



June 9, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

Spring is always one of the busiest times of the year here at City Hall, and this May was no different! This month we held events like our Pride Flag Raising & Festival, Haitian Heritage Month, Memorial Day, graduation, and more. Other projects have been moving forward as well, including our selecting a development partner for our Medford Square RFP!

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Transom Real Estate has been selected as the developer for our project to transform three undeveloped city-owned lots in Medford Square into a combination of mixed-use retail and residential with ample parking options for our seniors and Chevalier theatre. See their [proposal here](#).
- The City and the Medford Arts Council have selected Max Heinegg as our third Poet Laureate beginning on July 1. The City will be holding an installation ceremony on July 30 at 6pm in the Alden Memorial Chambers.
- Project: Pop-Up Medford, a temporary retail pop-up at 68 High Street in Medford Square, is opening its doors to three local businesses through July 15! The project offers microenterprises free physical retail space and business development resources.

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!

Zoning

At the June 18th Community Development Board meeting, there will be a presentation and public hearing on residential zoning with accessory dwelling units where members of the public are encouraged to ask questions and provide suggestions and feedback on the proposal.

June 18 meeting info:

Agenda will be available at medfordma.org/events

[Public Notice Info](#)

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95629298475>

All Community Development Board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. via zoom, unless otherwise noted. Zoom information along with meetings agendas will be available on the City's events calendar at medfordma.org/events.

For more information on the City's zoning proposals visit medfordma.org/zoning.

Public Community Forum
on Parking Strategies,
Transportation Demand
Management, and Other
Citywide Strategies



JUNE 9, 6:30 PM
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The purpose of this meeting is for City staff, City Councilors and the City's zoning consultant to hear from the public on the topic of parking regulations and requirements and other citywide transit management strategies. Following this community meeting, the zoning consultant and Planning & Permitting Committee will collaborate on a zoning proposal on these topics.

Note: MBTA service, including bus routes and frequency, does not fall under City jurisdiction and will not be a focus of this event.

[WWW.MEDFORDMA.ORG/ZONING](https://www.medfordma.org/zoning)

There is also a Public Community Forum on Parking Strategies, Transportation Demand Management, and Other Citywide Strategies on June 9 at 6:30pm at the Medford Public Library and [on zoom](#).

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Celebrating Pride Month



We officially kicked off Pride Month by raising the flag at City Hall and holding an amazing festival and dog parade.

Lifting up voices and supporting the lived experiences of our fellow neighbors is what makes this community so special.

Huge thank you to our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei, the ASL interpreters, DPW, Medford Fire, Medford PD and Medford High Gay Straight Alliance for making this celebration possible!

For more information on upcoming Pride Month events, visit medfordma.org/events.

Carr Park Dog Park is Open!



Phase 2 construction at Carr Park is still underway but the dog park is open in time for the summer!

Officially unveiled this new dog friendly space with a bunch of furry friends. Thank you to our team in Planning, Development and Sustainability, DPW and Medford Recreation for getting this project across the finish line!

Memorial Day



On Memorial Day, we gathered at Oak Grove Cemetery to honor the service and sacrifice of the service men and women we've lost.

Thank you to our Director of Community Affairs, Lisa Colaianni and Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw for organizing this moving Memorial Day ceremony.

This would not have been possible without the help of the American Legion Post 45 Medford, MA for placing flags at gravesites, DPW, Medford Community Media, Medford Police Department Honor Guard, Medford Fire Chief Todd Evans as well as my fellow colleagues who spoke and of course our veterans community for their courage and strength.

Haitian Heritage Month



Our annual Haitian Heritage Month celebration was a huge success filled with great music, dancing and food!

Thank you to our Community Liaison Darline Raymond, Connector Natasha Barthe and the entire Medford Connects team in the Board of Health along with the Haitian Taskforce for organizing this wonderful tribute to our Haitian community.

Save the Date: Juneteenth Events

Photo credit: NASA/Keegan Barber

JUNETEENTH 2025

Join the City of Medford, the City of Somerville, Tufts University, and the Somerville Museum at events commemorating Juneteenth in and around Medford and Somerville.

