



September 3, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

As we say goodbye to summer and get back into the routine of school and other activities, we have lots of work going on at City Hall. In August, we were recognized for housing leadership in Massachusetts, held our Back-to-School resource event and supply drive, and helped organize an invasive plant walk. Looking ahead to the fall, we have the Run Medford Race event, our Citywide Yard Sales and Lemonade Stands, and lots more coming up.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- Residents, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to join our various adoption initiatives to help beautify public spaces across Medford. Participants can adopt a site, a drain, or a tree to help the community - more details are below.
- Run Medford is less than 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.
- The Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands are also quickly approaching on September 20 & 21. To be included on the map, [please fill out this form](#) by September 15.
- Early voting for the Municipal Preliminary Election starts on Saturday, September 6 and runs until Friday, September 12. Election day is Tuesday, September 16. Look up polling places at wheredoivotema.com and find more info at medfordma.org/elections.

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!

Upcoming Events

Run Medford is back on September 26 and 27, 2025 for the 5-mile race, 2-mile walk,



RUN MEDFORD

McGillivray Gives Back to Medford

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2025

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](http://runmedford.com/directions-road-closures) by visiting runmedford.com/directions-road-closures.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE and LEMONADE STANDS!

Looking to *declutter*? Make *extra money*?
Participate in the **CITYWIDE YARD SALE**
on September 20th and 21st - **10am - 1pm**

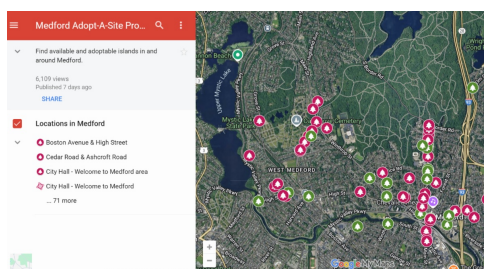
Scan QR code, below to sign up as a **PARTICIPANT** in the **Citywide Yard Sale** and also to sign up to **host a Lemonade Stand!**



Our Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands are September 20th and 21st! Both events will take place all around Medford from 10am to 1pm.

To be included on the map (which will be released closer to the event), [please fill out this form](#) by September 15.

Ongoing Initiatives



Adopt-a-Site and help beautify public spaces across Medford! 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.

For more information on participant guidelines and expectations, and to apply, visit the application form [here](#). The map of available sites for adoption can be found [here](#).



Our Adopt-a-Drain program is designed to keep our drains clear of debris to prevent flooding and pollution. Participants sign up to adopt a drain and then check on that drain before and after heavy rain, wind, or snow. Keeping the drains clear helps to prevent streets from flooding as it ensures that water can freely flow down the drain.

See which drains are available to adopt at medford.mysticdrains.org/. Click on any drain to check availability, then sign in or register to adopt it!



Adopt a tree and help our canopy thrive! In order for our trees to mature and stay healthy, they need to be watered for the first three years of their lives.

You can help this mission by adopting a tree, which entails filling a tree's watering bag every week or every other week from May to October, removing the bag for the winter, returning it for the spring, and keeping the area around the tree free of weeds.

To adopt your own tree, fill out the form at <https://www.treesmedford.org/adopts>

440 Riverside Site Update

The MBTA has closed on the property at 440 Riverside and is continuing to work to share acreage to help lower grocery costs for our residents.

Please note that the MBTA still needs to work through a variety of steps, including public procurement, surveys, soil testing, etc.

I personally feel that this is too much for one site and I will continue to advocate for the best possible outcome for our community, which includes but is not limited to making sure there is a proper buffer zone for the neighborhood, traffic analysis, and mitigation measures.

The MBTA has agreed that it will consolidate operations at the site, transfer ownership of 7 acres of land at Wellington Station to the City, as well as the Salem Street Car barns with remediation support.

I have already asked the T to hold a community meeting regarding the 440 Riverside site with the neighborhood as soon as possible.

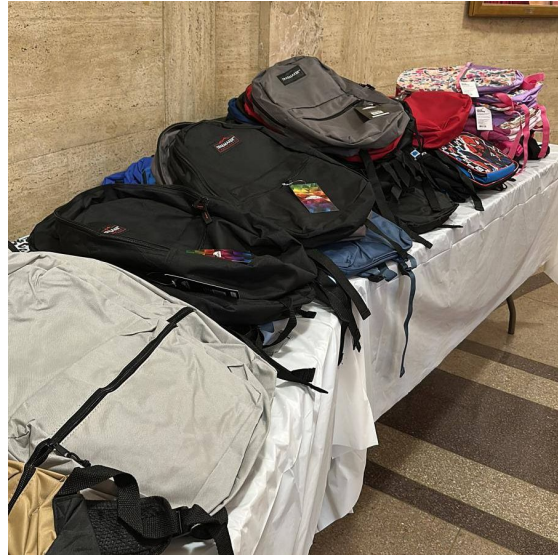
More to come as I learn more.

