



The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

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August 7, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

Summer has been flying by, and it's hard to believe that we're already planning for fall events and projects. In July, we hosted the Poet Laureate Installation Ceremony for Max Heinegg, launched our new Adopt-a-Site program, began our Back to School Supply Drive, and more.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Residents, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to join our newly launched Adopt-a-Site program to help beautify public spaces across Medford. Participants will adopt and maintain a site in the City, but more information is available [here!](#)
- Seniors, ages 60 and over, can apply for the annual Senior Work-Off Abatement Program until August 8 at 3pm! More information on the program is available [here](#). To obtain the application packet, contact Pam Kelly at pkelly@medford-ma.gov or 781-396-6010.
- Back to school preparations have begun for many in Medford - including our annual Back to School Supply Drive. If you'd like to participate, please bring new, unused donations to the Mayor's Office at City Hall by August 14.
- Run Medford is a little over a month away - September 26 & 27! Sign up to run, walk, or roll with us now at runmedford.com and check out all the different events we're hosting from the Kids Fun Run, to the Para-mile, to the main race day events.
- I am working with the City Council to give the Community Development Board, City staff, and the community more time to digest and understand proposed changes to our zoning. It is my hope that a new timeline for the zoning project will be released after Labor Day - stay tuned!

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!

Poet Laureate Installation



We've officially installed our third Poet Laureate, Max Heinegg!

Max will serve a two-year term and build on the incredible work of past Poet Laureates Vijaya Sundaram and Terry Carter. Max is a long time Medford Public Schools teacher, musician, and has published multiple poetry collections. His deep ties to education and the community will suit him well as he takes over this important role.

Join me in congratulating Max!

Back to School Supply Drive

PLEASE JOIN
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN
FOR A MEDFORD
BACK to SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 17 - AUGUST 14

ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING NEW, UNUSED DONATIONS:

Backpacks	Highlighters	Pencils
Binders	Insulated Lunch Boxes	Pens
Calculators	Lined Paper	Reusable Water Bottles
Crayons	Markers	Rulers
Erasers	Notebooks	Scissors
Facial Tissue	Paint brushes	Staplers
Folders	Paints	Staples
Gluesticks	Paperclips	Wet Wipes
Hand Sanitizer	Pencil Cases	
Hand Soap	Pencil Sharpeners	

DONATION DROP OFF:

MEDFORD CITY HALL
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Room 202

Hours:

M, T, Th: 8:30am - 4:30pm
W: 8:30am - 7:30pm
F: 8:30am - 12:30pm

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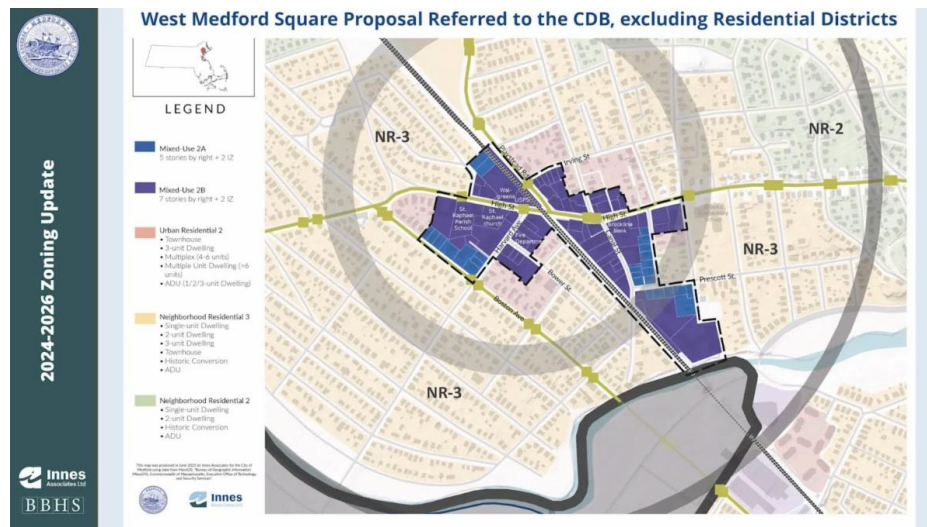
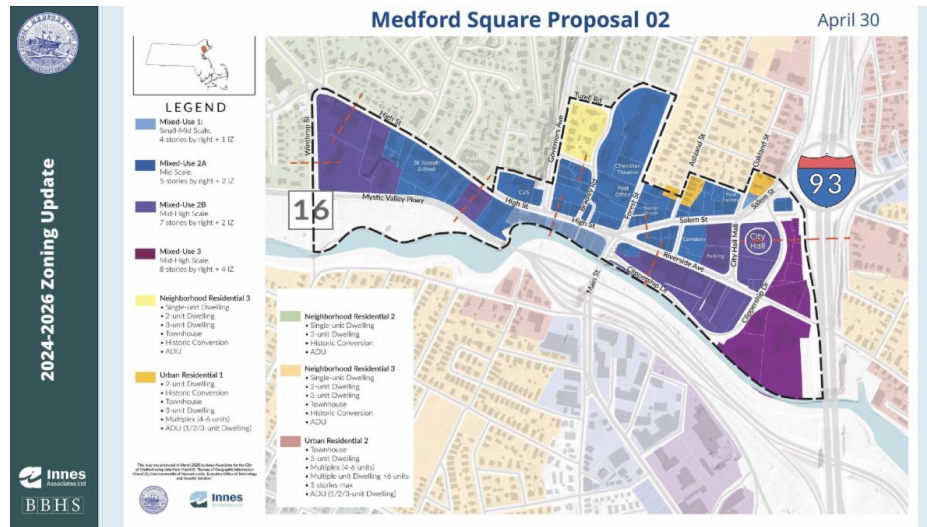
MEDFORD
Connects



