



September 4, 2024

Message from the Mayor



Hello Medford,

As we wrap up summer and head into fall, we're looking forward to a busy rest of the year! This summer we've completed some exciting projects, like installing more Bluebike station and completing major renovations to Engine 3 Fire Station on Salem Street. There's still plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks, with Run Medford, our Electric Vehicle Showcase, the Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands, and much more.

Here are a few of our August highlights:

- We've recently completed nearly \$4.1 million worth of renovation work and equipment enhancements for our Fire Department. We also have over \$4 million in additional Capital Improvement funding spread out over the next three fiscal years and a \$30 million debt exclusion question on the November ballot for the new Fire Headquarters.
- As the City works to increase green transportation options, we've secured a \$250,000 grant from Mass DOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Program to expand and maintain our Bluebike network. With this funding, we will be able to install 3 more stations, which will bring the total number up to 18!
- Finally, Run Medford is coming up on September 27 and 28! Note that some streets in the Medford Square area will be CLOSED for a few hours during the morning of September 28 so please plan accordingly! The full list of street closures can be found here: <https://www.runmedford.com/directions-road-closures>

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!

Citywide Yard Sale & Lemonade Stands

CITY WIDE YARD SALE AND LEMONADE STANDS!

September 21st and 22nd 10am - 1pm



Scan QR code below to sign up as a **PARTICIPANT** in the Citywide Yard Sale and also to sign up to **host a Lemonade Stand!**



Our first Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands is happening on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 across Medford.

To be included on the map that will be released before the event weekend, sign up here by September 10: app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b26d69ef4d1c4eabb6a1b3fbd191bd2b

Back to School!



THANK YOU to everyone that generously donated to our back-to-school supply drive throughout July and August! In August, we dropped off all the donations at Medford High School for the Superintendent and teachers to pass on to students in need.

And thank you to the MHS girls' basketball team for your help delivering all of the supplies with us!

Join me in welcoming our new teachers to the Medford Public Schools! Ahead of school starting in August, the teachers took a tour of Medford, which included a stop at City Hall.

It was so nice to meet everyone and chat about the upcoming year, as well as future plans for our schools. Have a great year!



Run Medford



Run Medford is coming up soon! Get excited for September 27 & 28 and visit runmedford.com to register and find more details!

- Friday, Sept. 27 at Hormel Stadium – Kids' Fun Run, High School Mile, Mayor's Celebrity/VIP Mile, and Para Mile
- Saturday, Sept. 28 at City Hall – Jerry's Run for All Ages 5K, 5-mile race, and 2-mile walk. Note that streets in the area will be CLOSED for a few hours in the morning during the event so please plan accordingly! The full list of street closures can be found here: <https://www.runmedford.com/directions-road-closures>

STREETS IMPACTED:

CITY HALL MALL

Closed- no parking both sides
Atrius Health Parking Garage- no access

SALEM STREET

Closed at Rotary
Closed curb-curb through Medford Square – Winthrop Rotary
No parking both sides
Barricades at Oakland and Ashland
All local traffic between Salem St and Water St will go to Salem St

WEBSTER STREET

Barricade / hard shut down at Brookside Parkway (no access to Forest St)

MAIN STREET

Barricade / hard shut down at Route 16
Secondary barricade at Clippership Drive

HIGH STREET

Closed westbound to Playstead Ave.

CENTURY STREET

Closed – no parking both sides

WINTHROP STREET

Closed southbound to Lawrence Rd.

LAWRENCE ROAD

Closed eastbound to Forest
No parking in eastbound lane

GOVERNORS AVE

Closed- no parking both sides

RIVERSIDE AVE

Closed- no parking both sides

Electric Vehicle Showcase



Our Electric Vehicle Showcase is on September 14 from 10am-12pm! Come to City Hall to check out a variety of electric vehicles (including e-bikes and scooters), speak with their owners about pros and cons, and learn about what incentives may be available for you.

International Overdose Awareness Day



On August 31, the City of Medford honored International Overdose Awareness Day. There were 140 purple flags in front of City Hall, one for each life lost to substance misuse in Medford since 2015.