Somerville Juneteenth Flag Raising | June 16 from 12 - 1 p.m.
Somerville City Hall Concourse, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville MA

Expressions of Black Joy as a Form of Resistance at Tufts University | June 18 from 8:15 - 11:30 a.m.
Joyce Cummings Center, 177 College Ave, Medford MA

Royall House and Slave Quarters Museum Free Admission | June 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Royall House and Slave Quarters Museum, 15 George St, Medford MA

Blessing of the Bay | June 22 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Blessing of the Bay Bouthouse, 32 Shore Drive, Somerville MA

Frederick Douglass Reading | June 25 at 5 p.m.
Trum Field, 541 Broadway, Somerville MA

For more information, visit:
somervillema.gov/rsj

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA

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JUNETEENTH

Flag Raising Ceremony & Celebration
June 18, 2025 | 4pm-6:30pm
Medford City Hall

Program:

- Drum Duo: Nicholas Karinge & Stacey Moore
- Opening Blessing: Stacey Moore
- Welcome Remarks: Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn
- Message from Medford City Council: President Isaac B. 'Zac' Bears
- Poetry: Poet Laureate Vijaya Sundaram
- Message from Medford School Committee: Member Aaron Olapade
- Blessing of the Meal: Rev. Kilpatrick
- Closing Remarks: West Medford Community Center
- Proclamation & Call to Raise the Flag: Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn & Frances N. Nwajeri

Musical segment produced by: **down by Riverside**
Musical entertainment: **Willie J. Laws Band**
Catering provided by: **Work Hard Eat Good**

This event is made possible with the support of the MVP Medford Connects grant. ASL interpreters requested.

Medford and Somerville are working together to bring residents a full slate of events to celebrate Juneteenth this year! Learn more at medfordma.org/events.

Medford's annual Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration will be at City Hall on June 18 from 4pm-6:30pm. Stop by for music, poetry, food, and more!

Recent News

Three New Businesses Coming to Medford Square through City's Project: Pop-Up Incubator

Project: Pop-Up Medford, a temporary

Medford Community Development Board Seeks Applicants

The City of Medford is looking to fill vacancies on the Community

retail pop-up at 68 High Street in Medford Square is opening its doors to three new businesses, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Business consulting firm UpNext and the City of Medford are collaborating to support local entrepreneurs by providing access to retail space to test their business ventures and foster a vibrant retail district.

Three Medford residents were selected to participate in the first round of *Project: Pop-Up Medford*. The businesses are blob.says.hello (jewelry designer), Bithiah's Art (artist-illustrator), and Sunny Side Up Studio (photographer). The pop-up retail shop will run from June through July 15, 2025.

Read more [here](#).

Run Medford Road Race Returning September 26 & 27

The City of Medford and the [Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation](#) are hosting the fourth annual Run Medford road race event weekend on Sept. 26 and 27, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The events will be held at the Hormel Stadium track on Friday, Sept. 26 and at City Hall on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Run Medford is bringing back Jerry's Run for all Ages 5K Race, named after Jerry Panarese, who was a member of the New England 65+ Runners Club. Jerry was the director of the Run of All Ages for 25 years. In addition to the 5K, the event will also feature races for all ages, including a kids' fun run, 5-mile race, high school mile, VIP/Celebrity mile, and more over the two days of racing.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Names Next Poet Laureate

The City of Medford, in partnership with the Medford Arts Council, has named its next Poet Laureate, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Max Heinegg will become the City's

Development Board, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The Board's responsibilities include administration of the Subdivision Control Law, conducting site plan review for major projects, reviewing, and recommending changes to the Zoning Ordinance as well as discussing and implementing proposed zoning changes, and general planning to guide growth and development in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

Board members receive a \$900 yearly stipend and meetings are generally held at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Learn more [here](#).

