



July 7, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

Happy summer! It's been a hot and humid one so far, so please stay safe and seek out one of our cooling centers if you need it. More information can be found at medfordma.org/heat. Over the past month, we've celebrated Pride, Juneteenth, Porchfest, Circle the Square, the Library's 150th anniversary, the US Army's 250th anniversary, the Feast of the Republic, and more. As we move into July, keep your calendars marked for the Pride Afterparty on July 17 and the Poet Laureate Installation Ceremony on July 30.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Cooling centers are open at the Medford Police Department Community Room (24/7), Medford Public Library, and Medford Senior Center. For more information on extreme heat safety, visit medfordma.org/heat.
- To help you stay cool, Wright's Pond and Tufts Pool are open, as well as splash pads at a number of our parks. More information on hours and parks can be found at medfordma.org/heat.
- There are only a few days left to shop Project: Pop-Up Medford! This is a temporary retail pop-up at 68 High Street in Medford Square with three local businesses setting up shop through July 15!

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

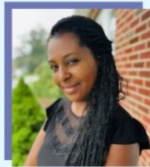
Thanks for reading!

Help is Available to All!

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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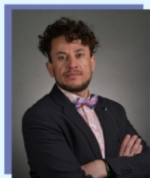
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Our Community Engagement Team (CET) is available to help connect you with important services and resources!

The CET has members that speak Haitian Creole, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, Arabic, and English and can help with resources for families, older adults, immigrants, youth, and more.

Reach out to them through their emails above or by calling our Multilingual Resource Line at 781-475-5644.

CONNECT WITH OUR RECOVERY COACH



Chris Summa
Recovery Coach
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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.

Cooling Centers



COOLING CENTERS

- **Medford Police Department Community Room**
(100 Main St) - open 24 hours
- **Medford Senior Center (101 Riverside Ave) -**
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
- **Medford Public Library (111 High St) -**
Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm; Friday 9am-6pm; Saturday 9am-5pm

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City Charter Update

Great news on our new City Charter! The Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government has reported the bill "H.4146, An Act establishing a charter for the city of Medford," favorably out of committee. This is an important step in moving the bill toward a vote.

Thank you to Rep. Donato and our state delegation for their support and to everyone who testified in favor of this bill!

Porchfest 2025



Thank you to the organizers, musicians, hosts and guests for being so flexible and delivering another amazing Medford Porchfest despite the challenging weather!

There were so many incredible artists throughout the City, I wish I could've made it to every location.

See you next year!

Honoring Juneteenth



To honor Juneteenth, I stopped by Tufts for Together We Rise: A Community Celebration. What a great event, especially the keynote speech by Dr. Kyera Singleton, Executive Director of the Royall House and Slave Quarters.

Later that day, the rain held off for our annual Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration at City Hall. This is always such a meaningful celebration of history and the push for equality.

Thank you to the many people and organizations that contributed to this event: Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei for organizing and Disability Specialist Nicholas Karinge for assisting her, the Office of Outreach and Prevention, Department of Public Works, Medford Fire Department, GIS Coordinator Steve Morse, the West Medford Community Center, Down By Riverside, Inc., The Willie J. Laws Band, Work Hard Eat Good LLC, and City of Medford Community Engagement Team Community Liaison Stacey Moore, City Council President Zac Bears, School Committee Member Aaron Olapade, Poet Laureate Vijaya Sundaram, Rev. Kilpatrick, and Terry E. Carter for all sharing a few words.

Project: Pop-Up Medford is Open!



Project: Pop-Up Medford is officially open for business at 68 High Street (right across from Colleen's of Medford Square).

We have three amazing small local businesses participating in the first round of this project: blob.says.hello, Bithiah's Art, and Sunny Side Up Studio. The project, run by our Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability's Economic Development team in partnership with Project: Pop-Up, provides these microenterprises with free retail space and business development support.

I had the chance to do some shopping at our ribbon cutting, and encourage the community to stop by and support these entrepreneurs! The pop-up is open through July 15, Tuesdays-Saturdays from 11am to 6pm.

Circle the Square



CACHE in Medford hosted another successful Circle the Square earlier in June. What a great day filled with music, food, beer garden, vendors and more in our historic Medford Square!

150 Years of the Medford Public Library



For 150 years the Medford Public Library has called High Street home.

On June 30, I attended this historic celebration honoring the legacy of the library and the impact it's had on our community for well over a century.

Thank you to the Library Board, staff and supporters, for making this birthday possible.

Recent News

Notice of Public Hearing

The Medford City Council shall conduct a public hearing on July 15, 2025 after 7:00 p.m. in person in the Medford City Council Chambers on the second floor of Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155, and via Zoom, a Zoom link to be posted no later than July 11, relative to the following proposed amendments to the Medford Zoning Ordinance: Amend Sec.94-2.1 (Division into Districts) and Sec.94-9.0 (Special District Regulations) to add the Medford Square District (MSD) and West Medford Square District (WMSD); Amend Sec.94-3.2 Table of Use Regulations by incorporating the MSD and WMSD into the existing table and to designate the uses permitted therein; Amend Sec.94-4.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements by incorporating the MSD and WMSD into the existing table and to state the dimensional requirements therein; Amend Sec.94-12 (Definitions) to amend and add various definitions; Amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning district designations of various properties to the MSD and WMSD as shown on maps entitled, "Medford Square Zoning" and "West Medford Square Zoning Proposal."

