



October 7, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

Happy fall! We have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks, including our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, COVID and flu vaccine clinics, Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day, Harvest Your Energy Festival, Taste of Italy, and more - check out medfordma.org/events for all the details. Over the past month we've celebrated Run Medford, Recovery Month, our new City Charter passed both the House and Senate and was signed by Governor Healey paving the way for it to be decided by voters in November, secured an on-street EV charging grant, and more.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- We've secured a new electric vehicle (EV) charging program grant through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), designed to accelerate equitable access to EV charging solutions in municipalities. This program will fund four charging stations across the city.
- The City is seeking Medford residents to serve on one of our many City Boards & Commissions. Residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards and commissions below should visit medfordma.org/boards-commissions for more info.
- Local nonprofits should consider applying for the Community Fund Committee's next round of grant funding. The deadline to apply is October 20 - more info and the application can be found [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!

Run Medford



It was a gorgeous weather for day two of Run Medford! Congratulations to all of the finishers.

This event wouldn't be possible without the help of Dave McGillivray and DMSE sports, the Medford Police Department, Medford Fire, DPW and Medford Recreation! We also could not have possibly done it without the help of so many vendors, volunteers, supporters, and our MCs, Hank Morse and Anthony Petrelis.

Thank you for making this year's Run Medford so memorable!



The kickoff at Hormel for the Run Medford race weekend was also incredible!

All the kids had a blast running the Fun Runs, even the under-four crew with the help of their families!

City Charter Update



The new City Charter has been signed by Governor Maura Healey and chaptered into law! Thank you, Governor!

Thank you, Rep. Donato, Barber, Garballey and Senator Jehlen for making sure this moved through the process on time.

Now it will appear on the November 4 ballot to be voted on by our community. This was such a monumental undertaking and I'm grateful for all the work done by our City staff, the Charter Study Committee and Chair Milva McDonald, the staff at the Collins Center, the City Council and all the volunteers who helped craft this new governing document for the City.

Our charter hasn't been updated in decades and now we have a document that better reflects the needs and priorities of our entire community.

Please visit medfordma.org/charter to read more ahead of the general election this November.

Celebrating Recovery Month



We had an amazing turn out last night to celebrate Recovery Month - what an inspiring night!

I'm so proud of all the work being done at City Hall to reduce barriers to recovery and provide stability for families. Thank you to the Office of Prevention and Outreach for organizing this event, our Recovery Coach Chris Summa and Social Services Coordinator Jason Stone, all of the community vendors, as well as Joe, Lenny for sharing their stories and Walt for sharing his talent!

Early Voting for the Nov. 4 Municipal General Election



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The last day to register to vote in the November 4 Election is Friday, October 24 by 5pm. Check your voter registration status here:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch/>.

Learn more about voting in this election [here](#).

Save the Dates!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with our Community Engagement Team! Join the fiesta at the City Hall Chambers on Saturday, October 11 from 3pm-5pm.

There will be music, dancing, free food, artisanal vendors, community resources,

and fun for all ages!



Flu & Covid Vaccine Clinic

Medford City Hall
Room 207

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
3:00 - 7:00pm
Ages 6 months +



Pre-registration is required. Scan QR code to pre-register, or call the multilingual resource line at 781-475-5644.

Hosted by the
Medford Board of Health



The Medford Board of Health is hosting a flu and COVID vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 15 from 3-7pm at Medford City Hall – Room 207.

This clinic is for anyone ages 6 months and up. Pre-registration is required. Sign up using this link:
<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/medford?calendar=b769cbac-2e2d-44c9-b931-ffa196b6bc45&site=medford-city-hall>
or by calling the Multilingual Resource Line at 781-475-5644.

Find info on other upcoming vaccine clinics (10/24 and 11/15) at medfordma.org/events.

Join us for the 2025 Harvest Your Energy Festival on October 18th from 12-3pm, hosted by the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability! Enjoy live music, food, children's activities, and learn more about sustainable initiatives in our community.

More information on the event can be found here:
<https://medfordenergy.org/gogreen/harvest-your-energy-festival/>

MEDFORD'S 2025 HARVEST YOUR ENERGY FESTIVAL



AN AUTUMN AFTERNOON OF SUSTAINABLE FUN!

Come enjoy live music from **Trail Mix – Uncommon Folk** and **Matt Heaton & the Outside Toys**, family-friendly activities, local sustainability organizations, and much more!

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

At 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Riverbend Park @ McGlynn School by the Wind Turbine, Medford, MA



Colleen's
Enjoy delicious Mexican & El Salvadorean food from La Cabaña or ice cream from Colleen's. Also, be sure to come to our NEW & IMPROVED beer garden hosted by Deep Cuts!

Sponsored by...



Come by the festival for electronics recycling hosted by Green Team Junk Removal (additional fees may apply), or free paper shredding hosted by Highland Shredding (max. of 3 bankers boxes per person).

For more information and parking directions visit <http://gogreenmedford.org/festival> or call (781) 393-2480

Have empty detergent, soda, or milk bottles?

Consider donating
them, decorated OR
undecorated, for the
Pumpkin Float!



