



The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

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November 7, 2024

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford,

Fall is flying by and, if you can believe it, we're already looking forward to some of our winter events like Winter Extravaganza and our Winter Preparedness Event. Below you'll find a recap of our October events and projects, as well as some upcoming dates to mark on your calendars.

Here are some of our recent highlights:

- Medford has officially been designated as a Purple Heart City! Thank you to our Veterans' Services Director Veronica Shaw for helping us achieve this recognition!
- Our Community Electricity Aggregation (Medford CEA) program has been renewed with new lower prices and more renewable content for the period December 2024 through December 2027. Current participants do not need to take any action to remain in the Medford CEA program and receive the new pricing. For more information or to enroll, visit medfordcea.com.
- The City is awaiting a decision on a \$20 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to replace lead water service lines. Our Engineering Division has applied for this grant that would allow the City to identify and replace public and residential lead water service lines at no cost to the homeowner as required per new EPA regulations. We will keep residents updated on the status of this application!
- In September, 57.8 tons of food waste was collected in Medford to turn into compost through our partnership with Garbage to Garden! Find more information about the program and sign up at medfordcomposts.com.
- The Big Sweep is almost here! Our DPW will conduct street sweeping over the course of several weeks, beginning on Monday, November 18. The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.

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!

Medford Officially Designated a Purple Heart

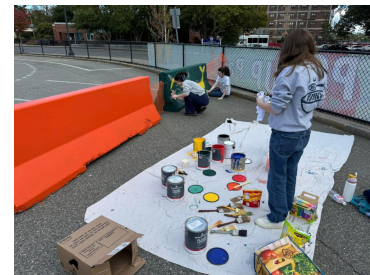


Medford is now officially a Purple Heart City!

On October 30, we held a ceremony outside City Hall to honor and recognize all the Purple Heart recipients—military members who have either been killed or wounded while serving our country—who have called Medford home. To bring awareness on this important designation, we've installed signs in three locations around the community declaring Medford as a Purple Heart City.

Thank you to our Veterans' Services Director Veronica Shaw and our Community Affairs Director Lisa Colaianni for coordinating this wonderful tribute. Thank you also to Secretary of Veterans' Services Jon Santiago, Christine Pierce, granddaughter of a Purple Heart recipient, and Constance Shaw, Veronica's daughter, for helping us unveil our newest memorial and officially proclaiming Medford as a Purple Heart City!

Clippership Pop-Up Park Opening



We officially unveiled the new Clippership Pop-up Park with the help of some volunteer student artists, Art Director Ms. Fee, Colleen's of Medford Square, Musician Matt Heaton, and so many families and excited neighbors!

Our Department of Planning, Development and Sustainability worked with Medford Recreation to transform a portion of the parking lot along Clippership Drive into a temporary open space to host programming, events and serve as a temporary meeting place for the community.

Despite all these pedestrian focused changes, we were able to add an additional parking space to make sure the park didn't impact people shopping the square or visiting the Senior Center.

Huge thank you to the staff at PDS, Recreation, design firm Copley Wolff, and DPW for helping put this together!

This park is part of our overall goal to help revitalize Medford Square and activate our waterfront. The pop-up park directly leads to the new Clippership Connector, which connects Medford Square to Riverbend Park.

You can read more about our vision for Medford Square here:

McGlynn Elementary's New Accessible Playground



In October, we officially unveiled the new universally accessible playground at McGlynn Elementary School!

This project was made possible by the tireless work of so many accessibility advocates, parents, caregivers, students, faculty, and City staff—specifically the McGlynn Playground Committee and Chenine Peloquin.

This space will serve as an example for the rest of the community and beyond of what can be created when you combine the priorities of the community to develop a truly inclusive and accessible space for students and young children.

Join us for a Veterans Day Breakfast!



VETERANS

PLEASE JOIN DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES, VERONICA SHAW AND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MEDFORD FOR A VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST HONORING ALL OUR VETERANS

Date: November 8, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: First Baptist Church of Medford
29 Oakland St. Medford

Catered breakfast by Avellino's serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, pastries, coffee, and juice
POC: Veronica Shaw 781-393-2505

Join our Director of Veterans' Services, Veronica Shaw, and the First Baptist Church of Medford to honor our veterans with a Veterans Day breakfast! Come to the First Baptist Church (29 Oakland St.) on Friday, November 8 at 9am for a catered breakfast by Avellino's.

Winter Preparedness Event

**WINTER
PREPAREDNESS EVENT**

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

6:00pm-8:00pm
Medford City Hall Council Chambers
85 George P. Hassett Dr.

Join us for:

- Winter clothing giveaway (while supplies last)
- Free food
- Winter resources (like information on heating assistance)
- Flu and COVID vaccine clinic

Save the date for our Winter Preparedness Event on November 14 from 6pm-8pm in the City Hall Council Chambers!

Join us for a winter clothing giveaway (from our winter clothing drive, while supplies last), free food, important winter resources, and a flu and Covid vaccine clinic.

