



The City of
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Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford,

As we move into the busy holiday season, things are not slowing down at City Hall! We've recently hosted big events like Winter Extravaganza and the Winter Preparedness Event, which I hope brought some of you down to visit City Hall. We've also made headway on road, sidewalk, tree plantings, and stump removal work, as well as won a few awards for other recent work. Read on to learn more!

Here are some of our November highlights:

- We've spent \$300K on planting new trees and removing old stumps throughout the community, and \$400K on repairing our streets. To date, crews have removed about 221 stumps since the beginning of 2024, will plant 106 trees, and will complete repairs to 28 streets through crack sealing and patchworking during this construction season.
- This month we received news that our FY25 municipal budget won the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" from the Government Finance Officers Association and I won the National Recycling Award as an Outstanding Elected Leader from The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) at the 2024 National Recycling Congress. Thank you to everyone that worked on both our budget process and our municipal curbside composting program!
- The Big Sweep continues into December! 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!

Winter Preparedness Event



What a great night at our annual Winter Preparedness Event! We had a huge crowd and were able to give away lots of coats, hats, scarves, mittens, food, and important resources to get the community ready for winter.

Thank you to all who donated winter items and to the Office of Prevention and Outreach and our City of Medford Community Engagement Team for organizing this event!

Honoring Veterans Day



Treated our veterans to a delicious Italian dinner catered by Avellino's to thank them for their service and cap off our Veteran's Day events!

Thank you to our Veterans' Services Director Veronica Shaw and our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei for helping organize.



Spent a morning last month listening to an insightful panel of veterans discussing their experiences and careers with students at the High School.

Thank you to our Veterans' Services Director for working with school staff to coordinate this event in honor of Veterans Day and to the military veterans for lending their time to talk with our students.

Thank you to our Veterans' Services



Director Veronica Shaw and the First Baptist Church of Medford for putting together a delicious breakfast spread prepared by Avellino's for all of our veterans in the community!

Krystle Campbell Memorial Garden Dedication



In November, we gathered at the front entrance of Medford High School to dedicate a garden to Krystle Campbell, a Medford resident who was killed during the Boston Marathon bombings.

Krystle was a kind, caring and bright person who filled the halls of MHS with smiles. Thank you to CCSR for creating this special space. I know this garden will serve as a fitting tribute to her memory and bring joy to the Mustang community, just like Krystle did.

Upcoming Vaccine Clinic

GET YOUR FLU & COVID SHOTS AT THE LIBRARY!



**Saturday, December 7, 2024
10am-2pm**

**Medford Public Library
111 High Street, Medford**

Please scan the QR code or call 781-475-5644 to pre-register. Walk-ins welcome!

Hosted by the Medford Board of Health



Stay healthy for the holiday season! The Board of Health will be giving out flu and COVID shots at the Medford Public Library on Saturday, December 7 from 10am-2pm. You can pre-register at <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/medford?site=medford-public-library> and walk-ins are also welcome.

Call for Snow Shovelers!

It's hard to believe that we're getting to that time of year, but snow shovelers are needed for the 2024-2025 season!

Paid and volunteer positions are available (payment is arranged directly between the resident and the shoveler).

To apply to be on the snow shoveling list, please send your name, contact information, neighborhood(s) you are available to shovel, and a completed CORI form. CORI forms are available at www.medfordma.org/forms, by calling the Human Resource office at 781-393-2406 or contact Pamela Kelly at the Medford Senior Center, 781-396-6010 or email at Pkelly@medford-ma.gov.

