

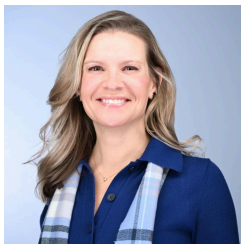


The City of
Medford
Massachusetts

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September 3, 2026

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and the students, families, and educators are settling into the new school year. As we head into the fall, City Hall has been hard at work supporting our community, celebrating local events, advancing housing and sustainability initiatives, and more.

Here are a few highlights:

- Our 2nd Annual Back-to-School Resource Day was a great success, bringing Medford families together at City Hall for free backpacks and school supplies, health and wellness resources, children's activities, and more.
- The City has continued its work to support individuals and families impacted by substance use, including displaying purple ribbons throughout Medford Square and 165 purple flags on the City Hall lawn in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month.
- The Affordable Housing Trust is celebrating one year of implementing its Five-Year Action Plan and will host a Housing Resource Fair on September 22. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about local housing resources and the Trust's work to address Medford's housing needs.
- Bonsai Learning Academy recently celebrated the opening of its new location in the renovated basement of Shiloh Baptist Church. The renovation, supported by the Community Preservation Act, restored the historic space while improving accessibility for the children and families who will use it.

There are many exciting events coming up across Medford, offering opportunities for residents of all ages to connect, participate, and enjoy our community together, here are a few upcoming:

- [Run Medford](#)
- [Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stands](#)
- Housing Resource Fair
- Recovery Fest
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- Invasive Plant Walk
- Oktoberfest
- and more!

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!

Bruce Kol

Register Now For Run Medford!



RUN MEDFORD

McGillivray Gives Back to Medford

**SEPTEMBER
25 & 26**

RUNMEDFORD.COM

Run Medford is less than a month away!

Sign up to run and support Medford schools. This year, a donation will be made to every school PTO in the City of Medford through the Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation.

More information here: [Event Info — Run Medford](#)

Register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/113478/run-medford-2026>

Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stand is on
October 4 from 10-1pm

CITYWIDE YARD SALE

Looking to *declutter*? Make *extra money*?

Participate in the **CITYWIDE YARD SALE**

AND LEMONADE STANDS!

October 4th - 10am - 1pm



The annual Citywide Yard sale and Lemonade Stands return on Sunday, October 4 from 10 am to 1 pm. You can sign up to participate at medfordma.org.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Housing Resource Fair



City of Medford
Affordable Housing Trust Fund



HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR



September 22, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

City Hall Chambers

85 George P. Hassett Drive



LEARN ABOUT THE TRUST AND LOCAL RESOURCES!

MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION



Erika DeRoche
Housing Medford
MODERATOR



Dariela Villón-Maga
DVM Housing Partners



Gabe Ciccariello
Medford Housing Authority



Nick Pittman
Local Initiatives Support Corporation

RSVPs Encouraged



EVENT OVERVIEW

6:00 pm Open house and networking

6:30 pm Speakers and panel discussion

8:00 pm Networking and closing

For questions, contact: kbuckingham@medford-ma.gov | (781) 475-5991

Join us for the City of Medford's Housing Resource Fair!

Learn about Medford's Affordable Housing Trust Fund and resources provided by local organizations.

There will be a panel discussion moderated by Erika DeRoche, Housing Medford.

Panelists include:

- Dariela Villón-Maga, DVM Housing Partners
- Gabe Ciccariello, Medford Housing Authority
- Nick Pittman, Local Initiatives Support Corporation Massachusetts

The Trust is hosting this event to celebrate one year of implementing its Five-Year Action Plan. Everyone is invited to come and learn from the Trust and other community partners about how we are working to address Medford's housing needs!

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Tuesday, September 22

Location: City Council Chambers at City Hall

Back to School Season



Medford's 2nd Annual Back-to-School Resource Day at City Hall was a great success!

Families came together at City Hall to enjoy a fun-filled night with free backpacks and school supplies, health and wellness resources, children's activities, and information from local organizations and community partners. The event provided families with valuable resources to help them feel prepared and supported as they get ready for the year ahead.

A special thank you to all of our community partners, volunteers, and City staff who helped make this event possible. Your support and dedication helped create a fun and welcoming day for Medford families.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time and wish all of our students, families, and educators a happy, healthy, and successful school year!



