



The City of  
**Medford**  
Massachusetts

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February 5, 2025

### Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

Although January days might have been frigid, things at City Hall are heating up! Over the last month, we've celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Lunar New Year, added new members to our Community Engagement Team, set up social services office hours, and more. As we look forward to February work, we'll be starting Phase 2 of Carr Park renovations and have our Black History Month event, to name just a couple things.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Our Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability, members of the City Council, and zoning consultants are holding a Q&A and information session on the Salem Street Corridor Zoning Proposal on Monday, February 10 at 6:30pm at the Roberts School. Join us to learn more and get your questions answered.
- We've started an incentive program, through the nonprofit organization Housing Families, that offers landlords up to \$750 per year who rent properties to qualified veterans, thanks to the hard work of our Veterans' Affairs Office.
- Finally, my State of the City Address is TONIGHT! To join us, come to the Howard Alden Memorial Chambers at City Hall, watch [on Zoom](#), or tune into Medford Community Media Comcast channel 22/Verizon channel 43.

If you have questions, comments, or want to learn of ways you can get involved, please email me at [mayor@medford-ma.gov](mailto:mayor@medford-ma.gov).

Thanks for reading!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bruce L. Kohl'.

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Lunar New Year



Happy Lunar New Year!

I had an amazing time celebrating the Year of the Snake with Rep. Garballey, Rep. Donato and Councilman Tseng! We heard from members of the Medford High School Asian Club on what it means to shed your past and create a new beginning and watched a traditional Lion Dance performance from Wah Lum Kung Fu & Tai Chi Academy.

Huge thank you to Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei and our Office of Prevention and Outreach for putting on the wonderful event.

## Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day



It was an honor to attend the West Medford Community Center's Martin Luther King, Jr celebration at St. Raphael's Parish.

The program featured inspiring words from keynote speaker Celia Johnston Blue, the President and CEO, as well as founding member of the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition.

This is such a meaningful and important event reflecting on the life and legacy of Dr. King. Congratulations to 2025 Drum Major Award winners, Reginald Graham for Civic Engagement, Earl and Tanya Howard for Arts and Culture, Rev. Florence Nottage King posthumously awarded for Faith in Action, and John Reid for Community Spirit.

## Medford Family Network Donations




## seeking donations!

the Medford Family Network needs  
toiletries & household items

drop off locations: MFN Family Center,  
489 Winthrop St., & City Hall, Room  
202

The Medford Family Network is seeking donations for the families they serve! Specific needs include toiletries and household items, with laundry detergent and dish soap being the greatest needs. Drop off boxes are located at the MFN Family Center, 489 Winthrop St., and at City Hall, Room 202.

## Salem Street Corridor Zoning Proposal Public Meeting

**PUBLIC Q&A  
AND INFO  
SESSION**  
*Salem Street  
Corridor Zoning  
Proposal*

**FEBRUARY 10, 6:30PM**  
ROBERTS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, 35 COURT ST.

Come with questions and hear from  
zoning consultants, City staff, and  
City Councilors!

[WWW.MEDFORDMA.ORG/ZONING](http://WWW.MEDFORDMA.ORG/ZONING)

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Come with questions and hear from zoning consultants, city staff and City Councilors!

For more info, visit [medfordma.org/zoning](http://medfordma.org/zoning).

## Save the Date! Black History Month Event



The City of Medford's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, in partnership with the West Medford Community Center, celebrates

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## "AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR"

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Monday, February 17, 2025**  
**10:30am-1:30pm**

Howard Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall  
 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford

With participation from the Tufts African American Foundations and Roots Organization (AAFRO).



This event is made possible with generous support of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant.

Save the date! Our Black History Month event, in partnership with the West Medford Community Center and celebrating the 2025 theme "African Americans and Labor," will be Monday, February 17 from 10:30am-1:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers!

## Snow Shoveler List



### City of Medford

#### SNOW SHOVELING LIST 2024-2025

This list and the information contained in it is being provided for general information purposes only. The City of Medford does not assume any responsibility for actions, pricing, performance or lack of performance of any of the persons listed as willing to provide shoveling services. In no event shall the City of Medford be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any damages whatsoever, whether in an action of contract, negligence or other tort, arising out of or in connection with the hiring, use or retention by any person or entity of any of the persons listed herein as willing to provide shoveling services.



