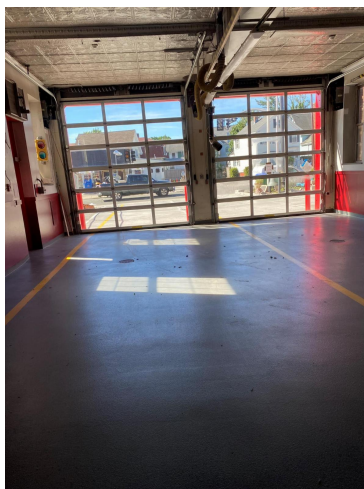


Weather forced us inside but still an amazing Hoops and Hope - Honoring Our Youth event today at the High School!

Huge thank you to the Hoops and Hope team, our recreation department and the West Medford Community Center for making today possible.

And of course former NBA player and Coach of the Year Sam Mitchell, and former WNBA player and current Knicks executive Kayla Chones-Coulibaly for putting on a wonderful clinic for the kids!

Fire Station Upgrades



Over the past year, crews have been diligently working to restore the floor deck, front

ramp, install new lockers and make updates to the garage door frames at the Engine 3 Fire Station at 276 Salem Street. The City secured \$650,000 in CDBG funding to make this project possible and now with the work nearing completion, firefighters will be able to move back into the facility this summer and to continue to serve the people of Medford from this newly renovated station. Special thanks to the firefighters, especially Brian Boyle who led the effort to assemble the lockers upon delivery!

This was a coordinated effort across multiple departments, which we are thankful for, including:

- Fire Department
- Facilities
- DPW
- Highway Department
- Procurement
- Planning, Development and Sustainability
- Mayor's Office

You can read more on the renovation work across the City's fire stations [here](#).

2024 Firefighter Examination

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Application opens: July 1, 2024
Application closes: August 27, 2024

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For additional information scan QR code or visit the fire department headquarters located at 120 Main Street, Medford, MA.

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Abertura das inscrições: 1º de julho de 2024
Encerramento das inscrições: 27 de agosto de 2024

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Examen de bombero 2024



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Cierre de solicitud: 27 de agosto de 2024

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فتح باب التقديم: 1 تموز 2024
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Get involved, serve your community, and make a difference - sign up to take the 2024 Firefighter Examination! Applications will be open from July 1 to August 27, and testing begins in October.

For more info on the testing process and key dates, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2024-municipal-firefighter-examination>.

Medford's Community Fund Committee Awards \$200,000 in Grant Funding to Medford-Focused Nonprofits



Through the City's Community Fund Committee, 36 nonprofits that serve the Medford community have been awarded \$200,000 in grant funding to be used to expand services, resources and outreach, Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN announced.

In this round, applications increased by over 50 percent with requests totaling over \$600,000. With a limited amount of funding, the committee had to carefully analyze each submission and determine where the funding would have the most positive impact. At the end of the discussion process, the committee unanimously decided to award 36 nonprofits with funding.

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

City Hosting Kickoff Event for Electrify Medford Program

The City is hosting a kickoff event on July 31 from 5-7pm at the Medford Public Library for the start of the Electrify Medford outreach campaign to help residents learn about resources to make their homes more energy efficient, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN. The Electrify Medford program helps residents save money on their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint through energy efficiency, electrification, and solar home upgrades, with a focus on underrepresented and underserved communities.

The kickoff event will share resources about available programs and incentives. Electrify Medford coaches will be available to answer any questions and talk with people about their specific situations. There will also be fun activities for kids and light refreshments.

Learn more [here](#).

City to Unveil \$1.4 Million Renovation Project at Gillis Park with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 18



The City is officially unveiling the newly completed Gillis Park \$1.4 million renovation project at a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 18 at 4 p.m., announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN. The renovation addressed two key issues: drainage and accessibility from the street and irrigation and grade corrections to make the park accessible from the sidewalk. Upgrades included:

kids' fun run, 5-mile race, high school mile, VIP/Celebrity mile, and more.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Residents Have Recycled 1038 Pounds of Unwanted Clothing in June

Through its partnership with Helpsy, a textile recycling company, the city has been able to help residents recycle 1038 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 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](#).

- Creating an accessible entrance to the park from the street/sidewalk
- Full reconstruction of the baseball field (including drainage upgrades)
- Construction of an accessible loop pathway around the field
- A new picnic area (accessible from the new path)
- A new outdoor adult fitness area (accessible from the new path)
- New and accessible bleachers and seating
- Replacement of the existing concession stand with a new concession stand
- Brought the existing crosswalk along Fulton Street into ADA compliance

Read more [here](#).

Graduation Season





Congratulations to all of our 5th grade graduates who are moving on to middle school this fall!

Such an honor to say a few words at the McGlynn graduation and recognize each student as they walked across the podium. Good luck next year!

Canoe for a Cause

Canoe for a cause and help the Mystic River Watershed Association (MRWA) remove an invasive plant from the Mystic River! On July 13 from 9am-12pm and July 26 from 4pm-6pm, volunteers will meet by the river across the street from the Whole Foods (100 Auburn St, Medford) and head out to pull up water chestnut.

MyRWA will provide the canoes, paddles, life jackets, and gloves. Register and find more info for July 13 [here](#) and July 26 [here](#).



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 service is beginning now!

You can find more info on the program and signing up at medfordcomposts.com.

Sign Up for Run Medford 2024



Run Medford returns on September 27 & 28 this year! This year, Run Medford includes Jerry's Run for all Ages 5K Race, a kids' fun run, 5-mile race, high school mile, VIP/Celebrity mile, and more.

For more information and to register, visit runmedford.com.

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, 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/

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

- **July 3:** Pride Afterparty
- **July 4:** Independence Day - City Hall Closed
- **July 4:** Reading Frederick Douglass Together at the Royall House and Slave Quarters
- **July 18:** Gillis Park Ribbon Cutting
- **July 22:** Carr Park Ribbon Cutting and Pickleball Tournament
- **July 31:** Electrify Medford Kickoff Event

MEETINGS

July 3

- **5:00pm:** Hormel Stadium Commission Meeting

July 8

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

July 9

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Commission Meeting

July 15

- **6:00pm:** Climate Equity 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. The webpage is updated regularly, but current opportunities include:

Current Positions:

- City Solicitor
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Tree Climber (Urban Forester)
- Registered Sanitarian
- MEO III Motor Equipment Repairperson
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Digital Technology Instructors (part-time, Council on Aging)
- Human Resources Administrator
- PW 5.5/MEO II & Laborer
- Part-Time Principal Clerk (Treasurer/Collector)
- Field Engineering Aide
- Parking Control Specialist

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.



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