

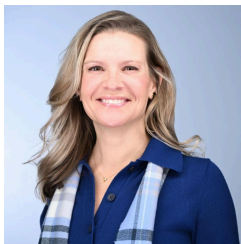


The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

02155

June 10, 2026

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

With the crazy winter we had, it felt like we would never see warm, sunny days again! Thankfully, that was an overreaction and we've been able to enjoy this beautiful, albeit busy, May. Recently, we've launched a Veteran and First Responder Recovery Group, released our Wayfinding Study, opened up applications for the new Tree Committee, and hosted a number of events, like the Memorial Day Ceremony and Haitian Flag Day Celebration, all while working to finalize the City's FY27 budget.

Here are a few highlights:

- Join us on Tuesday, June 16 at 10:30am to cut the ribbon on new EV charging stations at Morrison Park. These charging stations were made possible thanks to a grant from MassCEC. Learn more about EV charging in Medford [here](#).
- We will also be hosting the official grand opening for Carr Park on June 16 at 11:30am. Phase II of the Carr Park renovation began in February 2025 and more information about the updates can be found [here](#).
- The City is filing an updated plan for Medford Community Electricity Aggregation and accepting written comments regarding it until June 22. More info and the full plan can be viewed online at medfordcea.com or in print in Room 308 of City Hall.

For the most updated information on everything happening in Medford, visit the City events calendar [here](#), sign up for alerts [here](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#).

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. Kohl".

Memorial Day



On Memorial Day, our community gathered in the rain at Oak Grove Cemetery to honor the service and sacrifice of the military members we've lost.

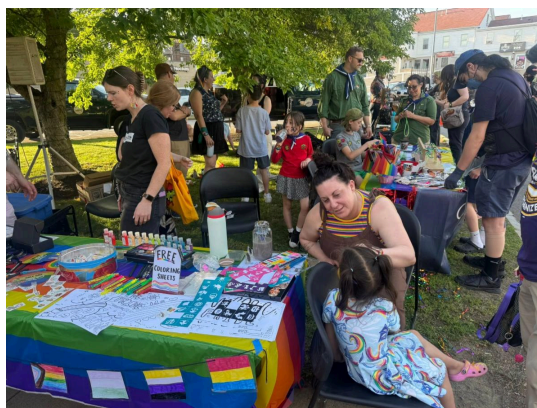
This year was especially solemn as we reflected on the bravery and courage of the 13 soldiers who were killed overseas earlier this year.

Thank you to our Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw and Director of Community Affairs, Lisa Colaianne for organizing and coordinating this ceremony.

My most sincere appreciation to the American Legion Post 45 Medford, MA for helping place flags at gravesites, DPW, Medford Community Media, Medford Police Department Honor Guard, Medford Community Chorale, Medford High School Marching Band, Medford Fire Chief Todd Evans as well as my fellow colleagues who spoke and of course our veteran community for their courage and strength.

I specifically want to thank and recognize the Gold Star families who attended. The legacy and memory of the family members you've lost will never be forgotten.

Pride Flag Raising and Festival



To start June, we kicked off Pride Month by raising the flag at City Hall along with some amazing speakers, vendors and allies.

This celebration is more than raising a flag, it's about raising up voices, experiences and perspectives that reflect the vibrancy of Medford and remind us of the work that still lies ahead.

This event would not have been possible without the amazing work of our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei, the ASL interpreters, DPW, Medford Fire, Medford PD, Medford High Gay Straight Alliance, MPS Rainbow Club, 92nd Mystic Inclusive Scout Group and many others.

Happy Pride!

disABILITY Fair



Great to see all the engaging exhibits and performances at the disABILITY Fair at the McGlynn School!

Another wonderful job organizing by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, our Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei as well as our DEI Specialist Nick Karinge.

Thank you to all the exhibitors for participating and to the community for supporting this important event!

Haitian Flag Day Celebration



What a beautiful celebration of Haitian Flag Day at the Senior Center earlier in May!

Thank you to our Haitian-Creole Community Liaisons, Darline and Natasha, the Medford Haitian Task Force, and our Medford Connects team for organizing this great event.

Italian Feast



Such a fabulous time at the 4th annual Italian Feast at the Condon Shell, despite the weather. Thank you to all who made it possible!

Upcoming Meetings

- The **Medford High School Building Committee** will be hosting a meeting on June 10 at 6:30pm in the Medford High School Library to select the preferred design option for the High School building project. More information on the project is available at medfordhsproject.com.
- The **Medford City Council and Medford Community Development Board** will have a joint public meeting regarding the proposed Boston Avenue Neighborhood Corridor District zoning amendment on June 11 at 6pm. Meeting materials can be found [here](#) when available.
- The **Medford High School Building Committee** will also be hosting a meeting on June 18 at 6:30pm at Medford High School to approve the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR) submission.

