



April 7, 2025

### Message from the Mayor:



Happy Spring Medford!

We've had a busy month since the last newsletter, launching our Keep Medford Beautiful chapter, working on the proposed new city charter, awarding grant funding through our Vacant Storefront Program, and more. As we move into April, we're looking forward to events like our Citywide Cleanup, Patriots' Day festivities, annual Egg Dash with Medford Recreation, and National Arab American Heritage Month events.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- We delivered a [compromised version of the City Charter](#) to the City Council for review and a final vote at its April 8 meeting which restores ward representation and removes the Mayor as Chair of the School Committee. You can read the revised charter at [medfordma.org/charter](http://medfordma.org/charter).
- 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](#).
- The City created a [Keep Medford Beautiful](#) chapter to help beautify our public spaces and is looking for steering committee members to help lead this group. Learn more and apply for the committee [here](#).
- The City has awarded Terry Gavin, a master licensed esthetician and owner of Skin by Terry, a woman-owned business, the first Medford Vacant Storefront Grant to expand her business and occupy one of our vacant retail storefronts. Business owners looking to take advantage of this are encouraged to read more about the program [here](#).

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!

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Spring Citywide Cleanup!

# MAYOR LUNGO-KOEHN'S CITYWIDE CLEAN UP!

Saturday,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>  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](http://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>.

## Curbside Compost Pickups



To celebrate the official start of spring, I joined one of Garbage to Garden's compost pickup drivers, Bennett, on his Thursday route around South Medford. It was great to see so many of our neighbors with bins out, and the truck was already getting full halfway through the route.

I learned so much about Garbage to Garden's pickup process, machines, and their farms where the food scraps are sent to make compost. Thank you Bennett for letting me be an extra set of hands!

We have just about 6,000 residents signed up for this free curbside composting service through Garbage To Garden. If you haven't joined us already, visit [medfordcomposts.com](http://medfordcomposts.com) to learn more and sign up today!

# Welcome Home to Medford!



Our new 'Welcome Home to Medford' program kicked off with a few little visitors to my office! This program is a partnership between our Office of Prevention and Outreach and the Medford Family Network, and provides a few essentials for parents and our newest Medford residents.

These bags will be available to parents when picking up birth certificates at City Hall and contain important resources, diapers, wipes, a book from Moon and Back Bookstore, and more!

## Main Street Intersection Improvements Public Meeting





## Medford Main Street Intersection Improvements Design Public Hearing

### What is happening?

The purpose of this design public hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Intersection Improvements at Main Street/South Street, Main Street/Mystic Valley Parkway Ramps, and Main Street/Mystic Avenue project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

### How will this affect you?

The proposed project consists of intersection improvements on Main Street at South Street, Mystic Valley Parkway (Route 16) Ramps, and Mystic Avenue with traffic signals and signalized crosswalks. Main Street at Emerson Street will also be receiving a signalized crosswalk. Separated bicycle accommodations will be provided on Main Street where possible within the available right-of-way. Buffered bicycle accommodations will also be provided through the Mystic Avenue intersection. New ADA-compliant sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps will be installed on both sides of Main Street, and critical crosswalks will be provided across Main Street.

### When

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
6PM

### Where

Medford City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Howard Alden Memorial Chambers  
85 George P. Hassett Drive  
Medford, MA 02155



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us). Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PROJECT FILE NO. 611974**

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MassDOT is hosting a public hearing for the Medford Main Street Intersection Improvements Design project on April 23 at 6pm at the City Hall Council Chambers. This will be the last public meeting before MassDOT finalizes the project design.

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More info on the proposal and ways to comment can be found [here](#).

## Electrify Medford



Did your house receive an Electrify Medford door hanger? I joined our Climate Planner Brenda Pike, and a team of students from Northeastern University led by Professor Paul Fombelle to distribute these door hangers all around the city.

We had three groups walking around the community, and the group that I met on Marshall Street was able to distribute almost 4,500 door hangers in one day.

The Northeastern team is doing research on effective marketing strategies with our Electrify Medford program.

