



The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

02155

March 6, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

As February wraps up, it finally feels like spring is just around the corner! Over the past month, we've held the State of the City, sworn in a new Fire Chief, celebrated Black History Month, announced Oak Grove Cemetery as an official Wreaths Across America location, and endured multiple snow storms. Moving into some (hopefully!) milder weather, we're looking forward to our Citywide Cleanup, annual Egg Dash with Medford Recreation, and much more.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Our Spring Citywide Cleanup will be on April 19 this year, from 10am-12:30pm! If you are interested in joining us as an ambassador or a volunteer, learn more and sign up [here](#).
- Todd Evans was officially sworn in as Medford Fire Department Chief on Monday, February 24. Join us for a swearing-in ceremony on March 12 at 5pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.
- Finally, we've released an overhauled version of the zoning page on our website which you can find at www.medfordma.org/zoning. This page will be continuously updated and serve as a hub for timelines, FAQs, in-depth information, and visuals for the citywide zoning review.

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!

Spring Citywide Cleanup!

MAYOR LUNGO-KOEHN'S CITYWIDE CLEAN UP!

Saturday,
April 19th  10 AM - 12:30 PM



- *Special Thanks to the Medford DPW* -

Please use the QR code to sign up for specific locations!

OR

www.medfordma.org/citywide-cleanup



Join me for the Citywide Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 19 from 10am-12:30pm!

The areas chosen for cleanup are picked by volunteer ambassadors. Ambassadors will pass out supplies, be a liaison to the DPW, and give suggestions to fellow volunteers on areas that need trash and debris removal.

If you are interested in being an ambassador and adding another location to the list, or becoming a volunteer, learn more and sign up here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/95f16cd5adeb45d89fac40d66cd6d43d>.

Fire Department Promotions



Chief Todd Evans was officially sworn in as our new fire chief along with four other promotions on February 24! Congrats to the Chief, as well as Deputy Chief Davis, Captain Boyle, Lieutenant Gianino, and Lieutenant Lee.

Under the guidance of our new Chief, I know you will all make Medford proud and keep our community safe.



MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN & THE CITY OF MEDFORD
INVITE YOU TO THE

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FOR

Chief Todd Evans

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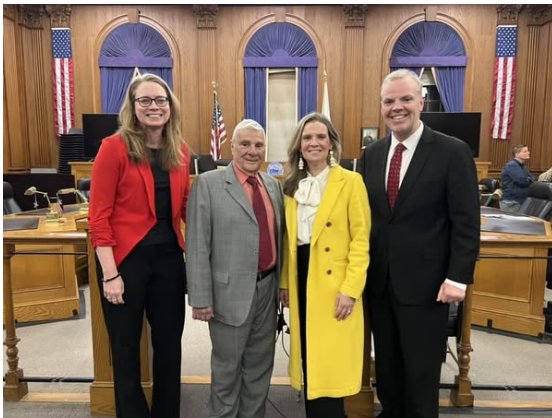
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2025
5:00 PM

IN THE

HOWARD F. ALDEN MEMORIAL CHAMBERS
MEDFORD CITY HALL - 85 GEORGE P. HASSETT DRIVE - MEDFORD, MA 02155

Join us for a swearing-in ceremony for the Chief on March 12 at 5pm in the Council Chambers!

State of the City Address



If you missed the 2025 State of the City address, you can [watch the whole event on MCM!](#)

The program opened with a wonderful original and insightful poem from our Poet Laureate Vijaya Sundaram, followed by an update on our MSBA project by School Committee Vice-

Chair Jenny Graham. Then Council President Zac Bears spoke briefly on zoning changes, the City Charter and the budget process.

My address touched on a wide range of topics ranging from development to infrastructure, climate resiliency, inclusion and equity, accountability, parks and open spaces and much more. Thank you to everyone that joined us!