Recent News

Fall “Big Sweep” to Begin on November 18

The Medford DPW will conduct fall street sweeping over the course of several weeks, beginning on Monday, November 18. In the interest of public health and public safety, the DPW will proceed with the fall ‘Big Sweep’ over several weeks to clear leaves and debris from streets and catch basins, allowing for proper drainage of water and making sure that our City’s streets are clean and safe. The DPW conducts two Big Sweep events on all secondary roads twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Street sweeping will be conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Street sweeping is divided into 14 zones with one zone conducted each day. The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping. In the event of heavy rain or severe weather, sweeping may be cancelled on that day, and would be rescheduled for the end of the regular schedule. All updates will be posted on www.medfordma.org as well as the City’s social media feeds.

City Seeks Input on the Use of CDBG and HOME Funds

**City of Medford
Public Input Survey
Federal HUD Funding for
CDBG and HOME**

Help the City set its goals for the next 5 years
to assist low-income residents through:

Affordable
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Economic
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Infrastructure
and
Public Facilities

The City is seeking public input on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds. Take our community survey and help set goals for using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding over the next five years.

The survey may be taken online using the following links:

- [English](#)
- [Española](#)
- [Français](#)
- [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#)
- [Português](#)
- [Tiếng Việt](#)
- [عربي](#)

Read more [here](#).

City Awaiting Decision on \$20 Million Federal Grant to Replace Lead Water Service Lines

The Medford Engineering Division has applied for a \$20 million first-time grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would allow the City to identify and replace public and residential lead water service lines at no cost to the homeowner as required per new EPA regulations, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The EPA instructs municipalities to focus replacement efforts in environmental justice designated neighborhoods. According to the EPA, 11 neighborhoods in Medford are classified as EJ communities. The Commonwealth has identified 29 additional neighborhoods throughout the City. Staff will begin replacement work in the 11 neighborhoods designated by the EPA, then expand to the additional 29 if funding is available. If the grant is awarded, the first phase of the project intends to focus on identification and removal of lead service lines in environmental justice (EJ) neighborhoods within Medford as they are historically underserved. These EJ communities encompass 43,607 residents and 17,794 households. This is approximately 67 percent of the total population of Medford.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Community Electricity Aggregation Secures Lower Rate Through December 2027

The City of Medford announces the renewal of its Medford Community Electricity Aggregation (Medford CEA) program, with new prices for the period December 2024 through December 2027. Medford CEA is a group purchasing program operated by the City that provides electricity supply options to help residents and businesses manage costs and increase renewable energy use. The program has saved residents more than \$11 million and purchased more

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Read more [here](#).

Medford Officially Designated as a Purple Heart City

The City of Medford was designated as a Purple Heart City in a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, October 30 at 4:30pm at City Hall, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The ceremony honored local veterans, specifically Purple Heart awardees, for their sacrifice and bravery.

A Purple Heart City is given to municipalities that recognize Purple Heart military personnel, who were wounded or killed in combat. To qualify for the distinction, municipalities must have residents, either living or deceased, who have received this military award.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Hosted National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 26



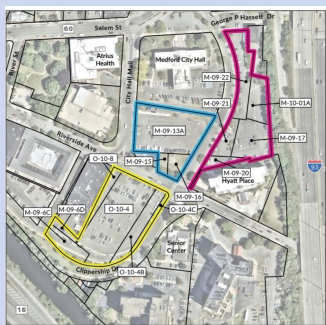
The Medford Police Department and the Medford Board of Health hosted a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 26, from 10am to 2pm at the City Hall rear lot (85 George P. Hassett Drive), and Wegmans (3850 Mystic Valley Parkway). National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. This service is free and anonymous for residents.

than 5,000 MWh of renewable energy each year. Current participants do not need to take any action to remain in the Medford CEA program and receive the new pricing.

The City has secured lower prices for all supply options from the previous contract, while also increasing the amount of renewable energy in the default option, Medford Local Green. This option will now provide an additional 10% new, renewable energy from New England (also known as MA Class I RECs).

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Soliciting Bids for Development of Medford Square Lots



The City has released a request for proposal (RFP) to redevelop three underused city-owned lots in Medford Square along Clippership Drive and Riverside Avenue, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Over the past several years the City, in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, has engaged with the community through a series of public meetings and focus groups to confirm priorities for the square and used previous planning efforts, including the [2017 Medford Square Master Plan](#), to inform the scope and direction of the RFP. With a focus on multi-family housing and mixed-use development, the City's goal for the development is to support local businesses in Medford Square with new residents and upgraded parking options for the Senior Center as well as regional draws like the Chevalier Theater.

Read more [here](#).

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City Encourages Residents to Participate in Transportation Needs Survey

The City invites the community to complete a Transportation Needs Survey for senior residents and residents with disabilities to help inform the City's future transportation projects and priorities, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The survey may be taken online using the following links:

- [English](#)
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- [Portugués Brasileiro](#)
- [العربية](#)

Read more [here](#).

Important Reminders on Parking Rules and Regulations

With an increase of foot traffic, especially near the City's schools and public spaces due to the beginning of the school year, the Parking Department is reminding the community about several important rules and regulations for safely navigating the City.

For more information and details about the Medford Parking Department and operations, visit www.medfordma.org/parking.

Read more [here](#).