I stopped by Members Plus Credit Union with Dr. Suzanne Galusi to pick up their incredibly generous donation of backpacks filled with school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for the continued support and donations!

International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month



Purple ribbons are displayed throughout Medford Square as part of the Adopt-a-Pole campaign, honoring loved ones lost to substance use and recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month.

Each ribbon represents a life that was deeply loved and is deeply missed. Together, the ribbons serve as a reminder of the impact of substance use on individuals, families, and our community, while also sharing a message of hope: recovery is possible, support is available, and no one has to face these challenges alone.

Thank you to Scars in Heaven, our community partners, volunteers, and everyone who helped bring this meaningful campaign to Medford. We are grateful for your compassion, dedication, and commitment to supporting individuals and families in our community.

You can learn more about local social services, behavioral health programs, and substance use resources by visiting the [City's Social Services and Mental Health webpage](#).



In addition to the purple ribbons around Medford Square, the Office of Prevention and Outreach placed 165 purple flags on City Hall's front lawn, one flag for each Medford community member's life lost to substance misuse since 2015, including 11 since last year's display.

These flags are an important reminder that we need to continue to act and raise awareness to save lives. If you have a moment this weekend, please stop by City Hall to see the flags and signs with recovery resources.

National Night Out



What a great turnout for National Night Out!

It was great to see everyone come together for activities including Touch-a-Truck, K9 demonstrations, games, face painting, live performances, and more.

National Night Out is all about strengthening relationships between neighbors and law enforcement and building safer, more connected communities. We are grateful to the Medford Police Department, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and everyone who helped make this year's celebration possible. Thank you to all who came out and made it such a memorable evening!

Bonsai Learning Academy Ribbon Cutting



Bonsai Learning Academy recently celebrated the opening of its new location in the renovated basement of Shiloh Baptist Church.

The renovation, supported by the Community Preservation Act, restored the historic space while making it more accessible for the children and families who will use it. Improvements included restoring the church's windows and addressing ADA accessibility.

This project is a great example of how preserving our historic buildings can also create new opportunities for our community. After several years of work, it is exciting to see this space serving Medford families in a new way.

Congratulations to Yuliya and Bonsai Learning Academy, and thank you to the Board of Trustees for helping make this project possible.

Tufts University Ice Cream Social



Tufts University's 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social was a great way to welcome students back to the new school year! It was wonderful to see Colleen's of Medford Square serving ice cream and the FRC 6201 Highlander Robotics Team showcasing their skills.

Thank you to Tufts University for hosting another great event for their neighbors. Welcome back to all of our students, and best wishes for a successful and exciting school year!

Medford Police Promotions



Please join me in congratulating Captain Joseph Casey, Lieutenant Richard Ziobro, Sergeant David Rooney, and Sergeant Dean Bruno on their promotions as they take on these important new roles and continue their commitment to serving our community.

Thank you for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to keeping Medford safe. Congratulations, and best wishes in your new roles!

Recent News

Medford Kicking off its Wreaths Across America Initiative with a Goal of Placing 375 Wreaths in Honor of Fallen Veterans

Oak Grove Cemetery will once again be an official location for the 2026 Wreaths Across America (WAA) initiative on Saturday, December 19.

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong

Credit Agency S&P Global Affirms Medford's AA+ Bond Rating

The S&P Global Ratings has once again affirmed Medford's AA+ credit rating, the second highest possible rating for a municipality, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. When deciding on its rating, S&P cited Medford's "stable credit profile" and "proactive financial management environment" as well as its growing tax base and healthy reserves.

movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be nearly 5,600 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 19, 2026 – with more than three million volunteers coming together.

If you're interested in sponsoring a wreath for a fallen veteran, or would like to know how you can help volunteer at the event in December, [click here.](#)

[Learn more here.](#)

Medford Police Chief Jack Buckley to Retire at the End of the Year

Medford Police Chief Jack D. Buckley will retire on December 19, 2026, following 28 years of dedicated service to the people of Medford, including the past eight years as Chief, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

[Learn more here.](#)

Recovery Fest



Join us for Medford Recovery Fest, a free, family-friendly afternoon celebrating recovery, hope, connection, and community.

Enjoy music, food, family activities, prizes, community resources, connection, and support. We're also inviting community organizations, activity hosts, and individuals with lived experience or those directly affected by substance use to perform or participate. Come celebrate recovery and connect with your community. We hope to see you there!