Back-to-School



Thank you to all residents and city partners that donated to our Back-to-School supply drive and resource event! This night was a huge success thanks to all of your generosity.

We had free backpacks and school supplies, free haircuts, free vaccines, and tons of community resources at City Hall for our students.



Invasive Plant Walk



Got a great lesson on how to identify, remove and dispose of invasive plants like Black Swallow-wort on our Invasive Plant Walk at Victory Park, led by Medford's own Dan Bender of Wilderscaping.

Dan helped us identify invasive plants along the trails and explained how we can properly remove them from our property and the Fells.

Thank you not only to Dan, but to local green thumbs Alex Hunter, Lisa Colaianni, Kim DeAndre from the Garden Commission, our CPA Manager Theresa Dupont, and PDS intern Jake Podolsky for helping to organize.

You can learn more about invasive plants at <https://www.medfordma.org/.../mayors-office/invasives-plants>

Overdose Awareness Day



During the last week of August, we held a vigil in honor of Overdose Awareness Day. Since 2015, 154 Medford residents have tragically lost their lives to overdose, represented by the 154 purple flags in front of City Hall.

While it was a somber event, it's also an important reminder that we need to continue to take action and raise awareness to save lives. I hope you got a chance to stop by City Hall to see the flags, signs honoring loved ones, and signs with recovery resources.

Thank you to the Office of Prevention and Outreach for organizing this event and to Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, Recovery Coach Chris Summa, and Social Services Coordinator Jason Stone for sharing a few words with me.

Recent News

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

Medford Community Development Board Seeks New Members

The City of Medford is looking to fill vacancies on the Community Development Board with community members from the Wellington, Glenwood, East Medford and Heights neighborhoods, preferably that have a planning, architecture, design, or legal background, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. These areas of expertise and areas of the city are currently underrepresented on the board.

Learn more [here](#).



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](#).

MBTA Extended Service Hours

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) today announced that, effective August 24 as part of Fall 2025 service changes, all subway lines and eight frequent bus routes will offer extended service on Fridays and Saturdays with five of the MBTA's most frequent bus routes with the highest number of later riders offering extended service every day of the week. Trip end times for these lines and routes will be about one hour later compared to current service end times. Extended service will also be added on some ferry lines on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of September with additional trips added.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Recognized for Housing Leadership in Massachusetts

Medford was one of 43 communities recognized with a 2025 Housing Choice Community designation from the Healey-Driscoll state administration, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. This designation gives the City access to exclusive state funding opportunities and technical assistance that support housing growth and local planning.

"As cities and towns across the Commonwealth are facing housing shortages and increased costs, we are proud to be recognized as a leader in housing creation and policies in Medford," said Mayor Lungo-Koehn. "This designation will allow us to continue our efforts to support housing initiatives through special funding and assistance from the state. It's our goal to make housing options more abundant and affordable for our community and this grant will help us achieve that. Thank you to our Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability for the hard work that went into this application."

Read more [here](#).

Traffic Disruption Notice for Run Medford Event Weekend

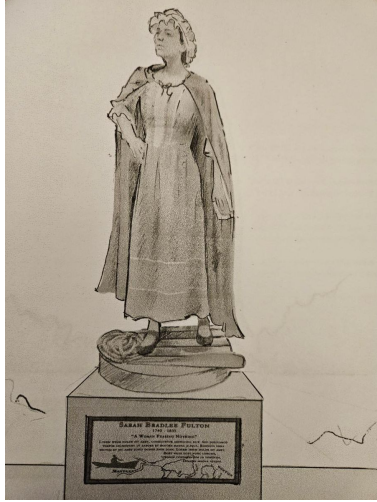
The Medford Police Department and Run Medford Race Officials have released a list of road closures and streets impacted during the Run Medford Race Event on Saturday, September 27. The police are planning to reopen roads on a rolling basis, meaning that as the last runners pass, roads will begin to reopen.

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

View the streets impacted [here](#).

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.

Free Trees from TreesMedford



Free Tree

TreesMedford is giving away trees to residents for their yards in the hottest areas of Medford. We are targeting Hillside, South Medford, and areas south of Salem St. including Wellington and Glenwood. Request a tree if you would like a free tree for your yard and can keep it watered.