**USA Lawn Care**  
 Snow plowing  
 All of Medford - driveways  
 781-521-9927

**Vincent Maganzini**  
 781-858-0549  
 Tufts area



**Matthew Young**  
 781-858-7007  
 West Medford

**Kevin Smith**  
 413-475-4680  
 Hillside/Winthrop St. area



**Neal McCloskey**  
 781-827-1581  
 99 or 121 Riverside Ave only

**Marcel Sharpe**  
 781-866-3228  
 North Medford Heights

**Amanda Salzman**  
 585-537-0884  
 West Medford, specifically Norwich Circle, Alan Dale Road, Terrier Road, Grove Street

**John Walsh**  
 781-229-5214  
 Wellington/East Medford



**Date of publication: 1/8/2025** We will update the list throughout the season. Contact Pam Kelly, Director of Elder Affairs, to be added or removed from the list at [pkelly@medford-ma.gov](mailto:pkelly@medford-ma.gov), or if you have any corrections that need to be made.

If you are in need of assistance with shoveling snow, the City has a list of available shovelers that may be able to help! See the list here or at [medfordma.org/snow](http://medfordma.org/snow).

## Public Notice: CDBG Public Services Program



The City of Medford's Office of Planning, Development, & Sustainability invites proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public services programs for the City's 2026 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025 to June 30 2026). Funding will be for programs that provide new or expanded public services to low- and moderate-income Medford residents, including underserved and at-risk populations.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *Friday, February 28, 2025 by 12:00 p.m.*

Learn more [here](#).

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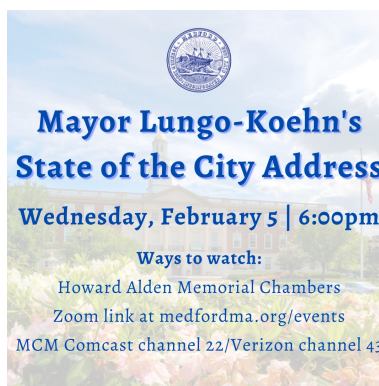
## Medford Participating in the 2025 Point in Time Count

The City had volunteers help collect data on the homeless population, as part of the 2025 Point in Time count. The count was held on Wednesday, January 29, beginning in the evening and continuing through the night until all areas were counted.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continuums of Care (CoCs) to conduct a Point in Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness at least every other year. This count helps with understanding homelessness in the community, guiding critical funding and services to those who need it.

Learn more [here](#).

## Mayor Lungo-Koehn to Give State of the City Address Tonight at 6pm at Alden Memorial Chambers



The City of Medford and Mayor Breanna Lungo Koehn invite all members of the community to attend the State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 6pm. The event will be held in City Hall's Alden Memorial Chambers and will also be broadcast live [on Zoom](#) and Medford Community Media Comcast channel 22/Verizon channel 43.

Learn more [here](#).

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## Medford Establishes Landlord Incentive Program to Boost Housing Options for Veterans

The City Council has unanimously passed an ordinance that would allow the City to fund an incentive program, through the nonprofit organization Housing Families, offering landlords up to \$750 per year who rent properties to qualified veterans, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. This program closely aligns with a similar incentive-based housing program for veterans in Los Angeles.

The ordinance was unanimously adopted by the City Council at its January 14 meeting, after being crafted in the Resident Services and Public Engagement Subcommittee with the help of Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw.

Read more [here](#).

## Next Phase of Carr Park Renovations Beginning February 10



The City will begin its second phase of renovations to Carr Park on Monday, February 10, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. During these renovations, certain areas of the park will be closed to the public.

Starting February 10, the tennis and basketball court areas, the northeast corner of the central fields, and a portion of the loop path will be closed to the public. Temporarily closing a portion of the loop path is necessary because the Contractor needs to be able to move materials and equipment between Winslow Avenue and the location of the new dog park. Once the dog park is complete, both it and the closed portion of the loop path will be open to the public. The playground will remain open to the public until the first week of April. The pickleball courts and a majority of the loop path will remain open to the public throughout construction and the central fields will be re-opened in May.

Learn more [here](#).

## Statement from Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn Regarding the Excavation Work at the City Hall Municipal Lot

Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn issued the following statement regarding construction work at the City Hall Municipal Lot in preparation for the Medford Square redevelopment project.

“As many residents are aware, from 1816 to 1950 there was a cemetery adjacent to Medford City Hall at the location of the current commuter lot along I-93. This cemetery was relocated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Oak Grove Cemetery, as part of the construction for I-93...”

Read the full statement [here](#).

## Other January Events



I had a great time cheering on our Medford Mustang Girls Hockey team as they took on Melrose! Good game!



I had to make a tough choice on which student activity to support this day, between MHS hockey and Legally Blonde the Musical, but we will catch a game soon!

Legally Blonde was amazing. Great job to all involved!

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Completed a great Massachusetts Municipal Association conference in January where local leaders were able to learn new skills and learn from one another.

I am proud to have been elected to the board for a second year and also to have been a panelist to help my peers!

## Carr Park Phase 2 Renovations

A graphic featuring an aerial view of Carr Park, showing a baseball field, a tennis court, and a building. A large speech bubble with a black outline contains the text "UPDATE! CARR PARK CONSTRUCTION STARTS FEBRUARY 10TH". A megaphone icon is positioned to the right of the speech bubble. Below the speech bubble, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "What does this mean? Slide for more info".