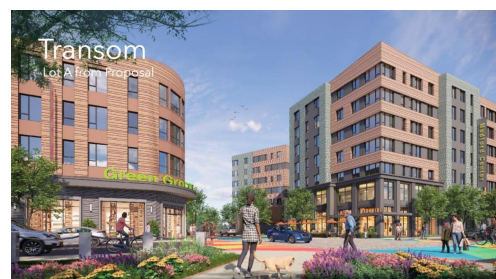
Medford Releases Schedule of Pride Month 2025 Events

The City has released a schedule of events to celebrate and honor Pride Month this June, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. This schedule was organized by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with community partners.

"Now in our fourth year of this tradition, we have some familiar events to celebrate this Pride Month, as well as some new ones," said Mayor Lungo-Koehn. "Thank you to our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei for her hard work as always in organizing this event schedule."

See the full schedule [here](#).

City Awards Medford Square Development Bid to Transom Real Estate



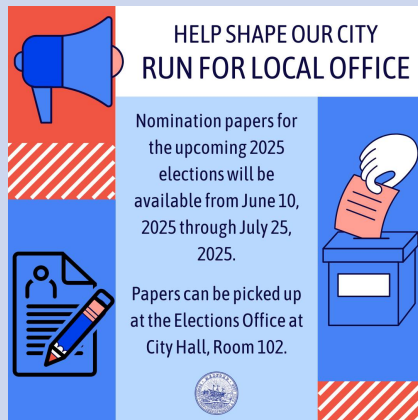
The City has selected development

third Poet Laureate, taking over from Vijaya Sundaram, whose two-year term ends on June 30. The City will be holding an installation ceremony on July 30 at 6 p.m. in the Alden Memorial Chambers.

"We are thrilled to announce Max Heinegg as Medford's Poet Laureate for the next two years," said Mayor Lungo-Koehn. "His experience in our community, especially our schools, coupled with his dedication to his craft made him an ideal candidate to build upon Vijaya Sundaram and Terry Carter's work."

Read more [here](#).

Nomination Papers for 2025 Municipal Election Available on June 10 in Elections Office



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

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.

company Transom Real Estate as a partner in the City's project to transform three undeveloped city-owned lots in Medford Square along Clippership Drive and Riverside Avenue, into a combination of mixed-use retail and residential with ample parking options for our seniors and Chevalier theatre.

Based on Transom's proposal, the project will combine the creation of market-rate and affordable housing anchored with a 13,500 square foot grocery store, all in the context of a village square environment that prioritizes the pedestrian experience. This proposal dynamically addresses the City's multifaceted objectives outlined in the RFP, creating a vibrant new community hub in Medford Square that is consistent with the objectives in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Further adjustments and improvements to the proposal and the negotiation of a final land lease agreement will occur over the next several months, and the final agreement will be presented to the City Council for consideration and approval.

Learn more [here](#).

Congrats Grads!



Congratulations to the Medford High School graduating class of 2025!!!

Free Financial Literacy Workshops

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languages: English, Spanish, Brazilian
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May 20, 5pm	Budgeting & Saving
May 27, 5pm	Credit
June 3, 5pm	Building Your Nest Egg
June 10, 5pm	Fraud
June 17, 5pm	Home Buying
June 24, 5pm	Financial Planning

REGISTER HERE:



FREE Financial Literacy Workshops on Zoom!

Want to boost your money skills and earn gift cards? Join us for a 6-week series of workshops covering essential financial topics — attend as many as you like!

When: Tuesdays at 5pm over the next 6 weeks.

Incentive: Get a \$25 gift card for each workshop you attend (ONLY Medford residents will receive gift cards)

Where: Zoom (link provided upon registration). Register [here](#).

Interpretation services available

Topics include budgeting, credit, saving, and more — practical tips to help you take control of your finances.

Medford Farmers Market



Opening Day!

Thursday, June 5th 3-7pm
Condon Shell - Mystic Vally Parkway



**25+ Vendors - Live Performers - Ribbon Cutting -
Medford Family Network - Community & Fun!**

The Medford Farmers Market is open for the season! The market is held on Thursdays from 3pm-7pm at the Condon Shell.

Visit medfordfarmersmarket.org for more info.

Potholes Update



DPW crews have been out this spring (pictured is Wright Avenue) filling potholes. Each day, the team pours about 4 tons of asphalt to fill the holes and is out basically everyday, hitting several streets.