Our annual Back to School Supply Drive is happening now until August 14!

We are looking for new, unused items for local students. The full list of accepted supplies is in the flyer above. To donate, please drop off supplies at the Mayor's Office in City Hall, Room 202, during regular business hours.

Zoning



As mentioned above, I am working with the City Council to give the Community Development Board, City staff, and the community more time to digest and understand proposed changes to our zoning. It is my hope that a new timeline for the zoning project will be released after Labor Day.

Until then, the Community Development Board is continuing to meet on proposed changes to our zoning. Their most recent meeting on August 6th discussed Medford Square and West Medford Square, and both topics have been continued to a future meeting.

The most recent proposal for Medford Square allows for mixed use development with a range of subdistrict areas zoned for maximum base heights of 4 to 8 stories and 5 to 12 stories with incentivized zoning. Under the current zoning, certain permitted structures are permitted to be 15 stories by height.

The most recent proposal for West Medford Square allows for mixed-use developments with areas zoned from a maximum base height of 5 stories to possibly 9 stories, with incentivized zoning. Under the current zoning, parcels zoned as Commercial 1 are allowed to be 15 stories by height.

Invasive Plant Walk



Invasive Plant Walk
Learn how to identify & properly remove highly-invasive
Black Swallow-wort

Wednesday, August 13
3:00pm @ Victory Park
437 Winthrop Street, Medford

Special thank you to Wilderscaping

The poster features three photographs of Black Swallow-wort: a dense thicket of the plant, a hand holding a green seed pod, and a close-up of the plant's leaves and seed pods. The background shows a city skyline and a green field with trees.

The City of Medford is coordinating an educational group walking tour to help residents identify invasive plant species and learn how to properly remove them, with a focus on black swallow-wort. Residents, property owners, and guests are welcome to join the walking tour at Victory Park on Wednesday, August 13th at 3:00pm. This free event is in partnership with Wilderscaping, a local Medford landscaping company that specializes in invasive plant management.

To learn more about how to identify invasive plants that are impacting Medford neighborhoods, visit <https://www.medfordma.org/departments/mayors-office/invasives-plants>

This tour will be conducted over paved and unpaved/uneven surfaces; traveling over certain site conditions may be difficult for residents with mobility challenges. Gardening hand tools, gloves, and waste removal bags will be provided.

Clippership Pop-Up Park



Saturday
August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
1pm - 5pm

2ToneTim Presents

BREWS BITES
BEATS

FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC
FAMILY FRIENDLY

WINE
CRAFT BEER
SOFT DRINKS

at the NEW Clippership Pop-Up Park
Medford Square

The poster features a central graphic of a guitar with a beer mug and a burger. The background is yellow with a starburst effect. The Medford Brewing Co. logo is in the top left corner.

What a gorgeous day at our Pop-Up Park in Medford Square!

Thank you Medford Brewing Company for hosting Brews, Beats, and Bites and thank you to all our city staff who painted, helped plan, and made it happen! 3 more dates to go: August 9, 16, and 23. Don't miss it!