Collection box outside the Mayor's Office,
City Hall - Room 202 until October 23.



Do you have empty detergent bottles, soda bottles, or gallon milk jugs? Consider donating them, decorated or undecorated, for the Halloween Pumpkin Float!

To donate, please bring empty bottles to the collection box outside the Mayor's Office at City Hall – Room 202 by October 23.

This year's Halloween Pumpkin Float is on Saturday, October 25 at 6pm at Wright's Pond!

5th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL AND PUMPKIN FLOAT

SPONSORED BY
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN
& MEDFORD RECREATION

WRIGHT'S POND

- 140 ELM STREET -

SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

MATT HEATON & THE ELECTRIC HEATERS 🎃 DEAN'S CONCESSIONS
MEDFORD BREWING, AND MORE!

JOIN THE FUN - DROP OFF A CARVED
PUMPKIN(S) TO BE ON DISPLAY!

DROP-OFF DATES AND TIMES AT THE POND:

THURSDAY 10/23 - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY 10/25 - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!!



Join the Kiwanis Club of Medford for their 15th annual Taste of Italy event on October 28. Stop by the Great American Beer Hall from 6-9pm for music, great food, cooking demonstrations, and more.

Kiwanis Club of Medford's 15th Annual
TASTE OF ITALY
& More

GREATER BOSTON'S AUTHENTIC FLAVORS IN A FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE

OCTOBER 28, 2025



Entertainment by DJ VINNY

Cooking demonstrations by Award Winning Chefs:
Kenny Palazzolo - Contestant on Master Chef, Gordon Ramsay's and Blind Kitchen; Jackie Chang Ho Win Palace, Paul Damore - Massimino's of Boston
"Sibling Rivalry"- Carmine & Tonia Guarino



The Great American Beer Hall
142 Mystic Avenue, Medford, MA

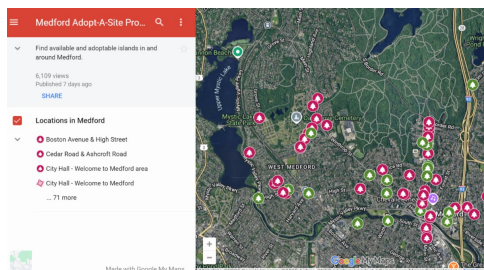
ORDER TICKETS
ON EVENTBRITE



781-396-0710



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>

Recent News

In-Person Early Voting Information for the Municipal General Election

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Learn more [here](#).

Medford Seeks to Fill Vacancies on Various Boards and Commissions

The City of Medford is currently accepting applications from Medford residents to serve on one of its many City Boards & Commissions.

Residents who are interested in serving on any of the boards and commissions below should complete the [Board and Commission Interest Form](#) available at medfordma.org/boards-commissions. If you are in need of a physical form, please visit the Mayor's Office at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 202, Medford, MA 02155.

Residents of all backgrounds and abilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Medford city services are available to all residents, regardless of economic situation, race, gender, ability, benefit eligibility, or religious affiliation.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Wins 'Outstanding Community' at the Northeast Recycling Council's 2025 Environmental Leadership Awards for its Free Curbside Composting Program

The City of Medford won the 2025 Environmental Leadership Award for Outstanding Community presented by the Northeast Recycling Council, for its innovative work to reduce waste

Medford Secures Grant to Add On-Street Electric Vehicle Chargers

The City has secured a new electric vehicle (EV) charging program grant through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The MassCEC On-Street Charging Program was designed to accelerate equitable access to EV charging solutions in municipalities.

The MassCEC On-Street Charging Program looks to reduce barriers to electric vehicle adoption for renters and residents without a dedicated driveway, garage, or parking space. MassCEC has partnered with Commonwealth Electrical Technologies and Leidos to support 36 municipalities through one of two pathways: Feasibility Studies and Planning Support or Project Implementation. Medford is in the project implementation phase.

Read more [here](#).

Community Fund Committee Opens Next Round of Grant Funding for Local Non-Profits

The Community Fund Committee is now accepting applications to distribute \$250,000 to qualifying non-profits for the next round of grant funding, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. Last year, the committee funded projects for 36 non-profits.

To apply, visit medfordma.org or [access the application here](#). Hard copies of the application are available at the Mayor's office at City Hall Room 202. The deadline to apply is October 20.

The group was initially created as part of the Surrounding Community Agreement between the City of Medford and Wynn, MA LLC (Encore) and is tasked with determining the best utilization of the annual Community Fund Payments received by the City. The City will distribute \$250,000 through the selection process by the committee ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 this year.

and create a more sustainable waste collection system through the City's free curbside composting program.

"I'm thankful to our team at City Hall, the Solid Waste Taskforce, our consultants Strategy Zero Waste and our volunteers for working so hard to launch our curbside composting program and making it such a meaningful success for our community," Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn said.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Launches Wayfinding Study Survey

The City has [opened a survey](#) as part of its wayfinding study, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The wayfinding study is a city-wide initiative that aims to improve navigation challenges across all modes of transportation and highlight points of interest in the city. Responses to this survey will help inform the design and placement of new signage around the city.