## National Arab American Heritage Month

The City of Medford Presents

**ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**  
April

**AFTERNOON TRIVIA**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**  
2-4PM

**Medford Public Library**  
111 High St., Medford, MA

ARABIC CULTURE TRIVIA WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE RICH HERITAGE OF ARABIC-SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND LEARN ABOUT THE ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ITS INFLUENCE & HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A NEW EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY:

- ARABIC MUSIC
- FREE REFRESHMENTS
- PRIZES

Free Admission  
Register Here:

Event sponsored by the Office of Outreach and Prevention & Medford Connects

The City of Medford Presents

**ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**  
April

**3RD ANNUAL ARABIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH**  
4-7PM

**Brooks Elementary School**  
388 High St., Medford, MA

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ARABIC CULTURE AND DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF THE OUD INSTRUMENT AND MAKAM BASICS WITH HAWA COLLECTIVE BAND

ENJOY A VIBRANT CELEBRATION FEATURING:

- DELICIOUS FOOD
- LIVE ARABIC MUSIC
- HENNA ART
- TRADITIONAL DANCE
- ARABIC AND MORE

Free Admission  
Register Here:

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ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
April

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025  
2-4PM

Medford Public Library  
111 High St., Medford, MA

سيقدم لك برنامج تريفيا لمحة عن الثقافة العربية والتراث الفني للدول الناطقة باللغة العربية والاعتماد على اللغة العربية وتأثيرها ومساهماتها التاريخية في العلوم والطب

انغمس في تجربة جديدة واستمتع:  
موسيقى عربية  
مرطبات مجانية  
وجوانز

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مدينة ميدفورد تقدم لكم

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
April

مهرجان التراث العربي السنوي الثالث

الأحد ٢٧ أبريل  
من الساعة ٤ إلى ٧ مساءً

Brooks Elementary School  
388 High St., Medford, MA

انضموا إلينا في الاحتفال بالثقافة العربية واكتشاف جمال الله العود وأساسيات المقام مع فرقة الهوى الجماعية

استمتعوا باحتفال نابض بالحياة يضم:  
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موسيقى عربية حية  
فن الحناء  
رقص تقليدي  
محلويات عربية وأكثر

الحفل مجاني  
سجل هنا:



الحدث برعاية مكتب النوعية والوقاية و  
Medford Connects

Happy National Arab American Heritage Month!

Our Community Engagement Team is hosting Afternoon Trivia on Saturday, April 12 from 2-4pm at the Medford Public Library. There will be Arabic music, refreshments, and prizes for trivia winners! Admission is free, register [here](#).

Later in the month, the team will also be hosting an Arabic Heritage Festival on April 27 from 4-7pm at the Brooks School. This event is also free and features live Arabic music, delicious food, henna art, traditional dance, and more. RSVP [here](#).

Patriots' Day



# PATRIOTS' DAY 2025 – REV 250! REVERE'S RIDE – MEDFORD PRIDE

## MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

*An event for all ages, with a visit from*  
**PAUL REVERE on horseback!**



**10:00 AM:**  
Patriots' Day Ceremony at the  
*Salem Street Burying Ground*

**10:30 AM:**  
Festivities for all ages in *Medford Square!*

**12:00 ish:**  
Paul Revere arrives on horseback through Medford with a stop at Captain Hall's former home at **43 High Street. (The ICCM)** From there, Paul will make his way to the **Paul Revere Restaurant** at 447 High Street in West Medford Square.

Sponsored by:



Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn



With West Medford Square Committee of MCOC



Celebrate Patriots' Day with us in Historic Medford Square!

Join us on Monday, April 21 starting at 10am with the Patriots' Day Ceremony at the Salem Street Burying Ground and leading into festivities for all ages in the Square at 10:30am. Around noon, Paul Revere arrives on horseback with stops at Captain Hall's former home at 43 High Street and then Paul Revere's Restaurant at 447 High Street.