The amendment materials can be viewed in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall Room 103, or on the City's website

Mayor Lungo-Koehn Appoints Captain Paul Covino to Temporarily Lead Police Department as Provisional Chief

Captain Paul Covino has been appointed Provisional Police Chief for 30 days, temporarily fulfilling the role while Chief Jack Buckley is out on extended leave, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Captain Paul Covino brings over 39 years of experience with the Medford Police Department and has served with distinction in a variety of leadership roles, including night patrol, community service and in the Investigative Services Bureau. He will lead the department during Chief Buckley's absence, ensuring that public safety and community service are provided without interruption.

Read more [here](#).

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

Project: Pop-Up Medford, a temporary retail pop-up at 68 High Street in Medford Square is opening its doors to three new businesses, Mayor

at <https://www.medfordma.org/boards-commissions/community-development-board>.

Read more [here](#).

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](#).

Medford Farmers Market



We officially cut the ribbon on another season of the Medford Farmer's Market.

There are so many amazing vendors that offer a ton of unique local items. I picked up some fish for dinner and a sweet treat!

The Farmer's Market is every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm at the Condon Shell.

Visit medfordfarmersmarket.org for more info.

Adopt a Tree!



With temperatures outside soaring, TreesMedford is looking for volunteers who have 10 minutes per week and a garden hose or watering vessel to help hydrate our newly planted neighborhood trees.

Sign up to adopt and water a tree [here](#)!

Trash and Recycling Schedule

Medford Collection Schedule



Delays are planned for the following holidays only:

July 4th • Labor Day • Thanksgiving • Christmas Day • New Year's Day • Memorial Day

When a holiday subject to delay falls on a normal collection day, collections will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

The July 2025-June 2026 Waste and Recycling Services booklet is available [here](#).

The collection schedule notes which months yard waste is picked up with orange boxes. Yard waste is collected the opposite week from your recycling collection. For example, if your recycling is picked up on a green recycling week, then yard waste is picked up the following blue week.

The booklet also has information on curbside composting, bulky item pickups, the paint shed, and more!

MassCEC Vehicle Charging Survey

The City is partnering with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to explore on-street electric vehicle charging solutions for residents without access to off-street chargers.

Tell us what you think by taking a quick survey
here: <https://form.jotform.com/2514145552>

We're Bringing EV Charging to Your Community!

The City of Medford is partnering with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to explore on-street electric vehicle charging solutions for residents without access to off-street parking. This initiative supports our commitment to clean transportation and a greener future.

Tell us what you think by taking a quick survey!

- ◆ Rate proposed locations
- ◆ Share sites that may have been overlooked
- ◆ Share your preferences and concerns

Your feedback is crucial to ensure that charging infrastructure is accessible, equitable, and convenient for all City of Medford residents and business.



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More June Events



It was an honor to attend the Sakadawa Interfaith celebration yesterday commemorating the life of the Buddha.

Thank you to the Kurukulla Center for Tibetan Buddhist Studies and Venerable Geshe Ngawang Tenley for inviting me and giving me a chance to share in prayer for peace and unity.

Happy 250th birthday to the U.S. Army! Yesterday the The Great American Beer Hall was packed as veterans from all over gathered to celebrate this historic milestone and connect with one another. It was an incredible experience!

Huge thank you to our Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw along with Veterans Offices of Somerville, Everett and Wilmington for coordinating this huge birthday bash!



It's always the highlight of my day when I get to meet with our students and I recently welcomed the other two third grade classes and all the fifth graders with Mr. Anthony



Petrelis from McGlynn Elementary to City Hall.

I loved the students' curiosity as we discussed our parks, climate change, local businesses, and much more. Thank you for the visit and your knowledgeable questions!

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Japanese School of Greater Boston and its partnership with the City and Medford High School. To recognize this long relationship, the school gifted the City a Yoshino Cherry Tree that symbolizes the shared goal of fostering education and unity.

Thank you to the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston □□□□□□□□□□
 □□Seiichiro Takahashi, Principal of the Japanese Language School Takehiro Kawamura, Japanese Language School Board President Robin Gomi and school staff and supporters for joining us for this historic celebration.



The rain didn't stop the Mystic River Pride Flotilla!

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

- **July 4:** Independence Day - City Hall Closed
- **July 17:** Pride Afterparty
- **July 25:** Veterans Coffee and Cookies Hour
- **July 30:** Poet Laureate Installation Ceremony

MEETINGS

July 8

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

July 9

- **6:30pm:** Community Development Board Meeting

July 10

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

July 14

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

July 15

- **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:

- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Assistant City Engineer
- PW5.5 MEO II & Laborer
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- Sanitarian
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Principal Clerk (Council on Aging)
- 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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