

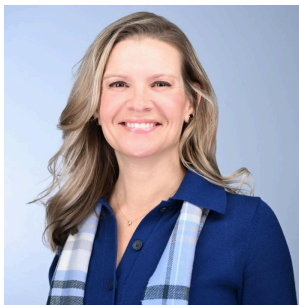


The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

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December 9, 2025

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

I know this is the busiest time of year for many of you, and we've been similarly busy here at City Hall. Over the past month, we've held our Winter Preparedness Event, Veterans Day celebrations, awarded over \$250,000 to local nonprofits, collaborated on a path forward to restart the zoning project, announced changes to our waste collection system, and much more.

Here are some of our recent updates:

- The fall Big Sweep continues into December! Be sure to take note of your zone and sweeping date so you can take your car off the street. More info is available here: www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.
- You may have heard about upcoming changes to our waste collection system. We'd like to hear your thoughts at our upcoming community meeting on this topic. The meeting is December 15 at 6pm via [Zoom](#). If you can't make this meeting, there will be an in-person meeting on January 28 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- Through our Community Fund Committee, we've awarded over \$250,000 in grant funding to 43 nonprofits that serve the Medford community. This funding will be used to expand services, resources and outreach to serve Medford residents.

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!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce E. Kol".

Fall Big Sweep Continues!



The Medford DPW is conducting fall street sweeping over the course of several weeks, beginning on Monday, November 17 and continuing into December.

Street sweeping will be conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.

Winter Extravaganza





Another year, another phenomenal Winter Extravaganza to kick off the holiday season in Medford!

I hope everyone who visited City Hall last night had an amazing time and grabbed a few photos with the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who!

This incredible community event would not have been possible without the hard work of so many at City Hall, our local partners and volunteers.

Thank you to our Director of Community Affairs Lisa Colaianni, our DEI Director Frances Nwajei, the Medford Fire Department, Medford Police Department, our DPW, especially Doug Welton for helping to set up the lights, Kevin Bailey, Danny Fowkes and the staff at Medford Recreation, the Welcoming Committee, Medford Health Department, DJ Vanessa Salvucci Saggese, 4GoodVibes Gift Shop & Boutique for organizing local artists, Medford Family Network, Deans Concessions, Medford Brewing Company, and Arthur's Italian Pastry Shop for the cookies and decorating, the Girl Scouts for making the crafts, Medford High Cheerleaders, Medford Voke-Bistro 489, Wonderfund MA, the organizers of the Medford Jingle Bell Festival who did so much incredible work these past few months donating their time and money to raise money for Alzheimer's and elder care, everyone who entered our Gingerbread House Contest, all our volunteers and last but not least, Mike Bailey, Tammy McCormick and Jay Lonergan, who were such great sports.

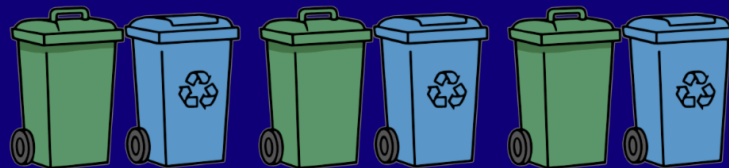
Thank you all and happy holidays!

Waste Collection Public Meeting



Community Meeting

ON MEDFORD'S WASTE PROGRAM



Monday, December 15
6:00pm
Via Zoom

Join us for a presentation on changes to our waste collection and disposal system, and a Q&A with City staff.

Join here:



Can't make this meeting? We'll be hosting another one in-person the week of 1/26/2026.

We want to hear from you about upcoming changes to our waste collection system. City officials and waste consultants are hosting a community meeting on Monday, December 15 at 6pm via Zoom.

There will be a presentation on the changes as well as a Q&A with City staff. Join the Zoom here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82788435627?pwd=nDEUpISap6YeUBM6jF6XI64ag1lM5g.1>

If you can't make this meeting, there will be an in-person meeting during the week of January 26.

New Waste Webpage and Survey

There's been a lot of talk about trash and we want to hear it all. Please fill out our survey so we can get a better understanding of your trash needs and practices.

We've also created a new landing page to give more insights into the every-other-week program and a breakdown of the City's trash collection and disposal costs.

[See the website here.](#)

[Take the survey here.](#)

Zoning Update

At the December 2, 2025 Medford City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council collaborated on a plan to restart the City's Zoning Updates Project. The City will sign an extension and provide additional resources to advance key zoning priorities in Medford Square, Tufts and Boston Ave between now and May 2026. The City will solicit new proposals starting in February/March for work on zoning updates between May 2026 and June 2028 (one year extension if not complete).

The Mayor, in collaboration with the Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability, will appropriate funding to sign a contract extension with Innes Land Group to perform work from December 2025 to May 2026.

Read more about the latest zoning project update [here](#). For more information on zoning, visit medfordma.org/zoning.