For substance use or grief support resources, visit www.medfordma.org/recovery-resources. You can also always call the Multilingual Resource Line at 781-475-5644 with questions or to be connected to resources.

Recent News

Medford Secures \$750K Grant to Help Strengthen its Climate Resiliency

Municipal Leaders Encourage All to “Be Kind” This Fall



The City has secured a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant for \$750K from the state to continue the expansion of its Medford Connects project, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN. The Medford Connects project will use this MVP funding to continue improving climate resiliency throughout the community.

Building upon three MVP grant rounds, this fourth round of funding secured by the Health Department will allow Medford Connects to strengthen Environmental Justice (EJ) and climate-sensitive populations by building community supports and increasing accessible communications. This funding will support the current Community Engagement Team, help formalize a network of community organizations invested in this mission, and create a virtual, centralized resource center.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Hosting Electric Vehicle Showcase on September 14



The City is hosting an Electric Vehicle (EV) Showcase on Saturday, September 14 from 10am-12pm (rain date Sunday, September 15 from 10am-12pm) in the City Hall parking lot, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN. This event will showcase a variety of electric vehicles (including e-bikes and scooters) and give residents



Be Kind!

to park staff, visitors, and the environment.

- Listen for other people on trails and make space to pass
- Keep dogs leashed outside of designated off-leash areas
- Leave no trace of litter or waste
- Stay on the trails – on foot, paw, or bike

To learn more visit
www.mass.gov/guides/be-kind-massachusetts

Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN, Mayor Jen Grigoraitis, Mayor Gary Christenson, Town Manager Dennis Sheehan, and Town Manager Beth Rudolph released the following joint statement on encouraging stewardship of the Middlesex Fells Reservation:

As local government leaders, we can have a lot of competing priorities from moment to moment. But, even on our most stressful days, we are driven by a deep belief in the power of kindness to do good. Caring for what makes our communities special is a great part of any Town Manager or Mayor's job, especially including standout assets like the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Seeking Applicants for Community Land Trust Working Group

The City of Medford is now accepting applications to join a working group that will guide the Community Land Trust feasibility study, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-KoeHN. This advisory group will help guide the study and eventually review the work done by the consultants related to a Community Land Trust.

Community Land Trust (CLT) is an independent, non-profit organization that acquires and holds land for the benefit of a community. In a CLT model, land is owned collectively by the community, while the homes on the land are owned by individual residents through long-term lease. This allows for affordable homeownership opportunities. The

the chance to speak directly with owners to get more information on maintenance and usability.

This event is sponsored by Electrify Medford, which educates residents about available resources to make sustainable and money-saving changes in their own lives. Community members will have the opportunity to see the interiors of electric vehicles, talk about their pros and cons with their owners, and learn about what incentives are available, without being in a high-pressure sales environment. Representatives from Green Energy Consumers Alliance and Bluebikes will also be on hand to answer questions. This is an educational event to share information; no car dealers will be there.

Read more [here](#).

Traffic Disruption Notice for Run Medford Event Weekend



The Medford Police Department and Run Medford Race Officials have released a list of road closures and streets impacted during the Run Medford Race Event on Saturday, September 28. The police are planning to reopen roads on a rolling basis, meaning that as the last runners pass, roads will begin to reopen. The closures are expected to take place between 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM.

View the full list of street closures [here](#).

City Searching for Members to Serve on Several Boards and Commissions

City is studying the feasibility of creating a CLT model in Medford.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

Medford Secures \$250,000 State Grant to Maintain and Expand Bluebike Network

The City has secured a \$250,000 state grant to expand and maintain its Bluebike network, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. This funding, from Mass DOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Program, will allow the City to install 3 additional stations, bringing the total number up to 18.

"We've been working so hard to make Medford more pedestrian friendly, less car reliant and expand our green transit options," Mayor Lungo-Koehn said. "This grant from Mass DOT will allow us to grow our green transit infrastructure and provide more opportunities for those in our City who don't drive to get to where they need to go. Thank you to our Traffic and Transportation Director Todd Blake for securing this funding and building out our Bluebike network."