Save the Date: Winter Extravaganza!

MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN &
MEDFORD RECREATION PRESENT:

Winter EXTRAVAGANZA!

AT MEDFORD CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2024 - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM*



4GOODVIBES	GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY
OVER 50 LOCAL ARTISTS	GIRL SCOUT CRAFTS
BELLANATTA ESPRESSO	GREAT AMERICAN BEER HALL
BOY SCOUT WREATH SALES	CITY HALL FOOD DRIVE
COOKIE DECORATING	JINGLE BELL FESTIVAL RAFFLES
CRAFTS WITH THE MFN	TOYS FOR TOTS DROP BOX
DEAN'S CONCESSIONS	THE WONDERFUND
DJ VANESSA SAGGESE	...AND MORE!

COME SEE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE DISNEY CHARACTERS!

*RAINDATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2024 - 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Save the date! Our annual Winter Extravaganza is on Wednesday, December 4 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at City Hall!

Your favorite Disney characters will be there, as well as cookie decorating, crafts, Boy Scout wreath sales, raffles, food and drinks, and much more!

MAYOR LUNGO-KOEHN'S
FOURTH ANNUAL
**GINGERBREAD
HOUSE**

DECORATING CONTEST!

Drop off a **DECORATED**
Gingerbread House(s) to:
Medford City Hall - Room 202
by Monday, December 2nd

The Houses will be on display at the
Winter EXTRAVAGANZA
on **Wednesday, December 4th**
from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM*!

Showcase your CREATIVITY!



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There will also be my fourth annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest!

Drop off your decorated gingerbread house(s) to City Hall, Room 202, by Monday, December 2. The houses will be on display for all to admire at the Winter Extravaganza!

Encouraging Sustainable Practices

In September, 57.8 tons of food waste was collected in Medford to turn into compost through our partnership with



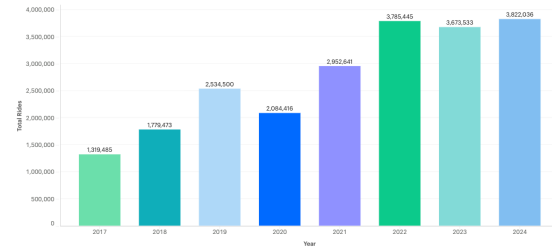
Garbage to Garden

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 at medfordcomposts.com.

In mid-October, Bluebikes hit a new annual ride record with 3.8 million rides across the entire system. Thanks for your part in reaching this record!

To see Bluebike stations in the area, visit <https://account.bluebikes.com/map>.

Pictured is a graph of the yearly Bluebike ride numbers since 2017.



Fall Fun!



Always a fun time at the West Medford Community Center to join Mothers Out Front and Garbage To Garden for their annual pumpkin Smash!

Octoberfest was such a success!

Thank you to the Medford Chamber of Commerce for organizing such a wonderful day for all!



Such a spooky and fun night at the Halloween Fest at Wright's Pond!

This event never disappoints and I'm grateful for the work of our Community Affairs Director,



and Medford Recreation for organizing and coordinating.

Thank you to all who came to enjoy the pumpkin float tour, the food & drinks supplied by Medford Brewing Company, Deans Concessions, Bella Netta Coffee, and all the fun activities!

Department for the lighting and support!

And thank you to our DPW and Medford Police

Was a gorgeous night to see what all the buzz is about and catch several touchdowns during our senior night game tonight!

Congratulations to all of our Mustang seniors on our football team, cheer team, band, color guard, and beyond.



We celebrated Medford's history with the fourth annual Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day! There was even a special appearance by George Washington on horseback!

This event is such an incredible tribute to our City's rich and remarkable history.

Thank you to Laura Duggan, for continuing to organize this special day, all the reenactors, the ICCM and Brookline Bank for all their support and help putting this event on!

It was the perfect October Saturday to visit our Harvest Your Energy Festival next to our wind turbine! This is always such a fun and educational day.



Public Survey on Federal HUD Funding

The City is seeking public input by November 29 on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the use of CDBG and HOME funds, including funding for

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affordable housing, economic development, public services, and improvements to infrastructure.

Help us set goals for using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding over the next five years! Learn more and find survey links in multiple languages [here](#).

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www.medfordma.org/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](#) and read the latest edition [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

- **November 8:** Veterans Day Breakfast
- **November 11:** Veterans Day - City Hall Closed
- **November 14:** Winter Preparedness Event
- **November 17:** COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic
- **November 28:** Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed

MEETINGS

November 12

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Commission Meeting

November 13

- **6:00pm:** Medford Vocational Technical High School Program Advisory Committee Meeting
- **6:00pm:** Verizon/Comcast Licensing Public Hearing
- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

November 18

- **5:30pm:** Climate Equity Council Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Historical Commission 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
- Chief Assessor
- MVP Grant Coordinator
- PW 10.5/MEO II Watchperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Assistant City Engineer
- Field Engineering Aide
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- Special Projects Coordinator
- Medford Connector - Food Systems
- Medford Connector - Immigrant Support & ESOL
- Medford Connector - Older Adults
- Head Clerk (Clerk's Office)

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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