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Message from the Mayor:



Happy New Year, Medford!

As we close out the holiday season, we have so much to look forward to in 2025, and so much to reflect on from the past year. We are so excited to continue our hard work and deliver community-oriented results into the new year! Most recently in December, with the help of the Charter Study Committee, we delivered the updated city charter to the City Council for review, collected generous donations to the Wonderfund and Toys for Tots, hosted our annual Winter Extravaganza, and much more.

Here are some of our recent highlights:

- An updated City Charter has been delivered to the City Council for review after years of work, public meetings, and public input. After review, the charter will be sent to the State Legislature for final approval and implementation. Thank you to everyone that participated in this extensive process!
- Reminder about the new water meters the City has been installing at every household throughout the community. Installation of these meters is free and mandatory, to ensure accurate readings and catch potential leaks early! To schedule your water meter replacement installation visit www.massinstallation.com/appointment or call 1-800-933-1360.
- We are also looking for snow shovelers to help out residents that may not be able to shovel on their own this winter. Shovelers can be volunteers or paid (payment is arranged directly between the shoveler and resident. If you are interested in helping out, learn more [here](#).

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!

Get Involved!

Looking for things to do around Medford?

From the Library to the Senior Center, to family outings with Medford Family Network, to community programming at the West Medford Community Center and Medford Recreation, there's something happening for everyone in the City.

Check out the links below for more info and to find events near you!

- [Medford Council on Aging](#)
- [Medford Public Library](#)
- [Medford Family Network](#)
- [West Medford Community Center](#)
- [Medford Recreation](#)

Winter Extravaganza!



Our Winter Extravaganza was a huge hit!!! I hope that everyone who joined us had an amazing time and was able to meet Frosty the Snowman, and Jesse and Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story!

This incredible community event would not have been possible without the hard work of so many at City Hall, our local partners and volunteers.

Thank you to our Director of Community Affairs Lisa Colaianni, our DEI Director Frances Nwajei, the Medford Fire Department, Medford Police Department, our DPW, especially Doug Welton for helping to set up the lights, Kevin Bailey, Danny Fowkes and the staff at Medford Recreation, the Welcoming Committee, Medford Health Department, DJ Vanessa Salvucci Saggese, 4GoodVibes Gift Shop & Boutique for organizing local artists, Medford Family Network, Deans Concessions, BellaNatta Espresso, The Great American Beer Hall, Garbage To Garden, and Arthurs Italian Pastry Shop. for the cookies and decorating, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts for making the crafts, Medford Voke-Bistro 489, Wonderfund MA, the organizers of the Medford Jingle Bell Festival who did so much incredible work these past few months donating their time and money to raise money for Alzheimer's and elder care, everyone who entered our Gingerbread House Contest, all our volunteers and last but not least, Ryan Mabardi, Tammy McCormick and Jay Lonergan, who were such great sports.

Thank you all!



Thank you so much to everyone who entered such amazing displays for our Gingerbread House contest at the Winter Extravaganza! It was great to see so many entries from across the community including many of our local businesses. And big thank you to Medford Recreation for hosting a decoration event for the contest!

Congratulations to all the winners!



Wonderfund Donations



Throughout December, we had over 100 people dropping off donated gifts at my office to help the staff at the Wonderfund MA deliver some holiday joy to DCF children and families.

We packed a truck full of presents before the holidays to help brighten the season for deserving kids.

A huge thank you to Erin Murphy Rafferty, Lauren Baker, the staff at the Wonderfund and our DPW for loading all these presents. And of course to all the generous people in and around Medford who donated this year.



In-Home Vaccines

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In-home flu and COVID vaccines for all residents who may be homebound or have difficulty leaving the house.

To schedule an appointment, call our Public Health Nurse at 781-393-2448



The Medford Board of Health offers in-home flu and COVID vaccines for all residents who may be homebound or have difficulty leaving the house. If you or a loved one are interested, please call our Public Health Nurse at 781-393-2448 to schedule an appointment.