Step 1: Indicate your interest by [clicking here](#), using the QR code, or by typing in <https://forms.gle/KwnD1B72zkkYFE1DA>
Deadline: **September 5th, 2025.**



Step 2: We will **email** you a link to a form to select a tree that is the right size for your yard. We order 7' to 9' native shade trees that thrive in an urban environment.

If you want a tree for the grass strip in front of your home, or want the City of Medford to plant a tree for you in your yard near the sidewalk, contact the City of Medford tree warden and go to [See Click Fix](#) to request a tree.



TreesMedford is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the tree canopy for the wellbeing of Medford residents. Your donations help provide a free tree to cool the hottest areas of Medford.

This fall, TreesMedford is again providing free trees for the hottest areas of Medford.

You are eligible if:

1. You will water your tree regularly (at least 12 gallons/week during the growing season).
2. If you are a renter, you have permission from your landlord to plant a tree.

3. You live in one of Medford's heat island neighborhoods: South Medford, Glenwood, Hillside, Wellington, or south of Salem St or the Mystic River.

4. You want a tree for your yard and not the city-managed grass strip by the road.

TreesMedford provides native trees of varying sizes and shapes so you can select the right tree for your yard. Indicate your interest and find [more info here](#).

The deadline for signing up is September 5th. The trees generally arrive at the end of October.

Planning, Development and Sustainability Surveys



Medford Wayfinding Study!

What is Wayfinding?

Wayfinding is about the tools people use to navigate from place to place. The study aims to help people in Medford navigate easily! We need your help understanding how you get around Medford. This will help us as we rethink and redesign road signs in Medford.

We need you!

Whether you live in Medford, own a business here, or simply visit from time-to-time, we want to understand your relationship to the city and how you navigate it.

SURVEY NOW OPEN

Fill out our survey by scanning the QR code or following the link below:

bit.ly/medford-way

The poster features the Medford City Seal in the top right corner. It includes three circular images: a green directional signpost with distances to Greenway Station (469 m), Bike Skills Park (230 m), P.V. Golf Course (227 m), and End of Trail (227 m); a red downtown directional sign listing Downtown, Library (.1 mi), The Academy (.1 mi), and The Vine Station (.3 mi); and a smartphone screen displaying a walking route on Currie Street with stops at Hindley Street (2 min), Adelaide Railway Station (4 min), Adelaide Oval (10 min), Rundle Mall (5 min), and King William Street (3 min). A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

The City is currently conducting a wayfinding study aimed at helping people navigate Medford easily using signage.

Whether you live in Medford, own a business here, or just visit occasionally, we want to understand your relationship to the city and how you navigate it! To share your thoughts, take our survey here by September 30:

<https://conjointly.online/study/606956/brv84hmsrpkmwscslc48t>



CITY OF MEDFORD

LET'S UPDATE OUR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Help Medford update its Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)! The City of Medford is submitting a three-year extension of its OSRP. As a part of this process, we would like to hear from you! Share your thoughts and priorities for improving parks and open spaces in Medford by taking this survey. **The survey is open until 9/10/25.**

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

(IN 5 MINUTES)

Visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/OSRP-Survey>

Or Scan:



Examples of Parks and Open Spaces in Medford:



McGlynn Universal
Playground



Riverside Plaza



Condon Shell

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There are a few ways to share your thoughts and priorities:

- Take this quick survey:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/30991fe2332b490d83c264e65eec2668>
- Attend a public workshop on September 10 at Arts Collaborative Medford – register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Reg-OSRP>

You can view our current OSRP here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16VyASDXbtvSD1swDGNv1Sf7EwGTDyH_7/view

More August Events



Happy National Senior Citizens Day! I stopped by the Senior Center to call Bingo and hand out some extra prizes and cake in honor of this very special day.

This group always keeps me on my toes – thanks for having me! If you want to learn more about all the programming the center has to offer, check out their newsletter here:

<https://mycommunityonline.com/.../medford-council-on-aging>

I was happy to join to officially proclaim August 14, 2025 as "Mystic Valley Elder Services Day" in

Medford in honor of their 50th anniversary.

Since 1975, MVES has been an essential support in our community, providing resources to thousands of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in the area.

Special thanks to MVES CEO Lisa Gurgone, Director of Elder Affairs Pam Kelly, Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Rep. Barber, Rep. Donato, and of course all the volunteers that made today happen.



Stopped by the Missituk to ref the Medford Summer Fun Camp vs. Medford Recreation Counselor basketball game!

Summer Fun coasted to the win and took home the newly designed trophy designed by my office!

These counselors do such a great job leading our kids all summer so it was great to see them have a little fun before school starts back up.