For more information on upcoming meetings, including agendas and Zoom links, visit www.medfordma.org/events.

Recent News

Medford Launches Veterans and First Responders Recovery Group

The City has launched a Veterans and First Responders Recovery Group, which will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the First Baptist Church of Medford, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. Meetings began on Tuesday, May 12.

The new group is sponsored by the Medford Veterans' Services and Public Health Departments and will be led by the City's Recovery Coach, Chris Summa. The recovery group is for all veterans and first responders who are in need of support. All are welcome on a drop-in basis.

Medford Tree Committee Seeks Applicants

The City is seeking applicants to serve on the newly formed Tree Committee, an advisory committee established to promote a diverse, healthy and sustainable urban forest. Residents interested in promoting the health, general welfare, and quality of life for the Medford community as well as the beauty and quality of the City's environment should consider applying.

The Committee will consist of nine members, who are Medford residents. Individuals with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including youth residents ages 15-22, and residents with experience in the field of urban forestry and/or landscape design.

Read more [here](#).

Medford Releases Wayfinding Study Master Plan

The City has released the finalized Wayfinding Study Master Plan, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. The year-long study was conducted by design firm OverUnder, in partnership with MassDevelopment and Medford's Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability.

The Wayfinding Study Master Plan is a city-wide initiative that aims to improve navigation challenges across all modes of transportation and highlight points of interest in the city. The study involved community engagement throughout the process.

Learn more [here](#).

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Medford Community Electricity Aggregation Files New Plan

In accordance with Department of Public Utility guidelines for municipal electricity aggregations, the City of Medford is filing an updated plan for Medford Community Electricity Aggregation. The full plan can be viewed online at medfordcea.com or in print in room 308 of City Hall.

Written comments on the plan will be accepted until 5 pm on June 22, and can be submitted via email to support_ma@goodenergy.com, ocd@medford-ma.gov or by US mail to: the Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability, Medford City Hall, 85 George P Hassett Dr, Medford, MA 02155.

Read more [here](#).

MBTA Bus Network Updates

The MBTA is proposing revisions to specific bus routes under the Bus Network Redesign (BNR) to allow us to continue to expand service, grow ridership, and make bus service accessible to more people.

The virtual meeting will be on June 15 at 6pm to hear public feedback on the changes proposed and incorporate it into the decision-making process. The MBTA wants to hear from its riders!

This virtual meeting kicks off the public engagement process that will include several in person meetings to be held in various communities impacted by proposed revisions.

Register for the meeting here: <https://www.mbta.com/events/2026-06-15/bus-network-redesign-proposed-updates-virtual>

More info on the proposed changes here: <https://www.mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign-proposed-updates>

Save the Date: Juneteenth



Join us for the annual Juneteenth Flag Raising and Celebration on June 18 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at City Hall! Hear remarks and an immigrant's perspective on Juneteenth, poetry, music from the Willie J. Laws Band, and a community meal catered by Work Hard Eat Good. This event is free and all are welcome.

Upcoming Medford Connects Events

Medford All-City Elementary Alliance Presents

AI in Our Lives

A Workshop for Medford Families

Featuring Dr. Daniella DiPaola, PhD • MIT Media Lab & RAISE Initiative

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 • 6:30–8:00 pm

Medford Public Library, Bonsignore Hall

Artificial intelligence is shaping how our kids learn, play, and communicate, both at school and at home. Join us for a free evening where families of K-8 students can explore AI together. Dr. Daniella DiPaola, PhD (MIT Media Lab and RAISE Initiative) will lead a discussion on what AI is, how it reflects our values, and how to talk about it as a family, followed by hands-on breakout stations where parents and kids participate together:

- Train an AI model with LEGO Education kits and see how it makes decisions
- Teachable Machine: train and trick a computer vision model
- AI + Values: an unplugged activity
- QuickDraw: how do machines learn to see?
- Superhero LLMs: build a superhero and learn about data safety
- Students demo Tech/AI tools they use in school

We recommend bringing a tablet or laptop to participate in the hands-on activities, but extras will be available.

Register today!

- Free for all families
- Have questions about how your kids are using AI and technology? Submit them when you register!
- Translation available by request (please register at least one week before the event)
- Accessibility accommodations available on request

Pizza and snacks will be provided.

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Questions? Contact us at medfordelementaryalliance@gmail.com



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Learn About Cancer Screening & Prevention

Presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Community Outreach Specialist



Date: June 11, 2026 ~ **Time:** 6:30-8pm
Location: West Medford Community Center
111 Arlington Street
Medford, MA 02155

Join the Conversation About:

- ✓ Healthy habits that support overall wellness
- ✓ Ways to lower cancer risks through lifestyle choices
- ✓ Cancer screening and prevention resources



Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute
Early detection saves lives



Join us at the West Medford Community Center on June 11 at 6:30pm to learn more about cancer screening and prevention. Presented by Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Community Outreach Specialist.

