



May 8, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

We had a busy April at City Hall with some big accomplishments, like having 350 volunteers at our annual Spring Cleanup, celebrating the Patriots' Day 250th anniversary of the Revolution, and signing our new City Charter to send off to the State House. In May, there's plenty more to look forward to with our disABILITY Fair, Haitian Heritage Celebration, Pride Flag Raising and Festival, and more.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- After working collaboratively with the City Council and the Charter Study Committee to finalize the Charter, the new governing document was signed by me and sent to the State in hopes of it appearing for vote on the November ballot. You can read the charter at medfordma.org/charter.
- The City and the DCR are breaking ground on a pedestrian safety and accessibility project along Mystic River Road with a ceremony on Friday, May 9 at 11 a.m. behind the West Medford Community Center on Mystic River Road. Learn more about the project [here](#).
- Our Economic Development Office, in collaboration with business consulting company UpNext, is launching "Project: Pop-Up Medford," offering business owners the opportunity to pilot products at a temporary free storefront in Medford Square. Learn more about the program and how to apply [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!

Spring Citywide Cleanup!



April was Earth Month, and to celebrate the importance of our environment we held our annual Citywide Community Cleanup a few Saturdays ago!

Despite a busy holiday weekend, nearly 350 volunteers showed up to pick up trash, haul garbage bags and lead groups at 38 locations across the City.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of a beautiful Saturday to help keep their community clean and beautiful.

And huge thank you to our DPW for supplying the trash bags and equipment, and for hauling all the trash away.

Great job by everyone involved!



Celebrating Arab American Heritage Month



Such a great time celebrating Arab American Heritage Month with our community on April 27!

Thank you to our City of Medford Community Engagement Team for planning such a wonderful event.

City Charter Update



The City Charter has now been signed, sealed and delivered to the State House in hopes of appearing on the ballot this November!

Huge thank you to everyone who made this possible, including the Charter Study Committee and chair Milva McDonald, the staff at the Collins Center, the City Council and of course the community for offering their time, input and suggestions to help craft this new governing document for our City.

Patriots' Day



So happy to have such a beautiful spring day in Medford for our annual Patriots' Day event!

The Square was packed to see Paul Revere recreate his legendary ride through the heart of our City!

Huge thank you to Paul Revere Restaurant, Medford Community Chorale, Islamic Cultural Center of Medford, our Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw, our Department of Public Works and Medford Recreation, Medford Police Department, the Medford Chamber of Commerce, Laura Duggan and Looking Back at Medford History, my fellow elected leaders who joined and our Director of Community Affairs Lisa Colaanni for helping make today so memorable.

Save the Date: May Events



The Medford Commission for Persons with Disabilities is hosting the disABILITY Fair on Saturday, May 10 from 11am-2pm at the McGlynn School.

There will be resource tables, performances, and more! Free and all are welcome.



Celebrate Haitian Heritage Month with the City's Community Engagement Team and the Medford Haitian Taskforce on Saturday, May 17 from 2:30pm-5pm. Stop by the Andrews School to enjoy cultural food, performances, and more!

This event is free to all. Residents in need of transportation should call 781-420-1704 to arrange pickup.



The City is partnering with Tufts to host a free flea market around Medford on Saturday, May 24 from 10am-2pm. The main location to bring your unwanted items and shop other donations will be Fletcher



Save the date for our annual Pride Flag Raising and Festival on May 30, 4:30pm-7pm on the City Hall front lawn!

This year's theme is "The Fabric of

Field (111 Professors Row), or you can list your address where you'll have items available on the map.

Click here for more information, registration and RSVP links, and the map:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cc-PJe24ktS6RkaXcDJJc3uFEg4PuVUDc1j-rT5uucA/edit?tab=t.0>

Freedom," a celebration of the threads that unite the LGBTQ+ community and a call for unity and action. This event is free and will feature vendors, music, a pet parade, and more!