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Invests Nearly \$4.1 Million Dollars in Equipment, Enhancements and Renovations on Fire Department Needs

The City of Medford has completed nearly \$4.1 million worth of renovation work and equipment enhancements recently, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The City has also prioritized over \$4 million in additional Capital Improvement funding spread out over the next three fiscal years as well as a \$30 million debt exclusion question on the November ballot for the new Fire Headquarters.

Read more [here](#).

The City of Medford is currently accepting applications from Medford residents to serve on five various Boards and Commissions.

Residents who are interested in serving on either of these commissions should complete the [Board and Commission Interest Form](#) available at medfordma.org/boards-commissions. If you need a physical form, please visit the Mayor's Office at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 202, Medford, MA 02155.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Installing Four New Bluebike Stations

The City is installing four new Bluebike stations at highly requested areas of the community this summer, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The new stations will be located at Carr Park, Medford High School (Steve Miller Dr. at Winthrop St.), Governors Ave. at Lawrence Rd. (adjacent to Lawrence Memorial Hospital), and Winthrop Circle.

These new stations will be added to the existing network in Medford, bringing the total number up to 15 across the community. The stations were paid for through Community Connections Grants secured in fall 2023 and casino mitigation funding.

Read more [here](#).

Health and Social Services Fair



The poster for the Health and Social Services Fair features a blue circular background on the left with white text, and a yellow circular background on the right with black text. A red circle with a white cross and hands is positioned between the two circles. At the bottom left, there is a banner with colorful flags and a small text box with a QR code.

MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
MEDFORD BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENT:

**A HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES
FAIR**

Saturday, September 28
10am - 1pm
Andrews Middle School
3000 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford

Including:
Flu Clinic!
Raffles!
Healthy Snacks!

Connecting families to resources
about: health insurance, fitness,
health, behavioral and mental
health, nutrition and more!

We value inclusion and access for all participants and are pleased to provide
reasonable accommodations for this event. Please contact your school's
Assistant Principal to make an accommodation request. Requests must be
submitted at least 5 days prior to the event. This event is wheelchair accessible.

Flu Clinic
Registration:



Join Medford Public Schools and the Medford Board of Health for a Health and Social Services Fair on Saturday, September 28! Come to Andrews Middle School from 10am-1pm to find resources about all types of health, health insurance, fitness, nutrition, and more.

There will also be raffles, healthy snacks, and a flu vaccine clinic. [Register for the clinic here](#).

CDBG Public Comment Period & Hearing



Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER):

- public comment period September 9-September 24, 2024
- public hearing September 19, 2024 at 6 pm in person at City Hall and on Zoom

On Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6 pm, the City of Medford's Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability will hold a hearing to review the City's annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for last year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The City encourages all interested residents to attend the hearing and provide comments on the CAPER and the City's future use of CDBG funds. Attend the hearing in person in City Hall, Room 207 or join on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88674097106>

The draft CAPER is available for review and comment at <https://tinyurl.com/MedfordCDBGCAPER2023>. Comments may be submitted until 5:00 pm on September 24, 2024 to Laurel Siegel, CDBG & Grants Manager, Office of Planning, Development & Sustainability, Room 308, City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155 or lsiegel@medford-ma.gov.

Be a Good Neighbor: Clean Up, Seal Up



You may see some green door hangers in your neighborhood. To help control our rodent populations, inspectors from the Health Department will note rodent ordinance violations, which can carry fines.

Be a good neighbor and keep your property clean and maintained! View tips for preventing rodents on your property [here](#). View our rodent ordinance [here](#).