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Date: Saturday, September 12

Location: Condon Shell, 2501 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford

Rain location: Medford Senior Center, 101 Riverside Ave.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

 City of Medford Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, September 12, 2026 9am - 1pm Andrews Middle School, 3000 Mystic Valley Parkway	
 Accepted Items General Household Materials • Acids/corrosives • Chemistry set (labeled hazardous) • Fiberglass resins • Fluorescent bulbs (must be in a container that allows safe travel) • Furniture, floor, and/or metal polish • Hobby supplies (flammable/labeled hazardous) • Photography chemicals • Solvent adhesives • Wood preservatives • Oil-based paint (latex or water-based paint will <i>not</i> be accepted at this event) Lawn and Garden Materials • Cesspool cleaners • Flammable liquids/gasoline • Fire starters • Fungicides • Herbicides • Insecticides • Pesticides • Poisons • Pool chemicals Automotive Products • Brake fluid • Carburetor cleaner • Antifreeze • Solvents/degreasers • Motor oil • Transmission fluid Other Materials • Cleaners (bleach, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, toilet cleaner) • Hair dye • Mercury-containing items • Fire extinguishers (\$100 fee each)	Payment via Cash or Check Only 1/4 trunk load - \$40.00 1/2 trunk load - \$60.00 Full trunk load - \$100.00 <i>Make checks payable to "City of Medford"</i>  Unaccepted Items  • Commercial hazardous waste • Construction waste/building debris • Explosives and ammunitions (including fireworks and flares) • Propane tanks/gas cylinders • Infectious or biological waste • Medications and syringes • Radioactive materials • Regular household trash/recycling • Bulky items (including furniture, carpeting, etc.) • Mattresses How do I transport/handle materials? • Any materials not in original containers must be labeled • DO NOT mix different materials in the same container • Waste will only be accepted from pickup truck beds, trunks, and backs of SUVs • If walking/biking to the event, please ensure container lids are tightly secured and in sturdy bags/boxes • Containers will not be returned; this includes but is not limited to gas containers and storage totes • Residents may not exit their vehicles • Vehicles must be in park and engines must be shut off while unloading  Unsure if your materials are hazardous?  Visit www.mass.gov/hazardous-waste-management and click on "Safely Manage Household Hazardous Products" to find more information. *WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE UNIDENTIFIED MATERIALS AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE* Latex/Water-Based Paint Collection Days Saturday, September 19 & October 17 at 21 James Street, Medford Maximum 5 gallons

Residents will have the opportunity to properly dispose of common household hazardous items, such as oil-based paints, lawn/garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, gasoline/kerosene/diesel fuels and oil, household cleaners and more for a fee, payable by check or exact cash. This event has been made possible in part by grant funding through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

For a full list of items that will be accepted and tips on how to safely transport your materials to the disposal event, [visit the DPW's page here.](#)

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Date: Saturday, September 12

Location: Andrews Middle School

Invasive Plant Walk - Japanese Knotweed



Japanese Knotweed

Invasive Plant Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

Japanese knotweed (*Lat. Fallopia japonica*) is native to eastern Asia and was introduced to North America as a horticultural plant in the late 19th century. Typically found on roadsides, drainage ditches, and along rivers, including the Mystic River. It forms dense thickets of bamboo-like vegetation that aggressively outcompete native plants and negatively impacts wetland and shore edges.

WHY IS IT BAD?

Japanese Knotweed creates a thick stand of plants that prevents native wildflowers and young trees from growing. This limits the availability of food for insects and animals. It also blocks physical access to forests and waterways, disrupting our enjoyment.

DISTRIBUTION & SPREAD

This invasive species spreads in two ways: by rhizomes underground and by growing new plants from any parts of the plant that have been disturbed.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- Knotweed displaces native plantings, endangering local biodiversity
- Knotweed is a highly destructive plant, invading residential foundations, driveways, roadways, and public infrastructure
- Labor-intensive and lengthy removal process.