Learn more about:

- Signs & symptoms
- Healthy habits and lifestyle tips to reduce risk
- Cancer screening and prevention resources

More May Happenings



With the school year coming to a close soon, it was wonderful to have Ms. Burke's third grade class from the McGlynn visit to learn more about the role of local government.

We talked about our parks, how we fund City services and programs, and the steps you take to run for office.

Thank you to Ms. Burke for organizing the field trip and the students for being so engaged and curious about City Hall!

We also hosted Ms. Griffin's third graders this month - thank you for organizing this field trip!

Loved seeing these enthusiastic and energetic students visit City Hall to learn about all the work we're doing for the community.

We had great questions all about the work we're doing for the City.



Thank you to all who organized, volunteered and helped in any way with Day one of making Medford's first mini-forest a reality at Tufts Park!

Tick Season

Tick Bites & Red Meat Allergy:

Alpha-gal Syndrome (AGS)

What You Need To Know



COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

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| Allergic Symptoms: | Gastrointestinal (GI) Symptoms: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hives• Itchy Rash• Anaphylaxis• Swelling• Shortness of Breath• Cough• Wheezing• Acute Hypotension | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abdominal Pain• Nausea• Diarrhea• Vomiting• Heartburn/indigestion |



WHAT IS ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME?

- Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) is a serious, potentially life-threatening allergy to alpha-gal that can develop after a tick bite.
- AGS is primarily associated with the lone star tick.
- In MA, the lone star tick is found in Cape Cod and the Islands.

HOW TO PREVENT TICK BITES AND REDUCE YOUR RISK

- Check yourself, your children, and pets for ticks.
- Use tick repellents and Permethrin products according to their instructions.
- Stay on trails when walking or hiking.
- Wear long, light-colored pants tucked into socks or boots, and a long-sleeved shirt.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BIT BY A TICK

- Remove it immediately by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, put it in a zipper lock bag, and SEAL COMPLETELY.
- If you have signs of illness, see your healthcare provider.
- Have your tick tested to check if it shows a risk to you. Visit www.TickReport.com to learn more.
- Contact your local health department for more information.



MYSTIC VALLEY
Public Health Coalition

SOURCES: CDC & MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

You can get bit by a tick at any time of year, but it happens more often in the warm weather as we spend more time outdoors. Ticks like to live in shady, moist areas like underbrush, leaves, woods, and tall grass.

Preventing tick bites:

- Check yourself, your kids, and pets for ticks after spending time outdoors.
- Use tick repellants.
- Stay on trails when walking or hiking.
- Wear long, light-colored pants tucked into socks or boots, and a long-sleeved shirt.

If you are bitten by a tick:

- Remove it immediately with a pair of fine-tipped tweezers, put the tick in a zip lock bag, and seal completely.
- If you have any signs of illness, see a healthcare provider and have the tick tested.

Learn more about tick prevention at mass.gov/tick-prevention.

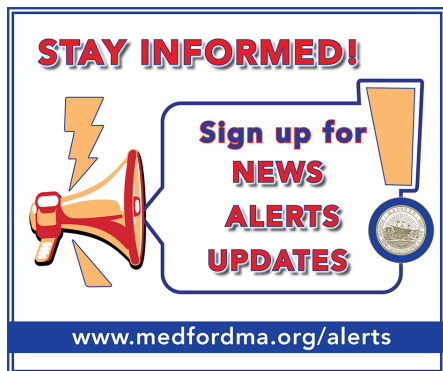
Free Curbside Composting



Join over 8,100 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!

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

- **June 17:** Bunker Hill Day - City Hall Closed
- **June 18:** Juneteenth Flag Raising & Festival
- **June 19:** Juneteenth - City Hall Closed
- **June 20:** Medford Open Studios
- **July 3:** City Hall Closed - Independence Day

MEETINGS

June 10

- 4:00pm: Board of Assessors Meeting
- 5:00pm: Hormel Stadium Commission Meeting
- 6:30pm: Civic Auditoriums and Convention Center Commission Meeting
- 6:30pm: Medford High School Building Committee Meeting

June 11

- 11:00am: Medford Comprehensive High School Building Subcommittee Meeting
- 6:00pm: Historic District Commission Meeting
- 6:00pm: Joint Meeting of the Medford City Council and Community Development Board

June 12

- 8:30am: Commissioners of Trust Funds 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
- Building Commissioner
- Tree Warden
- Staff Planner - Climate
- Art Instructor (part-time)

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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