Black History Month Celebration



It was an honor to attend our annual Black History Month event at City Hall. This year's theme was 'African Americans and Labor' with Tufts African American Foundations and Roots Organization (AAFRO) giving the keynote remarks.

Such an impactful and enlightening event hosted by our Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in partnership with the West Medford Community Center.

Thank you to Lisa Crossman from the WMCC, our DEI Director Frances Nwajei, Poet Laureate Vijaya Sundaram, inaugural Poet Laureate Terry Carter, Tufts AAFRO and Rev.

New Zoning Webpage



We've overhauled our zoning webpage to better serve residents looking to learn more about current and upcoming zoning proposals.

The updated page features summary information and status for each current zoning proposal; outlines the steps that each zoning proposal and amendment goes through, and public participation opportunities; and serves as a hub for timelines, FAQs, in-depth information, and visuals for each component of the citywide zoning review.

This page will be updated regularly as the zoning review process moves forward. For more information on Medford zoning, visit www.medfordma.org/zoning.

Electrify Medford Coaching



Looking for ways to save money on your energy bills and have your home be more energy efficient? Book a coaching session with our team at Electrify Medford and receive your

personalized assessment report in a week or two and start saving money.

I sat down with our Climate Policy Planner Brenda Pike who runs the program and she broke down all the ways I could be making my home more energy efficient and lower my energy bills.

Get started today by heading over to www.medfordma.org/electrify-medford.

Recent News

Citywide Cleanup to Take Place on Saturday, April 19



Join Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn for the Citywide Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 19 from 10am-12:30pm.

The goal of the citywide cleanup is to pick up trash and debris that's accumulated over the past year to make Medford's neighborhoods and greens spaces clean, safe, and enjoyable for all.

The areas chosen for cleanup are picked by volunteer ambassadors. Each clean up area will have someone who has volunteered their time to be the point person for the specific area of their choosing. Each ambassador will pass out supplies, be a liaison to the DPW, and give suggestions to fellow volunteers on areas that need trash and debris removal.

If you are interested in being an ambassador and adding another location to the list, or becoming a volunteer, learn more and sign up [here!](#)

Oak Grove Cemetery Will Become an Official Location for the 2025 National Wreaths Across America Day

City Releases Overhauled Zoning Webpage

The City has released a completely overhauled zoning webpage through a collaborative effort between the Communications Office and City Council leadership, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The new webpage is available at medfordma.org/zoning.

As work on the citywide zoning review project continues, City Council leadership, the Communications Office, and the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability have rebuilt this page to better serve residents looking to learn more about current and upcoming zoning proposals.

The updated webpage features summary information and status for each current zoning proposal; outlines the steps that each zoning proposal and amendment goes through, and public participation opportunities; and serves as a hub for timelines, FAQs, in-depth information, and visuals for each component of the citywide zoning review.

Learn more [here](#).

Mayor Removes 'Interim' Tag from Current Fire Chief's Title

Todd Evans was officially sworn in as Medford Fire Department Chief on Monday, February 24 after achieving the highest score among two candidates in the Fire Chief assessment center examination process.

"Chief Evans has proven to be a decisive and thoughtful leader over these past 11 months, and I'm thrilled that he showed his expertise and

Oak Grove Cemetery will be an official location for the 2025 Wreaths Across America (WAA) initiative on Saturday December 13, 2025, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be more than 4,900 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 – with more than three million volunteers coming together.

Learn more [here](#).

experience in fire operations during this comprehensive assessment center process earning him the highest score.” Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn said. “The Fire Department is in good hands with him at the helm and I know he’s committed to ensuring that each member continues to serve the community with the highest level of accountability, integrity and professionalism.”

Read more [here](#).

More February Events



Officially welcomed [Moon and Back Bookstore](#) to West Medford!

This adorable spot at 458 High Street has a ton of books and items great for kids.

Thank you so much to the team for inviting me to read to the little ones.

Good luck and welcome to Medford!