## Recent News

### Mayor Lungo-Koehn Delivers Final Compromised Version of City Charter to City Council

After reviewing all of the City Council's edits, the final version of the City's long anticipated City Charter has been delivered back to the City Council for a final vote at the April 8 regular meeting before being sent to the legislature in hopes of appearing on the ballot for voter approval in November, Mayor Lungo-Koehn announced.

### Skin By Terry Awarded \$10,000 Vacant Storefront Program Grant from City

The City has awarded Terry Gavin, a master licensed esthetician and owner of Skin by Terry, the first Medford Vacant Storefront Grant, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. This program allows businesses to expand and occupy vacant retail storefronts through grant funding and refundable tax credits.

This final compromised version upholds the survey results and the recommendation from the Charter Study Committee of increasing the number of City Councilors to 11 with 8 councilors being elected by each ward and the remaining 3 members being councilors-at-large who shall be nominated and elected by and from the voters at large.

Read more [here](#).

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## **Medford Seeks to Fill Vacancies on Various Boards and Commissions**

The City of Medford is currently accepting applications from Medford residents to serve on one of its many City Boards & Commissions.

Residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards and commissions below should complete the [Board and Commission Interest Form](#) available at [medfordma.org/boards-commissions](http://medfordma.org/boards-commissions). If you are in need of a physical form, please visit the Mayor's Office at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 202, Medford, MA 02155.

Learn more [here](#).

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## **City Launches 'Keep Medford Beautiful' Chapter**

This week, the City created a [Keep Medford Beautiful](#) chapter and is looking for steering committee members to help lead this group, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. Keep Medford Beautiful is a community effort to organize local volunteers interested in cleaning up and beautifying Medford's public spaces.

The mission of the chapter is to instill accountability through action and foster social responsibility by urging residents to not litter and pick up litter when they see it. This will be a volunteer-led organization that works alongside the Department of Public Works, the Mayor's Office, other

Medford's Vacant Storefront Grant program provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of up to \$10,000 to qualifying businesses that intend to occupy a vacant retail storefront in Medford. Grants through this program will be matched by a refundable tax credit of up to \$10,000 through the Massachusetts Economic Advisory Coordinating Council (EACC) state-wide MVSP.

Learn more [here](#).

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## **Medford Launching YouthWorks Program to Help At-Risk and Low-Income Young People Develop Skills for Future Careers**

The City, with the amazing help of School Committee member Aaron Olapade, has secured over \$40 thousand in grant funding to launch a YouthWorks job placement program for youths aged 14-25, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The grant, through MassHire, will allow the City to place young people in on-site job settings, exposing them to real world experience that will help develop a variety of usable skills and set them on a path to a meaningful career. The group will meet weekly with a job training coach to discuss progress, challenges and work on resume building as well as interpersonal communication skills.

Read more [here](#).

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## **2025 Recreational Camp Requirements and Permits Training**

Camp season will be here in a few short months. We look forward to working with you to create a safe and healthy environment for the 2025 summer camp season. The Medford Board of Health held a combined Camp Orientation Training on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm.

The session will reviewed camp policy



municipal leaders, and local businesses.

Learn more [here](#).

and procedure requirements and the key areas the public health nurse will focus on reviewing this year: medication administration, medical documentation, Health Care Supervisor training and accountability.

Read more [here](#).

## Mystery Reading Through March

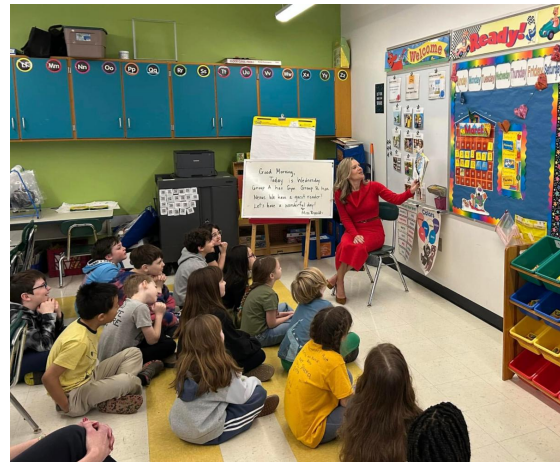


Yard & leaf waste pickups have started! Yard waste pickups are on the opposite week from your recycling pickups and denoted on the collection schedule with blue and green leaves that correspond with your recycling bin lid color.