Recent News

Community Encouraged to Learn About Draft Zoning Proposal for the Salem Street Corridor at December 11 City Council Meeting

The Medford City Council Planning & Permitting Committee and the Department of Planning, Development & Sustainability invite residents to review and give input a draft zoning proposal for the Salem Street Corridor at the December 11 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

The Salem Street Corridor zoning proposal is one part of the City Council's systemic review and update of citywide zoning over the 2024-2025 term.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Receives “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” for Fiscal Year 2025 Municipal Budget

The City has received its second “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year 2025 municipal budget, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The Finance Department and Communications department, along with the Chief of Staff, compiled the application materials and submitted the FY25 budget for consideration in September 2024, and the GFOA awards were announced in November 2024. The City had previously won the Distinguished

Medford Deploys \$300,000 to Removing Tree Stumps and Planting New Trees This Year



The City has nearly completed removing stumps and is in the process of planting new trees this season to improve pedestrian access and expand its tree canopy, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

To date, crews have removed about 221 stumps since the beginning of 2024 and will plant 106 trees en route to achieving the City's goal of planting 200 trees in 2024. Fall is the ideal planting season for trees where the climate and soil produce the optimal environment for healthy growth.

Read more [here](#).

Tips for Residents on How to Stay Safe During Drought Conditions

The majority of Massachusetts has been declared a Level 3 Critical Drought by the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). A Level 3 Critical Drought means precipitation has been below normal for several months and fire risks are increasing.

Due to dry conditions, the potential

Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

According to the GFOA, the award “represents a significant achievement” by a municipality that “reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.”

Read more [here](#).

Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn Receives National Recycling Award for Leadership in Sustainability



Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn was honored with a prestigious National Recycling Award by The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) at the 2024 National Recycling Congress in Cooperstown, New York, on Tuesday, November 19. The annual awards program recognizes exceptional individuals, programs, and organizations for their contributions to sustainability, innovation, and the advancement of recycling efforts across the country.

Mayor Lungo-Koehn was recognized as an Outstanding Elected Leader for her strong commitment to advancing Zero Waste initiatives in Medford. A key highlight of her leadership was the successful launch of a phased rollout of residential curbside composting for 19,000 households in July 2024.

Read more [here](#).

City Developing Plans for a COVID-19 Memorial Grove at Riverbend Park

Staff from the Department of Planning, Development and Sustainability are

risk of wildfires is higher than usual, officials warn. Please refrain from outdoor cooking/heating, use caution with yard equipment that has hot engines or gasoline, dispose of fireplace/wood stove ashes in a metal can and douse them with water, and extinguish smoking materials in an ashtray with water or sand.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Deploys Over \$400,000 to Repairing Streets This Fall



The City is in the process of completing significant road repairs to 28 streets this fall construction season through crack sealing and patchworking, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

By leveraging over \$290,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and securing \$113,000 from the Stabilization Fund, approved by the City Council, the Engineering Department and its contractor have been able to repair and repave portions of highly trafficked roads identified as ideal candidates for these types of maintenance measures.

Learn more [here](#).

Annual Permit Parking Renewals Available

If your street participates in the [Resident Parking Program](#) or if you participate in the Municipal, Business, Realtor or Home Healthcare Worker Parking Programs, it's time to renew your annual parking permit (valid January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025). Your 2024 parking permit will be expired after December 31, 2024 so renew it before then to avoid getting ticketed once the calendar turns to

encouraging community members to join on a walking tour to discuss potential locations of a COVID-19 Memorial Grove at Riverbend Park on Saturday, November 23 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All toured locations will be accessible via paved walking paths. City staff and the design consultant also welcome discussion from attendees about what types of features should be included in this space. All are welcome to join.

“Countless families, neighbors and community members have been grieving the loss of their loved ones due to COVID-19,” said Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. “The effects of the pandemic are still being felt which is why recognizing those who are no longer with us and supporting each other is so important.”

Read more [here](#).

2025.

Seniors (ages 65+) can renew their parking permits in-person beginning on November 18. The City recommends coming early to avoid long lines. All Senior parking permits must be purchased in-person at the Parking Department in City Hall – Room 110. Please bring a valid vehicle registration and driver’s license. The name on the license must match the registration and both documents must have your current Medford address on them.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford to Help Strengthen Small Businesses with Significant Tax Relief Program

The Medford Economic Development division is establishing a Vacant Storefront District Program in partnership with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The program aims to revitalize business districts through tax relief for vacant storefronts.