What is the best way to get ready for snow storms? Ice cream from CB Scoops!

Thank goodness for the Friends of the Medford Family Network Annual Family Fun Fest. Such a blast as always!



Help is Available!

CONNECT WITH OUR RECOVERY COACH



Chris Summa
Recovery Coach
csumma@northsuffolk.org
(617) 293-0008

Resource Spotlight:

Chris Summa, Medford's Recovery Coach, is available to help you or your loved ones with substance use recovery. Chris can help with recovery in both one-on-one and group settings. Reach out to him for more information!

Or, call the Multilingual Resource Line: (781) 475-5644

Our Recovery Coach, Chris Summa, is available to help the community with substance use recovery in both one-on-one and group settings. If you or a loved one is in need of support, you can reach Chris at csumma@northsuffolk.org or 617-293-0008.

HELP IS AVAILABLE!



Jason Stone
Social Services Coordinator
jstone@medford-ma.gov
(781) 654-5635
City Hall - Room 210

Resource Spotlight: Jason Stone, Medford's Social Services Coordinator, is available to help connect you or your loved ones to important resources. Jason can help with resources for mental health, substance use, housing, food, grief, heating assistance, and more.

Or, call the Multilingual Resource Line: (781) 475-5644

Jason Stone, our Social Services Coordinator, is available to help connect you to resources for mental health, substance use, housing, food, grief, heating assistance, and more. Contact him at jstone@medford-ma.gov or 781-654-5635.

Jason also holds office hours at the Medford Public Library, Study Room 1, on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm.

Registration Open: Egg Dash 2025

PLEASE JOIN
Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn
and Medford Recreation for

EGG DASH 2025!!
AND PICTURES WITH THE BUNNY

When: Saturday, April 12th, 2025 from 11 AM to 12 PM
Where: Hormel Stadium, 90 Locust Street, Medford
This is a FREE event for MEDFORD Residents!

Please REGISTER for an age group(s)
using the QR code



Registration for our annual Egg Dash is now open!

Join Mayor Lungo-Koehn and Medford Recreation for the Egg Dash and Bunny Photos on Saturday, April 12 at 11am at Hormel Stadium! Registration for this free event is available

[here.](#)

Community Preservation Community Survey

**Medford Community Preservation Act
FY25 Community Survey**



Open until March 31, 2025!

The Community Preservation Committee is looking for feedback on community needs as they work on the Community Preservation Plan for the coming year! The Community Preservation Act (CPA) provides money that the City can use for open space/outdoor recreation facilities, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

The survey is open until March 31, 2025 and available at the [link here](#) in multiple languages.

Affordable Housing Trust Community Meeting & Survey

Community Meeting
Join us on March 12, 2025,
6:00-7:30 PM

**Want to share
affordable housing
ideas and concerns
with the City?**

Location:

Department of Public Works Building (DPW)
21 James St
Medford MA 02155

or

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88415279151>

The City of Medford's Affordable Housing Trust invites you to a Community Meeting to help identify how the Trust can best address affordable housing challenges in the community for the next five years.

Scan QR codes to:



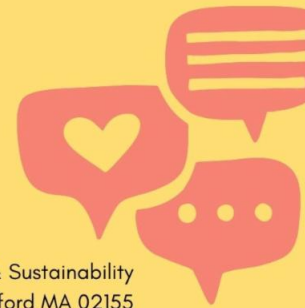
Sign up to participate



Respond to a short anonymous survey



Contact: Office of Planning Development & Sustainability
Room 308, 85 George P Hassett Drive, Medford MA 02155
email: ocdemedford-ma.gov
call: 781-393-2480



The Medford Affordable Housing Trust Fund is hosting a community meeting on March 12 at 6pm on Zoom (link at medfordma.org/events) and at the DPW building (21 James St.).

Medford residents are invited to share their ideas, needs, and priorities for affordable housing as part of the Trust's five-year Action Plan development process.