Spring is prime time for potholes as the wear and tear from the winter months can widen and deepen cracks and gaps in the road.

That's why logging potholes you encounter in our SeeClickFix app is so important. It alerts crews to locations and helps get them on the scene ASAP to fill and repair. We have a lot of roads and a lot of needs, so we thank you for your patience and understanding.

DPW staff are working hard to make these streets safe and accessible and we thank them for their work!

You can access SeeClickFix by visiting medfordma.org/for-residents/see

More May Events



floor!

You're never too old to relive your prom! I had an amazing time dancing and singing with seniors from Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield at this event.

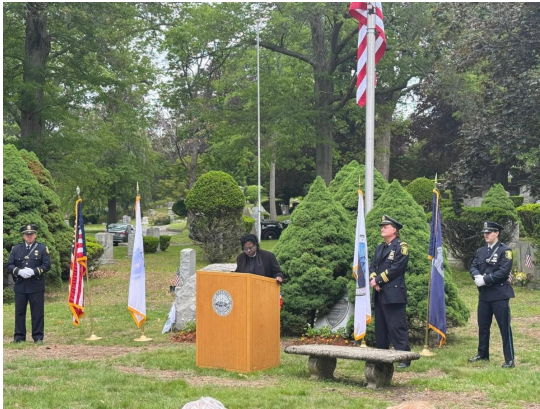
Thank you to City of Melrose - City Government Mayor Jen Grigoraitis for inviting me to this amazing event.

I loved seeing so many beautiful dresses and happy faces letting loose on the dance

Thank you to the Medford Senior Center, and the senior centers in Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield for hosting such a memorable night.

Finally had some decent weather just in time for the Italian Festival, Feast of the Republic at the Condon Shell.

Thank you to the organizers Federazione Associazioni Italiane e Italo-Americane New England and especially Alberto, Domenico and Danny Puccio for putting together this amazing celebration of Italian heritage!



I attended the Medford Police Relief Association's memorial service for deceased members of the Medford Police Department.

We paid tribute to 5 members of the department who were committed to keeping our community safe.

Lieutenant Peter J. Passatempo
Patrolman Frederick R. Garvey
Sergeant Waldo A. Lunetta
Traffic Supervisor Linda C. Graham
Traffic Supervisor Mary Santoro

Thank you for your service to Medford.

The Metro Mayors Coalition held a climate summit to reaffirm the group's commitment to achieving our climate goals.

As Co-Chair of the coalition I had the opportunity to serve as a panelist and talk about the work we're doing in Medford to strengthen our storm resiliency and reduce our carbon footprint.

Thank you to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for hosting this important event, our staff at City Hall for making our work in Medford possible and to Senator Edward J. Markey for offering his perspective on sustainable solutions to this crisis.



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.

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

- **June 12:** Our Flag Means Pride
- **June 12:** US Army 250th Birthday Celebration
- **June 16:** Wright's Pond Opens
- **June 17:** Bunker Hill Day - City Hall Closed
- **June 18:** Juneteenth Flag Raising & Festival
- **June 19:** Juneteenth - City Hall Closed
- **June 21:** Circle the Square
- **June 21:** Kinsley Scales Pride Concert
- **June 23:** Tufts Pool Opens
- **June 28:** Mystic River Pride Flotilla

MEETINGS

June 9

- **6:30pm:** Energy and Environment Committee Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Public Community Forum on Parking Strategies, Transportation Demand Management, and Other Citywide Strategies
- **7:00pm:** Historical Commission Meeting

June 10

- **5:00pm:** Traffic Commission Meeting
- **6:30pm:** Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- **7:00pm:** City Council Meeting

June 11

- **8:30am:** Commissioners of Trust

- Funds Meeting
- **5:30pm:** School Committee Family Engagement and Communication Subcommittee Meeting

June 12

- **6:00pm:** Historic District 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:

- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Recreation Aquatics Supervisor
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Superintendent of Water and Sewer
- PW5.5 MEO II
- Assistant City Engineer
- Public Health RN
- Home Maintenance Handyperson
- PW5.5 MEO II & Laborer

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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