Our annual Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 26 at 10am. Join us at Oak Grove Cemetery on Playstead Road to honor and remember the veterans we've lost.

Recent News

City to Break Ground on Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Project on Mystic River Road

The City of Medford and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are breaking ground on a multi-faceted pedestrian safety and accessibility project that will enhance the experience along Mystic River Road, Dugger Park and improve mobility at the West Medford Community Center, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, May 9 at 11 a.m. behind the West Medford Community Center on Mystic River Road.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Launches New Retail Pop-Up Incubator Program

The City of Medford's Economic Development Department, in collaboration with business consulting company UpNext, is launching a new program to support local entrepreneurs by providing access to retail space to test their business ventures and strengthen the City's vibrant retail district.

The initiative, called *Project: Pop-Up Medford*, will offer a temporary storefront at 68 High Street in Medford Square, giving business owners the chance to pilot their products in a brick-and-mortar setting. The pop-up retail shop will run from May through July 15, 2025. Selected entrepreneurs will have access to a rent-free space and business development resources aimed at helping them succeed in a retail environment.

Medford Affordable Housing Trust Fund Notice of Funding Availability Spring 2025

The purpose of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2025 is to detail the process by which Trust funds can be awarded or loaned to support qualified grant requests and any other proposals from organizations or individuals for the creation, preservation, rehabilitation and support of affordable housing. For Fiscal Year 2025, a total of \$250,000 is available to fund eligible requests; additional funds may become available later in the year.

Learn more [here](#).

Massachusetts Elected Officials Call for Release of Detained Tufts Student Rümeyisa Öztürk

Mayor Lungo-Koehn issued a joint statement with Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the Somerville State Delegation and the Somerville City Council calling for the immediate release of Tufts University student Rümeyisa Öztürk, currently being held in federal immigration detention.

Read the full statement [here](#).

Through its U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Medford will provide the commercial space easing the financial burden of launching a temporary storefront.

Learn more [here](#).

Spring "Big Sweep" Began on April 22, 2025

The Medford DPW will conduct spring street sweeping over the course of several weeks, beginning on Tuesday, April 22. Please note that City Hall is closed on Monday, April 21 in observance of Patriots Day.

Street sweeping will be conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Street sweeping is divided into 14 zones with one zone conducted each day. The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.

Learn more [here](#).

Senior Resource Fair

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Friday, May 16th

from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Medford Senior Center

Katherine Clark's office will be hosting a **Senior Resource Fair** on **Friday, May 16th**. There will be representatives from **Social Security, Medicare, IRS, MBTA, Project Bread, Medford Police Department, State Reps Paul Donato, Christine Barber, State Senator Pat Jehlen and more!** They will be in-person to conveniently answer any of your questions and help you find the resources that are available to you. Coffee, Refreshments, Grab N Go Lunch and handouts will be available.



Congresswoman Katherine Clark's office will be hosting a Senior Resource Fair on Friday, May 16 from 10am-12pm at the Medford Senior Center.

There will be representatives from Social Security, Medicare, IRS, MBTA, Project Bread, Medford Police Department, State Representatives Paul Donato and Christine Barber, State Senator Pat Jehlen, and more! They will be available in-person to answer questions and help you find resources that are available to you. Coffee, refreshments, grab n go lunch, and handouts will also be available.

CDBG Public Review Period

**CITY OF MEDFORD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG)
PROGRAM YEAR 2025**



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 4/12/25-5/12/2025:
5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
PROGRAM YEAR 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/16/25 - 6 PM
CITY COUNCIL HEARING 4/29/25 - 7 PM**

The City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) draft 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2025 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) are available for public review and comment through May 12, 2025.

In addition, the City's updated Citizen Participation Plan detailing opportunities for public participation in the development of plans and reports related to the City's CDBG funding is available for public review and comment through May 12, 2025.

Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan may all be downloaded [HERE](#) and copies can also be found at the Office of Planning, Development & Sustainability at City Hall. Comments must be submitted in writing on or before May 12, 2025 to the Office of Planning, Development & Sustainability, 85 George P. Hassett Dr. Room 308, Medford, MA 02155, or to ocd@medford-ma.gov.

"Migration: The Ongoing American Revolution" Exhibit

The Medford Historical Society and Museum's upcoming exhibit "Migration: The Ongoing American Revolution" celebrates Medford's migrant and immigrant heritage.

The grand opening of the exhibit is on Sunday, June 29, from 1pm-4pm, in the Medford Historical Society and Museum at 10 Governors Avenue. Visitors are welcome to visit every Sunday from 1pm-4pm through the fall. The exhibit is free to attend.

It features interviews with Medford residents telling their stories of migration and demonstrates how migration and immigration continue to enrich the city of



MIGRATION
The Ongoing American Revolution

THE MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Come celebrate Medford's migrant history with a new exhibit opening on June 29th!

Medford has always been a site of migration from the original Indigenous population to people from all over the world: England, Africa, eastern Europe, China, Brazil, Ireland, Italy, Haiti, Latin America, the Middle East, South Asia, and more.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (1775-2025)—the determination of people to chart their own future—this exhibition looks at the history of Medford by featuring interviews with Medford residents telling their stories of migration.

Exhibition is free.
Opens on June 29th and runs through the Fall. Visitors are welcome every Sunday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

 Freedom's Way

This exhibit is made possible in part by a grant from the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area.




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JUNE 29TH | 1-4 PM
10 Governors Avenue • Medford, MA

Medford today, as they have in the past.

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City Council Budget Survey

The City Council wants to know how we should spend our budget and is looking for your input. The City Council's Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee will review survey responses at its May 7th meeting.

This short and informal Budget Input Survey will help inform our thinking about what to advocate for as we review and negotiate the Mayor's budget.

Run for Local Office!



**HELP SHAPE OUR CITY
RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE**



Nomination papers for the upcoming 2025 elections will be available from June 10, 2025 through July 25, 2025.

Papers can be picked up at the Elections Office at City Hall, Room 102.





Nomination papers for the upcoming 2025 elections will be available starting June 10, 2025 through July 25, 2025 for residents interested in running for city government.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our community.

Residents who wish to run for office can visit the Elections Office at City Hall, Room 102, to obtain the necessary nomination papers. The elections staff will be available to assist you with the process and answer any questions you may have.

We encourage all eligible citizens to consider this opportunity to serve our city and help shape the future of Medford.

Reminder on Medford's Leaf Blower Ordinance

In April 2024, the Medford City Council passed a Leaf Blower Ordinance to help reduce noise levels and carbon emissions in our community. The ordinance also prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers for commercial and municipal use except from March 15-May 31 and September 15-December 15 for 2025.

This is a reminder that from June 1 to September 15, 2025, the use of gas-powered leaf blowers is prohibited for commercial use. [Click here](#) to read the full ordinance.

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
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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.

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.

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

- **May 8:** Zoning Public Q&A on Medford Square, West Medford Square and ADUs
- **May 10:** disABILITY Fair
- **May 17:** Haitian Heritage Month Celebration
- **May 23:** Veterans Coffee and Cookies Hour
- **May 24:** Medford Free Flea Market
- **May 26:** Memorial Day - City Hall Closed
- **May 26:** Memorial Day Ceremony
- **May 30:** Pride Flag Raising and Festival

MEETINGS

May 7

- **6:00pm:** Affordable Housing Trust Meeting
- **6:00pm:** City Council Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Public Health and Community Safety Committee Meeting

May 8

- **6:30pm:** Zoning Public Q&A on Medford Square, West Medford Square and ADUs

May 12

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

May 13

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

- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Recreation Aquatics Supervisor
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- PW8 Maintenance Craftsperson/Laborer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- PW 5.5 MEO II
- Assistant City Engineer
- Public Health RN
- Assistant Assessor
- Principal Clerk (Department of Public Works)
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher

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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