August 7 was National Purple Heart Day and to help honor our service members who were injured or killed in action, I joined with Medford's Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw for a breakfast at the Medford Senior Center.

Thank you to our veterans that attended, including Purple Heart Recipient and Medford Deputy Fire Chief Davis!



What a gorgeous day to spend at Brews, Bites and Beats in our Pop-Up Park in Medford Square!

Thank you Medford Brewing Company for hosting and thank you to all our city staff who painted, helped plan, and made it happen!

CDBG Public Comment Period



Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER):

- public comment period September 10-September 26, 2025
- public hearing September 17, 2025 at 6 pm
in person at City Hall Room 201 and on Zoom

Learn more at www.medfordma.org/cdbg/

On Thursday, September 17, 2025 at 6 pm, the City of Medford's Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability will hold a hearing to review the City's annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for last year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The City encourages all interested residents to attend the hearing and provide comments on the CAPER and the City's future use of CDBG funds. Attend the hearing in person in City Hall, Room 201 or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted to the City's event calendar at www.medfordma.org/about/events-calendar

The draft CAPER will be available for review and comment at www.medfordma.org/cdbg from September 10 to September 26, 2025. Comments may be submitted until 5:00 pm on September 26, 2025 to Laurel Siegel, CDBG & Grants Manager, Office of Planning, Development & Sustainability, Room 308, City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155 or ocd@medford-ma.gov.

Medford Community Chorale Youth/Young Adult Chorus



If . . . you love to sing, and you'd like to
meet others who love to sing . . .

Then . . . you should consider joining the

Medford Community Chorale

OR

MEDFORD COMMUNITY CHORALE

Youth/Young Adult Chorus

Weekly rehearsals for our 2025 holiday concert, *Winter Wonderland*, begin September 3, Wednesdays at 6 pm for youth/young adult / 7 pm for adult at the First Baptist Church on 34 Oakland Street (off Salem Street) in Medford Square.

Please contact **Betsy Pesce**,
Director at 617-335-8155 or
elizabethpesce@comcast.net
for more information.



The Medford Community Chorale, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is supported in part this season by grants from the ArtsAlive Medford Foundation, the Bertram D Blaisdell INS Trust grant, a Tufts Community Relations Holiday Raffle Grant, and the Medford Arts Council, a local commission that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council and the City of Medford.

Rehearsals for the Medford Community Chorale Youth/Young Adult Chorus 2025 fall season began on September 3.

Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings (6pm for youth/young adult chorus, 7pm for the adult chorus) at the First Baptist Church, 34 Oakland St, in Medford Square.

No auditions required; the only requirement is a love of singing! At this time, there are no dues for members.

For further information or to join, visit please contact Betsy Pesce, Director at: 617-335-8155 or Elizabethpesce@comcast.net

Office Hours for Businesses

Are you planning to open a business in Medford? Current business owner looking for resources?

Our Economic Development Planner has office hours every fourth Wednesday in-person at the Medford Public Library. You can drop-in or reserve time at bit.ly/km-officehours



HELLO!
MEDFORD BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you planning to open a business in Medford? Looking for resources as a business owner? Hoping to expand your small business?

Join Medford's Economic Development Planner, Kayla Myros, at Office Hours! Drop in or reserve a time to talk.



OFFICE HOURS

Drop in or reserve!
Medford Public Library
Every 4th Wednesday
5:30—7:30 PM
Study Room 1
Reserve time at:
bit.ly/km-officehours

For more information, visit medfordlibrary.org/events, call 781-393-2480, or email kmyros@medford-ma.gov

FREE Curbside Composting



Join over 7,100 of your neighbors in turning food waste into compost through our partnership with Garbage to Garden! Two MILLION pounds of waste have already been diverted from landfills since the start of this program last summer.

The City has partnered with Garbage to Garden to bring free composting services to Medford residents. You can find more info on the program and signing up at medfordcomposts.com.

Stay in the Know!

STAY INFORMED!



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www.medfordma.org/alerts

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

- **September 6:** Mental Health in the Haitian Community
- **September 6-12:** Early Voting at City Hall
- **September 20 & 21:** Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands
- **September 26 & 27:** Run Medford

MEETINGS

September 3

- 6:00pm: Affordable Housing Trust Board Meeting
- 6:30pm: Community Development Board Meeting
- 6:30pm: Conservation Commission Meeting
- 7:00pm: Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting

September 8

- 6:30pm: Energy and Environment Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm: Historical Commission Meeting

September 9

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

September 11

- 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
- Facilities Director
- Special Projects Coordinator (Health Dept.)

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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