RENT FOR YOUR EVENT!

CLIPPERSHIP POP-UP PARK

The park is now available to rent for public and private events! Whether you are a business looking to host a pop-up event or a person wanting to host a party, have it at Clippership!

Location: 75 Riverside Ave

How to Reserve:

1. Check Availability:

<https://tinyurl.com/MedfordRecClippership>
2. Submit a Rental Application:

<https://tinyurl.com/ClippershipEvent>

On site there are 7 tables with umbrellas, with 4 chairs per table. Add-ons available include a 10'x20' canopy, 4 foldable benches, Corn Hole Game & a Giant Jenga Game

PLAN YOUR PERFECT OUTDOOR EVENT TODAY!

Looking for an outdoor event space for your next celebration? The Clippership Pop-up Park, located on Riverside Ave, is now available to rent for public and private events!

Whether you're a business looking to host a pop-up event or a resident wanting to host a party, have it at Clippership!

You can check the park's availability here:

<https://medfordma.myrec.com/info/facilities/details.aspx?FacilityID=14807> and submit a rental application here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/29f4bbaacec348158950818527673148>.

Recent News

Voting Information for the September 16th Municipal Preliminary Election for City Council

Medford Opening Applications for Senior Work Off Real Estate Tax Abatement Program

The City of Medford Council on Aging and Office of the Assessor invites seniors, ages 60 and over, to apply for the Senior Work-Off Abatement Program. Through this program,



MEDFORD EARLY VOTING DATES AT CITY HALL

Saturday, September 6, 2025 - 8:30am-2:30pm
Sunday, September 7, 2025 - 8:30am-2:30pm
Monday, September 8, 2025 - 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 8:30am-7:30pm
Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday, September 12, 2025 - 8:30am-12:30pm

medfordma.org/elections
elections@medford-ma.gov
(781) 393-2491

Early voting for the September 16th Municipal Preliminary Election will be held from Saturday, September 6th through Friday, September 12th in the City of Medford. In Medford, there will only be a preliminary for the City Council race, with the top 14 candidates heading to the ballot in November. Early voting will take place in the Alden Memorial Chambers at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Dr.

Read more [here](#).

Response from Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn Regarding Council President Bears's Proposed Shared Path Forward on the Rezoning Process

Mayor Lungo-Koehn released the following response regarding City Council President Zac Bears's proposed shared path forward on the citywide rezoning process.

"As we move deeper into the zoning process, I appreciate the proposal from Council President Bears and his willingness to work collaboratively on this deeply complicated and divisive issue. I'm thankful that my multiple emails, where I tried to engage, to the Council leadership on May 22, June 16 and July 15, as well as my letters to the Community Development Board on January 22 and June 17, 2025 urging a slowdown were finally considered."

Read the full statement [here](#).

Traffic Disruption Notice for

seniors have the opportunity to lower their real estate tax payments by temporarily working for the City. Preference will be given to Seniors that have not participated in previous years.

The work program will begin on September 2, 2025, and must be completed on or before February 20, 2026.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Launches "Adopt-a-Site" Program

The City has launched an Adopt-a-Site program to help beautify public spaces across Medford, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. All individuals, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to adopt and maintain an available public space.

The goal of this program is to enhance and beautify public sites, traffic islands, and other green spaces throughout the City of Medford by enlisting the support of businesses, civic groups, institutions, and individuals to serve as sponsors.

Participants will sign up for an available location and agree to invest "sweat equity," meaning they commit to maintaining the space (planting flowers, removing weeds, ensuring the area stays clean, etc.). In return for these efforts, the City will install a sign on the site acknowledging the adopter(s) of the space.

Read more [here](#).

West Nile Virus Confirmed in Mosquitoes from Medford, MA

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) announced that West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in mosquitoes collected from Medford, Massachusetts on 7/15/25. In 2024, 8,597 mosquito samples were tested for WNV and 333 samples were positive in Massachusetts.

WNV is most commonly transmitted to

Run Medford Event Weekend

The Medford Police Department and Run Medford Race Officials have released a list of road closures and streets impacted during the Run Medford Race Event on Saturday, September 27. The police are planning to reopen roads on a rolling basis, meaning that as the last runners pass, roads will begin to reopen.

The closures are expected to take place between 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM.