Recent News

Mayor Lungo-Koehn Delivers Updated Medford City Charter to City Council for Review

After years of work, dozens of public meetings, and hearing directly from the people on the most pressing needs of the City, an updated City Charter has been crafted and delivered to the City Council for review before heading to the State Legislature for final approval and implementation, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Medford's charter establishes its governing system and structure. It specifies term lengths for elected officials, the presence or absence of term limits, the composition of the City Council and School Committee, the City's form of executive leadership, and more.

Medford Seeking Snow Shovelers to Help Residents in Need This Winter

Snow shovelers needed for the 2024-2025 season!

Shovelers help elderly residents, disabled residents, and anyone else that may need assistance shoveling snow after winter storms.



Find more info & how to apply:
medfordma.org/snow

The City is seeking community members to add to its annual list of snow shovelers.

Learn more [here](#).

New Water Meters

The City has been installing brand new, state-of-the-art water meters at every household throughout the community. With these new meters, the City will be able to better identify leaks and unintended overuse, leading to more precise readings and stable rates.

You should have received [a notice in the mail](#) with information on how to schedule an appointment for the installation. It's important to note that these installations are mandatory, and there is no charge to customers for the meter installation.

If you haven't signed up to receive your new water meter, please do so by February 1.

To schedule your water meter replacement installation visit www.massinstallation.com/appointment or call 1-800-933-1360. For more information, visit <https://www.medfordma.org/departments/water-sewer/meters>

Each winter, the City publishes a list of individuals or businesses available to assist residents who are unable to shovel during and after winter storms. Shovelers can volunteer or be paid for their services (payment is arranged directly between the resident and the shoveler).

Read more [here](#).

Christmas Tree Removal






Christmas trees will be picked up with trash collections during the weeks of January 6 (if you have a blue recycling bin) and January 13 (if you have a green recycling bin)! Please make sure to have your tree clear of any decorations or lights.

The current trash and recycling schedule can be found here: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1718371314/medfordmaorg/ijafaxauvqmpkc248edk/WasteBooklet_SinglePages.pdf.

Electrify Medford Info Session

ELECTRIFY MEDFORD

MEDFORDMA.ORG/ELECTRIFY-MEDFORD


Thursday, January 16
7pm

Want to save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions?
The City wants you to as well!
Find out how with Electrify Medford!

With Electrify Medford, City staff and volunteer coaches (your neighbors!) will:

- Talk you through the possibilities
- Find out what your priorities are
- Give you a plan that shows your options and programs that can help.

Learn more about energy efficiency, heat pumps, solar PV, electric vehicles, and more. Ask us anything, and if we don't already know, we'll find out for you.

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MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Electrify Medford is hosting an information session at the Medford Public Library on January 16 at 7pm! Join us to learn more and have your questions answered about energy efficiency, heat pumps, solar, electric vehicles, and more.

More Good News



In December, we officially welcomed four new Student Police Officers to the Academy.

Congratulations and good luck to Sean Antonson, Patrick Feeney, Gerry Pellegrini and Daniel Ruas as you begin your training at the Academy!

What a wonderful morning at Roberts Elementary School as Ernie Boch Jr and his nonprofit Music Drives Us delivered a \$60,000 donation to support the school's music program with a brand new U1 piano, new violins, ukuleles, performance risers and more! This wouldn't have been possible without the work of Tara Gearhart who applied for this funding. Thank you, Tara!



So grateful for everything that went into getting this equipment into the hands of our students and staff.

Got into the holiday spirit at the McGlynn Elementary School show "Celebrate with Joy!"

Our students put on such an amazing performance and really set the stage for the



holidays. Wonderful job all around and special thanks to the faculty and staff for helping put this event together.

Had a wonderful time calling bingo at the Senior Center before the holidays!

Always a highlight of my day. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday!



Compost with Garbage to Garden



Join almost 5,000 of your neighbors in turning food waste 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.

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 of Medford has launched a new [Business District Waste & Recycling Information webpage](#) to help businesses navigate the 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

- **January 1, 2025:** Happy New Year! City Hall Closed
- **January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Hall Closed

MEETINGS

January 6

- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

January 7

- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Commission Meeting

January 8

- **5:00pm:** Affordable Housing Trust Meeting

January 13

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

January 14

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

January 15

- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board 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
- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Chief Assessor
- Summer Park Program Supervisor
- Technology/Reference Librarian
- Economic Development Planner

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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