Design firm OverUnder and the City of Medford are assessing current conditions in Medford, and based on community input, will design wayfinding signs to help pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers move through the city. Wayfinding is about the tools people use to navigate from place to place and an opportunity to showcase the City's local identity.

Learn more [here](#).

City Looking for Feedback on COVID Memorial Grove Design

The City is looking for feedback from residents regarding the design of the COVID Memorial Grove at Riverbend Park. A public workshop will be held on Sunday, October 5 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Riverbend Park. Parking for the event will be available in the McGlynn School rear parking lot, 3002 Mystic Valley Parkway.

Join city and design staff at the future site of the memorial grove at

Learn more [here](#).

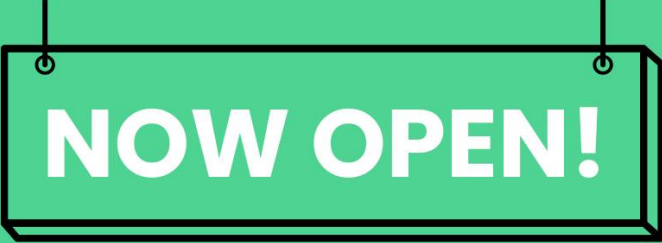
Riverbend Park to discuss design elements of the memorial and hear feedback from the community survey. The project team will share a draft of the updated design and ask for feedback on design elements.

Read more [here](#).

Community Fund Grant Applications



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NOW OPEN!

Apply by October 20.

Learn more at medfordma.org/news

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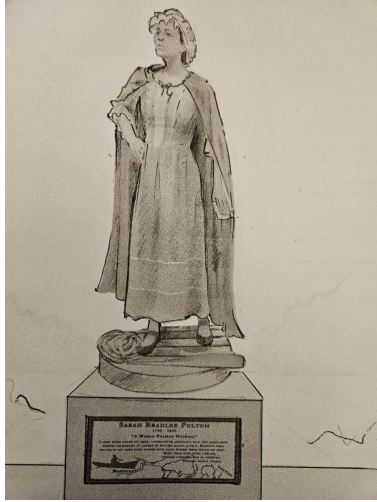
The deadline to apply is October 20. The application is available online here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHcotxJmvqtRZcPiS5GWxEKhfvrXNYqYGOewJubImiyoszTQ/viewform> and hard copies are available at the Mayor's Office in City Hall – Room 202.

Learn more here: <https://www.medfordma.org/about/news/details/~board/city-news/post/community-fund-committee-opens-next-round-of-grant-funding-for-local-nonprofits>

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.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day will be celebrated on Saturday, October 18 at the Salem Street Burying Ground and in Medford Square from 10am-1:30pm.

More September Events



So happy to be a part of Tufts University Day of Service. Seeing the over 200 volunteers engage in bettering the community throughout 12 different sites is so inspiring to see.

Thank you to President Kumar for having me and to our DPW Commissioner Tim McGivern for helping to organize the collection sites.

A great day of shopping and perfect weather at the City Wide Yard Sale and Lemonade Sale!

The lemonade on College Ave was fantastic!



Joined with Governor Maura Healey, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Secretary Augustus, Secretary Tepper, Mike Cantalupa of the Davis Companies and many others at the site of our 40B development at 970 Fellsway as the Healy administration unveiled her plan to streamline the MEPA review process.



Getting shovels in the ground sooner and completing more affordable housing projects faster will help increase our supply and reduce the barriers to housing.

Congratulations to the 2025 Ultimate Frisbee Association Champions Boston Glory! The team defeated the Minnesota Wind Chill 17-15 on August 23 to take home its first ever Championship!

Team owner Katy Kellet, tournament MVP Tobe Decraene, and 4-time UFA champion Jeff Babbitt brought the trophy to City Hall and talked a bit about the season. The team plays its home games at Hormel Stadium and is heavily involved in our community.



Congratulations to all the players, coaches and staff for this incredible achievement! You've made Medford proud!

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!



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.



Want to stay in the know about upcoming volunteer cleanups happening around the city? Join the [Keep Medford Beautiful Facebook group here](#) to learn about ways to beautify Medford and share your own efforts!

Learn more about our Keep Medford Beautiful chapter [here](#).



[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

- **October 11:** Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- **October 13:** Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day - City Hall Closed
- **October 15:** Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic
- **October 18:** Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day

MEETINGS

October 6

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

October 7

- 4:30pm: School Committee Rules and Policy Subcommittee Meeting

- **October 18:** Harvest Your Energy Festival
- **October 24:** Senior Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic
- **October 25:** Halloween Pumpkin Float

- 7:00pm: Oak Grove Cemetery Commission Meeting

October 9

- 6:00pm: Historic District Commission Meeting

October 14

- 5:00pm: Traffic Commission Meeting
- 6:30pm: Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm: Community Garden Commission Meeting

October 15

- 6:30pm: Climate Equity Council Meeting
- 6:30pm: Community Development Board 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
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Facilities Director
- Water Quality Control Coordinator
- PW5.5 MEO II (Water and Sewer)
- PW5 MEO I (DPW)
- Engineering Aide/Permit Officer
- Civil Project Manager
- Public Health RN

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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