Winter Preparedness Event



What an amazing evening with our community partners and the wonderful residents who joined us at our Winter Preparedness Event! Your support, collaboration, and community spirit made the evening truly special.

Thanks in part to the generous donations to our winter clothing drive, we were able to assist 146 adults and 93 children with winter clothing, resources, vaccines, and so much more.

Of course, thank you to our Office of Prevention and Outreach for planning and organizing this event.



Honoring our Veterans



We hosted a number of events to honor and celebrate our veterans in Medford this November, thanks to the Medford Veterans' Services Office. One of these celebrations was the 250 year anniversary party for the Marine Corps and Navy! Thank you to Somerville VETS for partnering with us on this event.



It was also my honor to dedicate the corner of College Avenue and Stearns Avenue to World War II veterans and longtime Medford residents Anthony and Dominic Bolognese.

The two brothers were raised on Main Street and eventually lived only a few blocks away from each other on Stearns Avenue.

Thank you for your service and dedication to our community. I can't think of a more fitting honor for these two veterans than having this corner named in their memory!



The Contardo family have spent nearly a century on Dudley Street, having bought their house in 1932.

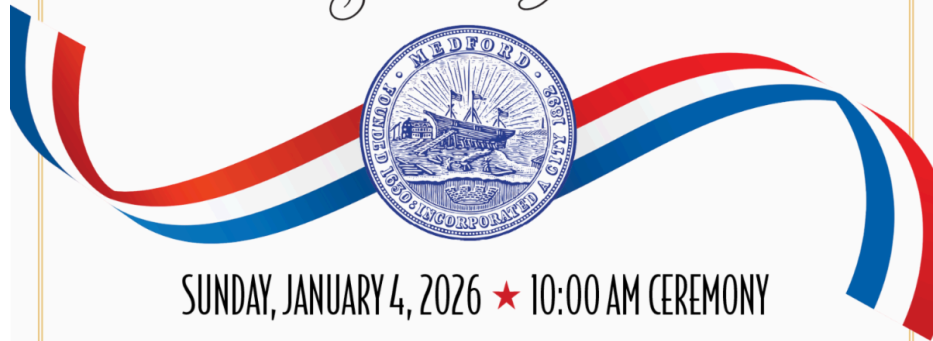
It's fitting that this past weekend ahead of Veterans Day, we formally dedicated the corner of Central Avenue and Dudley Street to World War II veterans and Contardo family members, Joseph, Dominic and Charlotte.

I can think of no better honor for these Medford heroes than officially naming this corner after their memory and legacy.

Save the Date: Inauguration 2026

THE CITY OF MEDFORD INAUGURATION 2026

~ Save the Date ~

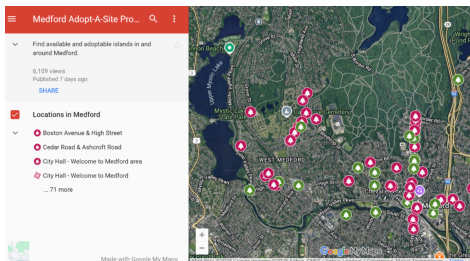


SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 ★ 10:00 AM CEREMONY

Medford City Hall
Howard Alden Memorial Chambers
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, MA 02155

The City of Medford's 2026 Inauguration is on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 10am in the Medford City Hall Howard Alden Memorial Chambers. The program includes the inauguration of the Mayor, the City Council, and the School Committee.

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

Medford Secures \$200,000 in Grant Funding to Support its Zero Waste Initiatives

The City of Medford has secured a \$200,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to bolster its continued waste reduction efforts.

The grant award marks the second MassDEP grant supporting the City's waste reduction goals. In 2024, MassDEP helped launch Medford's residential weekly compost collection program with \$105,000 to purchase curbside organics collection carts. The \$200,000 Pay As You Throw (PAYT) grant supports the expansion of that program by allowing for the purchase of additional organics carts.

As of July 1, 2027, residential 64-gallon trash carts will be collected every other week along with recycling at no charge. The new baseline for trash service will equate to 32-gallons per household per week, which meets MassDEP's service volume threshold for a PAYT program and makes Medford eligible for the PAYT grant.

Read more [here](#).

Affordable Housing Lottery Opportunity

An affordable housing lottery is open for applications now through December 10.

Medford's Community Fund Committee Awards over \$250,000 in Grant Funding to Medford-Focused Nonprofits

Through the City's Community Fund Committee, 43 nonprofits that serve the Medford community have been awarded over \$250,000 in grant funding to be used to expand services, resources and outreach, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

The committee opened the fourth-round application process in September and established a deadline of October 31st for submissions. Each applicant submitted a project description, accounting for how the funding would help assist their organization's needs and provide a broader scope of their work to enhance the community's priorities.

In this round, the City received a record number of applications, nearly 50 in total, with funding requests totaling over \$650,000.

Read more [here](#).