View the streets impacted [here](#).

humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state and are found in urban as well as more rural areas. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection.

Learn about common sense precautions that can be taken [here](#).

Brazilian Independence Day

A vibrant yellow poster for the Brazilian Independence Day celebration. At the top, there are illustrations of a blue and yellow parrot on the left and a toucan on the right, with a string of Brazilian flag bunting across the middle. The text 'MEDFORD CELEBRATES' is in green, followed by 'BRAZILIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY' in large blue letters with a green brushstroke effect behind the word 'BRAZILIAN'. Below this, it says 'FREE EVENT | FAMILY FRIENDLY' and 'EVERYONE WELCOME!' in blue. The event features 'Kids' Activities', 'Live Brazilian Music', and 'Authentic Brazilian Food'. It promises 'Lots of fun for everyone!' and encourages celebrating 'freedom, culture, and community, Brazilian style!'. The date and time are 'AUGUST 16, 2025' and '1 PM - 4 PM'. The location is 'Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155'. At the bottom left, there are two circular logos: the City of Medford seal and the 'Medford Connects' logo. A jaguar is illustrated at the bottom center.

Save the date for our Brazilian Independence Day celebration on August 16 at 1pm at City Hall! This is a free, family-friendly event featuring kids' activities, live music, authentic food, and more.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton Statue at City Hall



Be a part of Medford history! A local nonprofit, Looking Back at Medford History, is currently raising money for a statue of Sarah Bradlee Fulton in honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Sarah was a hero of the war, serving as a spy for General Washington's army, organizing a boycott of British goods, and setting up a makeshift hospital for those injured at Bunker Hill – to name a few of her heroic actions. In her honor, we are building a 6-foot bronze statue set on a 2-foot base to be installed at Medford City Hall.

You can help support this important piece of history by donating to get the statue built. A \$10,000 match on donations has been committed by Robert Bonsignore. To donate, visit www.lookingbackatmedfordhistory.com or

mail checks to Looking Back at Medford History Inc., 31 Hickory Ave., Medford, MA 02155.

Run Medford



Run Medford is back on September 26 and 27, 2025 for the 5-mile race, 2-mile walk, Jerry's Run for All Ages 5K, kids fun run, and more!

Registration is open NOW at runmedford.com. You can view [road closures and traffic disruptions](#) by visiting runmedford.com/directions-road-closures.

More July News



The Clippership Connector is now open and it is awesome. It connects Medford Square to the Middle Schools and beyond!

Thank you to DCR, the past and present city teams, and advocates for making it a reality!

I was honored to congratulate the cadet graduates on July 18 and thank the Medford Police Department for hosting such a wonderful summer camp for our middle schoolers!

Congratulations to all! Keep leading with respect, kindness and teamwork.



So excited to finally join the Mystic River Watershed Association to help pull invasives from our beautiful Mystic River!

What a great turnout. (And don't forget to pull all of the invasives from around your home or neighborhood if you have a few minutes).

I stopped by the second floor of the Medford Public Library to welcome INspire Cafe, the new cafe cart that is continuing the proud legacy of Chapters!

Many of the same employees are continuing here and I'm grateful that there will be more employment opportunities for people with diverse abilities.


Congratulations to the team at Inspire and be sure to stop by and grab a drink or a bite between 10am and 2pm Tuesday to Saturday!




The Clippership Pop-up Park got a fresh coat of paint and is ready to host some wonderful events this summer! Thanks to those in our Planning, Development and Sustainability Office and HR Office for lending a hand!

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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

- **August 9:** Brews, Bites and Beats
- **August 13:** Invasive Plant Walk
- **August 16:** Brazilian Independence Day Celebration
- **August 16:** Brews, Bites and

MEETINGS

August 7

- **9:00am:** National Purple Heart Day Breakfast
- **6:00pm:** City Council Planning and Permitting Committee Meeting

Beats

- **August 23:** Brews, Bites and Beats
- **September 1:** Labor Day - City Hall Closed

Save the dates:

- **September 20 & 21:** Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands
- **September 26 & 27:** Run Medford

August 11

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

August 12

- **7:00pm:** Community Garden Commission Meeting
- **7:00pm:** Oak Grove Cemetery Commission Meeting

August 13

- **6:00pm:** Affordable Housing Trust Board Meeting

August 14

- **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
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Assistant City Engineer
- PW5.5 MEO II & Laborer
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Civil Project Manager

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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