Additionally, the Trust encourages residents to complete a brief survey on housing. The online survey can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKtY0F3oV858b7XpfmVMUaorOAOP5td0bB1hinpt1IDqvl7w/viewform> and physical copies are available at the Office of Planning, Development & Sustainability, City Hall - Room 308.

Find more information on the Trust here: <https://www.medfordma.org/boards-commissions/affordable-housing-trust-fund-board>

Community Engagement Team

Medford Connects Community Engagement Team

Call us and leave a message in any language: 781-475-5644

We can help connect you to services, Mass Health enrollment, SNAP benefits, rental assistance, and more!



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Our Community Engagement Team is available to help connect you with important services and resources! Reach out to them through their emails above or by calling our Multilingual Resource Line at 781-475-5644.

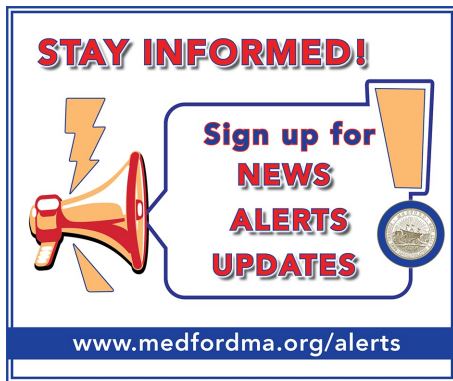
Compost with Garbage to Garden



Join over 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.

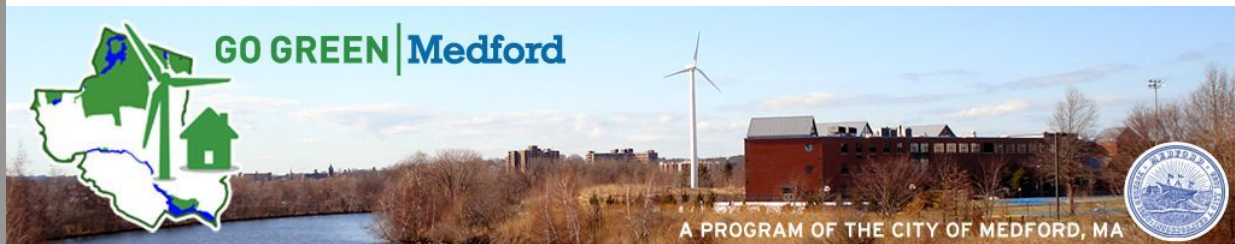
Stay in the Know!



Sign up for City Alerts!

Sign up for City alerts at medfordma.org/alerts to stay updated on all the latest news from the City.

You can receive notifications by phone, text or email, or all three.



[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/

City Council has launched a monthly newsletter! Sign up to receive the newsletter delivered directly to your inbox [here](#). You can see past versions of the newsletter at www.medfordma.org/citycouncil.

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

- **March 12:** Fire Chief Swearing-In Ceremony
- **March 18:** Winter Farmer's Market
- **April 1:** Winter Farmer's Market - final date for 2025!

MEETINGS

- March 10**
 - **7:00pm:** Historical Commission Meeting
- March 11**

- **April 12:** Egg Dash and Bunny Photo
- **April 19:** Citywide Cleanup
- **April 21:** Patriot's Day - City Hall Closed

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

March 12

- **6:00pm:** Affordable Housing Trust Fund Community Meeting

March 17

- **5:30pm:** Climate Equity Council Meeting

March 18

- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery 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
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Recreation Aquatics Supervisor
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Information/Reference Librarian
- Staff Planner, Housing
- Office Manager - Fire Department
- Assistant Assessor
- Elections Manager
- Health Equity Coordinator
- Peer Data Collection Specialist
- PW8 Maintenance Craftsperson/Laborer
- Public Health RN
- Principal Clerk (Treasurer/Collector)

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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