The Vacant Storefront District Program provides tax credits of up to \$10,000 to businesses that occupy eligible first-floor storefronts and have been vacant for 12 months or more within the [six Medford Vacant Storefront Districts](#). The Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) will award Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) tax credits of up to \$5,000 with a \$5,000 match from the City using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, for a total potential award of up to \$10,000. A business may only receive one award from this program.

Read more [here](#).

Give Back This Holiday Season



Join the City in giving back to the community this holiday season!

- City Hall is once again a drop off point for the Wonderfund, an organization that gives back to kids in Massachusetts involved with the DCF. If you want to sign up for wishlists or make a donation, visit <https://www.wonderfundma.org/>.
- City Hall is also collecting toys for our Toys for Tots program, in partnership with U.S Marine Corps Reserves. If you'd like to donate to this cause, drop off an unwrapped toy at the drop boxes outside the Mayor's Office (Room 202) or Veterans' Services Office (Room 100).

More Good News

Amazing energy at the Medford High pep rally to celebrate our student athletes and support the varsity boys' football team, cheerleaders, band and color guard ahead of their away game against Malden!

The team beat Malden 34-14 and brought home the first GBL championship since 1985!



We welcomed nonprofit RISE Multicultural Services Inc. to Medford with a ribbon cutting ceremony!

The volunteer staff, including two members of our Community Engagement team, at RISE help connect ESOL community members to key resources and support services. This work is so valuable and I'm thrilled that RISE now has a location right in Medford Square at 11 Salem Street!

We cut the ribbon to officially open the Ellie Mental Health clinic on Boston Avenue!

This practice specializes in outpatient therapy options for young children, teens and families. I had a chance to tour the space and chat with the staff about how crucial mental health is especially to our kids.

Welcome to Medford and congratulations!



Save the Date: Holiday Concert on 12/14



MEDFORD COMMUNITY CHORALE
&
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHORUS

Holiday Concert

A varied program of seasonal selections . . .

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT 7 PM
CARON THEATRE, MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS WELCOME PLUS: GREAT RAFFLES!

A portion of the proceeds from the concert program book will be donated to the Medford Council on Aging, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the primary advocate for Medford's older adults, and which provides services that enhance the quality of the lives of our elder residents

The Medford Senior Center is graciously providing transportation for seniors to and from the concert, leaving from the Senior Center.
Please call 781-396-6010 to sign up.

The Medford Community Chorale, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is supported in part this season by grants from The ArtsAlive Medford Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and The Medford Arts Council, a local commission that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council and the City of Medford.

For more information, please contact Director, Betsy Pesce at elizabethpesce@comcast.net or 617-335-8155

The Medford Community Chorale and the Youth/Young Adult Chorus are having their Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 14 at 7pm at the Caron Theatre, Medford High School.

This is a free event, with donations welcome. The Medford Senior Center will be providing transport for seniors to and from the concert, leaving from the Senior Center. Please call 781-396-6010 to sign up.

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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 of Medford has launched a new [Business District Waste & Recycling Information webpage](#) to help businesses navigate the upcoming transition to the updated waste and recycling system, effective January 1, 2025.

On this page, you'll find:

- Easy online sign-up for WM waste & recycling services
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Helpful resources to ensure a smooth transition

Prepare now by visiting the page here: [Medford Business Waste & Recycling Info](#)

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

- **December 4:** Winter Extravaganza
- **December 4-8:** Jingle Bell Festival
- **December 10:** Last day for Toys for Tots donations
- **December 25:** Christmas Day - City Hall Closed
- **January 1, 2025:** Happy New Year! City Hall Closed

MEETINGS

December 5

- **6:30pm:** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

December 9

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

December 10

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting

December 11

- **5:00pm:** School Committee of the Whole Meeting

December 16

- **5:30pm:** 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
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Field Engineering Aide
- Engineering Intern
- English Digital Literacy Instructor
- Programming Librarian
- Circulation Assistant
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- PW 5 MEO I (Parks)
- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder

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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