Leaves and yard waste must be in paper bags, open barrels, or in bundles tied with a natural fiber string - no plastic bags!

The collection schedule can be found [here](#).

## Mystery Reading Through March



March was Read-a-Thon month at our local elementary schools and I was honored to be a mystery reader along with some amazing friends and colleagues across the city. I was able to visit McGlynn Elementary, the Missituk, the Brooks School, and the Roberts School throughout the month.

Thank you to all of our teachers and attentive, enthusiastic students for inviting me into your classrooms!

## Save the Dates!



Porchfest is back for its third year on June 7! Band and porch applications are open now at <https://medford.porchfest.info/>.



Run Medford will be on September 26 and 27 this year! Registration is now open at [runmedford.com](http://runmedford.com).

## Community Land Trust Open House



# COMMUNITY LAND TRUST STUDY OPEN HOUSE

**Learn more about Medford's  
Community Land Trust Study**

***A Community Land Trust can help to stabilize rents, provide affordable homeownership options, and long-term community stewardship over the land.***

**What:** An informational Open House on Medford's Community Land Trust Study

**When:** Tuesday, April 15th at 6pm

**Where:** Medford City Hall, Room 201  
85 George P. Hassett Drive



**Join Virtually:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82533865227>

**More Info:** <https://tinyurl.com/MedfordCLTStudy>

City of Medford invites residents to attend an open house for the Community Land Trust Study.

The City of Medford's Office of Planning Development and Sustainability is hosting an open house to share educational information on Community Land Trusts and gather input from the broader community on the role of a potential CLT developing affordable housing in Medford.

A Community Land Trust can help to stabilize rents, provide affordable homeownership options, and long-term community stewardship over the land.

Time: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Room 201, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford 02155

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82533865227>

**Help is Available!**



## CONNECT WITH OUR RECOVERY COACH



**Chris Summa**  
Recovery Coach  
[csumma@northsuffolk.org](mailto: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](mailto:csumma@northsuffolk.org) or 617-293-0008.

## HELP IS AVAILABLE!



**Jason Stone**  
Social Services Coordinator  
[jstone@medford-ma.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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**  
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**Samia Bennett**  
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**June Mackenzie**  
Older Adult Connector  
jmackenzie@medford-ma.gov



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.

## Stay in the Know!

**STAY INFORMED!**



**Sign up for  
NEWS  
ALERTS  
UPDATES**



[www.medfordma.org/alerts](http://www.medfordma.org/alerts)

### Sign up for City Alerts!

Sign up for City alerts at [medfordma.org/alerts](http://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/](http://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](http://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

- **April 12:** Egg Dash and Bunny Photo
- **April 12:** Arab American Heritage Month Trivia
- **April 12:** Electronics Recycling Fundraiser
- **April 19:** Citywide Cleanup
- **April 21:** Patriots' Day - City Hall Closed
- **April 21:** Patriots' Day Rev 250 Ceremony and Festivities
- **April 27:** 3rd Annual Arabic Heritage Festival

### MEETINGS

#### April 8

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

#### April 14

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

#### April 16

- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting

#### April 17

- **6:00pm:** Mystic Shoreline



## 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](https://medfordma.org/jobs). The webpage is updated regularly, but current opportunities include:

### Current Positions:

- City Solicitor
- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Recreation Aquatics Supervisor
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Staff Planner, Housing
- Elections Manager
- PW8 Maintenance Craftsperson/Laborer
- Principal Clerk (Treasurer/Collector)
- Circulation Assistant
- Assistant Director of Finance
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- PW 5.5 MEO II
- Assistant City Engineer
- Office Manager (Fire)
- Engineering Intern
- Parking Control Specialist

### Other/Ongoing Positions:

- Traffic Supervisors

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