**UPDATE!**  
CARR PARK  
CONSTRUCTION  
STARTS FEBRUARY 10TH

What does this mean?  
Slide for more info

## CARR PARK CONSTRUCTION PHASING

The City is working with the Contractor to keep parts of the park open for use while other parts are under construction. Starting **February 10, 2025** the tennis and basketball court areas, a portion of the already fenced off central fields, and a segment of the loop pathway will be closed to the public to become a construction zone.

## TIMELINE

- 2/10/25** Phase A work area closes. This area supports creation of a dog park in the northeast corner of the central fields. Once the dog park is complete, both it and the closed portion of the loop path will be re-opened to the public early this summer.
- 4/1/25** Phase B work area (the playground) will close to the public.
- EARLY SUMMER 2025** The central fields that are currently fenced off will be re-opened in May 2025 and once complete, the dog park and partial closed loop path will be opened. Construction on the project area along Winslow Ave will continue through fall 2026

**Note: The pickleball courts and a majority of the loop path will remain open to the public throughout construction.**

Construction for Phase 2 of the Carr Park renovation begins on Monday, February 10!

Starting February 10, the tennis and basketball court areas, a portion of the already fenced off central fields, and a segment of the loop pathway will be closed to the public to become a construction zone. Please note that the pickleball courts and the remaining part of the loop pathway will remain open to the public.

Questions? Visit <https://linktr.ee/MedfordParks> or reach out to the Office of Planning, Development, & Sustainability at [ocd@medford-ma.gov](mailto:ocd@medford-ma.gov) or 781-393-2480.

# Help With Social Services

# SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE HOURS



**Medford Public Library  
Study Room 1 (1st floor)  
Wednesdays, 10am-12pm**

**Held by: Jason Stone  
Social Services Coordinator  
jstone@medford-ma.gov  
(781) 654-5635**

**Get help with  
heating assistance  
applications,  
mental health,  
substance use,  
housing, food,  
grief, and more!**

**The income eligibility limits  
for 2024-2025 heating  
assistance are:**

Household Size	Total Gross Yearly Income
1	\$49,196
2	\$64,333
3	\$79,470
4	\$94,608
5	\$109,745
6	\$124,882

Need connections to social services?

Our Social Services Coordinator, Jason Stone, holds office hours at the Medford Public Library, Study Room 1, on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm.

Jason can help you or a loved one with heating assistance applications, resources for mental health, substance use, housing, food, grief, and more.

**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!



**Natasha Barthe**  
Haitian-Creole Community Liaison  
nbarthe@medford-ma.gov



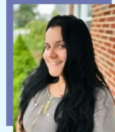
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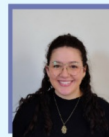
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**Stacey Moore**  
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**June Mackenzie**  
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We've added a few new faces to our Community Engagement Team! Join us in welcoming Barakatullo, ESOL/Immigration Connector; Libby, Food Systems Connector; and June, Older Adult Connector.

This team is available to help connect you with important services and resources!

## Compost with Garbage to Garden



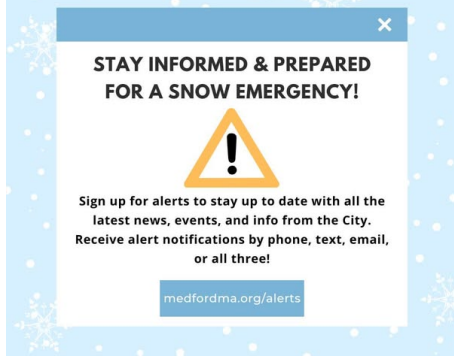
Join over 5,000 of your neighbors in turning food waste into compost through our partnership with Garbage to Garden!

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](http://medfordcomposts.com).

## Sign Up for Alerts

### Sign up for City Alerts!

Winter weather comes on quickly! Be sure



to sign up for City alerts at [medfordma.org/alerts](http://medfordma.org/alerts).

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/](http://medfordlibrary.org/newsletter/)

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

- **February 5:** State of the City Address
- **February 17:** Presidents' Day - City Hall Closed
- **February 17:** Black History Month Event: "African Americans and Labor"

### MEETINGS

#### February 5

- **6:00pm:** Affordable Housing Trust Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board Meeting

#### February 10

- **6:30pm:** Public Q&A and Info Session: Salem Street Corridor Zoning Proposal
- **7:00pm:** Historical Commission Meeting

### February 11

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Commission 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](http://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
- Chief Assessor
- Economic Development Planner
- Recreation Aquatics Supervisor
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Information/Reference Librarian
- Staff Planner, Housing

### Other/Ongoing Positions:

- Traffic Supervisors

To apply, visit [medfordma.org/for-residents/jobs](http://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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