Mayor and City Council Agree to Restart Zoning Project

At the December 2, 2025 Medford City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council agreed on a plan to restart the City's Zoning Updates Project. The City will sign an extension and provide additional resources to advance key zoning priorities in Medford Square,

Fellsway West is an affordable rental development offering (1) one-bedroom unit and (2) three-bedroom units, by lottery, for households earning up to 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The monthly rent for a one-bedroom is \$1,862, and the monthly rent for a three-bedroom is \$2,297. Tenants are responsible for all utilities except water and sewer which is included in the rent. All affordable units will be distributed by lottery as outlined in the Information Package and Lottery Application.

Learn more [here](#).

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Learn more [here](#).

Snow Shovelers List



City of Medford

SNOW SHOVELING LIST 2025-2026

This list and the information contained in it is being provided for general information purposes only. The City of Medford does not assume any responsibility for actions, pricing, performance or lack of performance of any of the persons listed as willing to provide shoveling services. In no event shall the City of Medford be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any damages whatsoever, whether in an action of contract, negligence or other tort, arising out of or in connection with the hiring, use or retention by any person or entity of any of the persons listed herein as willing to provide shoveling services.

USA Lawn Care Snow Plowing

Paul: 781-521-9927

All of Medford - driveways

Eldeeb Fouad (student)

857-208-3781

Park St/Central Ave/Salem St

Vincent Maganzini

781-858-0549

Tufts to Main St. South Medford area

Kyle Lau (student)

781-658-0276

North Medford/Waddell St area

Neal McCloskey

781-827-1581

99 or 121 Riverside Ave only

Virginia Valdez-Melgar

781-420-0724

East Medford/Haines Square
Lambert St/Salem St/Dempseys

Marcel Sharpe

781-866-3228

North Medford Heights

Lucas Lee (student)

617-909-9754

East Medford/Governors Ave

Marcus de Brito

617-852-1677

Bowen Ave/Mystic Ave area

Date of publication: 12/2/2025 We will update the list throughout the season. Contact Pam Kelly, Director of Elder Affairs, to be added or removed from the list at pkelly@medford-ma.gov, or if you have any corrections that need to be made.

The City has released its 2025-2026 snow shovelers list! Thank you to all the have added their names to the list so far.

If you are in need of assistance with shoveling snow this winter, reach out to the residents on this list! Reminder that payment is arranged directly between the resident and the shoveler.

To be added or removed from the list, or to make any correction, please contact Pamela Kelly at 781-396-6010 or pkelly@medford-ma.gov.

More information on cold weather safety is [available here](#).

Homebound Vaccinations

If you or a loved one are homebound or have difficulty leaving the house, the Medford Board of Health offers in-home flu and COVID vaccines! Residents can schedule an appointment by calling 781-393-2448.

More November Events



What a great pep rally at MHS before Thanksgiving celebrating our student athletes and getting the football team, cheerleaders, and band ready to take on Malden! I even got to participate in one of the games with some of my fellow School Committee members.

The wait is over! Localito Cafe is now open at 30 Riverside Avenue in Medford Square!

This coffee spot really hit the spot on this chilly morning. We've been waiting to have more coffee offerings in the Square and I'm so happy that this cafe is now open for business!

Congratulations to owners Alvaro and Andres Sandoval, who now add this delicious spot to their other locations, Tenoche and Tacuba!





I was honored to be a panelist at the Women Leading Government conference yesterday hosted by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

There are many challenges facing municipalities across the commonwealth and sharing our strategies, insights and goals with other women leaders was truly inspiring.

Thank you to the MMA for the opportunity and my colleagues, Town Managers, Lisa Wong, Melissa Rodrigues and Libby Gibson for sharing their stories with me.

We're working with Mass Save vendor, Energy Source, to help bring energy costs down for our small businesses! You'd be amazed at how small adjustments to your energy consumption can result in significant savings.

City staff, our partners, and volunteers will be canvassing small businesses with local utility vendor Energy Source to schedule a free, no obligation energy assessment to help identify how you can reduce usage and lower costs.



FREE Curbside Composting



Join over 7,800 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

- **December 3:** Winter Extravaganza
- **December 13:** Wreaths Across America
- **December 15:** Waste Collection Public Meeting
- **December 24:** City Hall closing at 4:30pm
- **December 25:** Christmas - City Hall closed

MEETINGS

December 8

- 7:00pm: Historical Commission Meeting

December 9

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

- **December 31:** City Hall closing at 4:30pm

- 7:00pm: Community Garden Commission Meeting

December 11

- 6:00pm: Historic District Commission Meeting

December 17

- 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
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer
- Assistant City Engineer
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Facilities Director
- Water Quality Control Coordinator
- Engineering Aide/Permit Officer
- Civil Project Manager
- Director of Economic Development
- PW 10.5 MEO II Watchperson
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Office Administrator (Recreation)

Other/Ongoing Positions:

- Traffic Supervisors

To apply, visit medfordma.org/for-residents/jobs, or contact the City's Office of Human Resources at 781-475-5640.

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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