Harvest Your Energy Festival



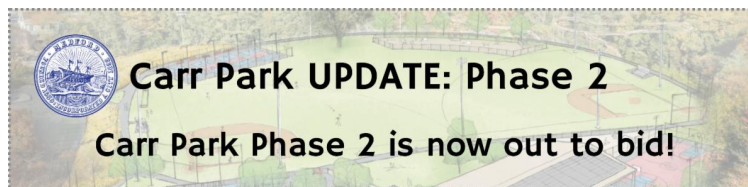
The Harvest Your Energy Festival is Saturday, October 19 from 12-3pm at Riverbend Park!

Are you a local business, organization, or school group passionate about environmental sustainability and climate action? The City of Medford invites you to sign up as an exhibitor for Harvest Your Energy Festival! This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about your group and share resources with community members. In addition to exhibitors, the event will have live music, food trucks, electronics recycling, a beer garden, and more!

Learn more and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/xHab3pC8brP1R6ab9>.

If you have any questions, please contact enviro@medford-ma.gov.

Carr Park Phase 2 Updates



This means that the City is now inviting construction companies to submit proposals on how they'd complete Carr Park Phase 2, and their estimated cost. In October, the City will evaluate all of the bids, and choose a contractor. Depending on the responses received, the intent is to start construction either Fall 2024 or Spring 2025. The rough estimate is that construction would occur over a period of 20 months. The pickleball courts, Stowers Ave path, the loop walking path, periphery seating areas along the path, and the central fields except for the proposed dog park space will remain open to the public for the majority of the construction period. As information is confirmed, the City will keep the community updated on the timeline and any changes to the project status.

What's included in Phase 2?

- **New Playground Areas:** separate play zones for children aged 2-5 and 5-12
- **Two New Basketball Courts:** One covered court with a shade shelter and solar panels. One uncovered court also striped for street hockey.
- **Splash Pad:** Five sprays for cooling off!
- **New Mini Skatepark:** Designed with beginner skaters in mind.
- **Adult fitness area:** Outdoor gym equipment for exercise.
- **Dog Park:** A dedicated, fenced space for dogs to play off-leash.
- **Teen Zones:** Tall swings and dedicated seating areas with a small device charging pedestal powered by the solar panels
- **Picnic Lawn**

For more information feel free to check out:

www.linktr.ee/MedfordParks



We're excited to announce that the construction for Carr Park Phase 2 is now out for bid! Read more about the project timeline and scope of work [here](#).

Recent Events



Medford scored big time with the opening of the Great American Beer Hall!

It was great to stop by to check out the space we were shown over two years ago on a diagram. The Great American Beer Hall is officially open on Mystic Ave!

I had an amazing time at United India Association of New England's Spirit of India celebration!

Such a fun event filled with great food, vendors, entertainment and family activities. Thank you so much for having me!



Such a fun event at National Night Out at Hormel hosted by the Medford Police Department.

Great to see so many people from the community come together and enjoy all the activities, food and fun!

To celebrate National Senior Citizens Day, I stopped by the Senior Center to call BINGO! I hope everyone enjoyed the cake and extra prizes.

Congrats to the winners and thanks for having me!



Free Curbside Composting in Medford

The City has partnered with Garbage to Garden to bring free composting services to Medford residents and service is available now!

You can find more info on the program and signing up



Sign Up for Alerts



Sign up for City Alerts!

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/

The City Council has launched a monthly newsletter! 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

- **September 14:** Electric Vehicle Showcase
- **September 21:** Paint Shed Day
- **September 21:** Citywide Yard Sale & Lemonade Stands
- **September 22:** Citywide Yard Sale & Lemonade Stands
- **September 27:** Run Medford
- **September 28:** Run Medford
- **September 28:** Health and Social Services Fair
- **September 29:** Tufts Community Day
- **October 5:** Oktoberfest

MEETINGS

September 5

- **3:00pm:** Medford Square Business Waste Transition Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Charter Study Committee Meeting

September 9

- **6:30pm:** Energy & Environment Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Historical Commission Meeting

September 10

- **3:00pm:** Square Business Waste Transition Makeup Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

September 11

- **6:00pm:** Welcome Committee 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
- MEO III Motor Equipment Repairperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- PW 5.5/MEO II & Laborer
- Field Engineering Aide
- Social Services Coordinator

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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