To learn more about invasives in Medford, scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/02155invasives>

CONTROL METHODS

HERBICIDE METHOD

- Allow the knotweed to grow in the spring without doing any type of management until the **first week in June**.
- Cut the knotweed at the base as close to the ground as possible during the first week of June.
- **Pile the cut stems on an impervious surface** such as a tarp, plastic, pavement, etc., so they can dry out.
- Allow the remaining knotweed to resprout.
- Apply a **3-to-5% solution of a glyphosate-based herbicide, such as Roundup**. Apply to thoroughly wet all foliage, but not to the point of runoff.
- If re-sprouting occurs the following year, repeat the steps above.
- The treatment window starts in mid-August or when the plant begins to flower and lasts until the leaves and stalks of the plants die and begin to dry out after a frost, typically by early October in Medford.

NON-HERBICIDE METHOD

- Repeat cutting during the growing season to exhaust the root system.
- This method needs to be **continued for 3-4 years for complete removal**.

POST TREATMENT

ABOVE-GROUND PLANT MATERIALS

- Plant canes/cuttings should be placed on asphalt, tarps, or heavy plastic, then covered to prevent the knotweed from blowing away.
- Smaller amounts can be placed in heavy-duty trash bags
- Keep plant materials bagged/covered for at least one month, to let the plant matter decompose.
- Once it is partially decomposed/slimy/brittle, it can be disposed of in your household trash or yard waste pickup - **don't dispose of fresh cuttings in your yard waste, as it will spread knotweed to new locations.**



ROOTS AND RHIZOMES

Roots/below-ground materials take longer to dry out or decompose; it's recommended to bag roots and rhizomes and dispose of in household trash.

Example of rhizome



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Join Dan Bender of Wilderscape and Kim DeAndrade for an informative walk and talk focused on Japanese Knotweed, an invasive plant that can be harmful to local ecosystems.

Learn how to identify Japanese Knotweed, understand its impact, and safely dispose of it. Come ready to explore, learn, and ask questions!

Time: 11:00 am

Date: Sunday, September 27

Location: Medford High School

Mystic River Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, Sept 26
(rain date 9/27)

12-4 PM
Condon Shell

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Mystic River Celebration
LIVE MUSIC, ART, & FOOD

A free one-day arts festival at the Condon Shell along the Mystic River featuring music, art vendors, activities, and more.

Time: 12:00 pm

Date: Saturday, September 26

Location: Condon Shell

Medford Free Flea Market



OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES!
Bring your unwanted items
and donations!

**Grab things you didn't
know you needed!**

Perfect if you just decorating your
first apartment, or want to spruce
up your space!

**Saturday,
September 12, 2026
from 12pm - 6pm**
Location: Tufts Interfaith Center
(58 Winthrop St. across from
Breed Memorial Hall)

Scan to access our
Resource Guide for
more information!



Scan me

Or visit us at
<https://bit.ly/freeflea2026>



Brought to you by:
Tufts University & Zero Waste Medford



Tufts University and the Zero Waste Medford are excited to announce our upcoming Medford Free Flea Market, a sustainable item "swap" where Tufts students and Medford residents can share their unwanted items. All items are free: the goal is to reduce consumption, promote sustainable practices, and to share resources within our community.

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, September 12

Location: Tufts Interfaith Center, 58 Winthrop Street

[Click here for more information.](#)

Reduce Your Waste This Summer!

Join over 8,800 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.

In 2025, 11,976 pounds of textiles were collected by Helpsy through its home pickup program.

Helpsy partners with municipalities like Medford and other organizations to collect and recycle unwanted clothing/textiles in order to keep clothes out of landfills. Schedule your free and easy clothing pickup here: helpsy.co/medfordma.



Leaf Blower Ordinance

Reminder that Medford's leaf blower ordinance limits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers to reduce noise and improve air quality. Electric and battery-powered blowers are allowed during designated hours. Gas-powered leaf blowers are not permitted for regular landscape maintenance, while electric and battery-powered blowers are allowed during designated hours.

Residents and contractors are encouraged to review the rules and use approved equipment.

Learn more on the City's website here.

Stay in the Know!



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 newsletter contains information on events, library hours, and more! The newsletter is available to view online. You can sign up to receive it directly in your inbox 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.

HOLIDAYS

- **September 7:** City Hall Closed - Labor Day
- **October 12:** City Hall Closed - Indigenous People Day/Columbus Day

EVENTS

September 12

MEETINGS

September 8

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

September 10

- 9:00am: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- 12:00pm: Medford Free Flea Market
- 1:00pm: Recovery Fest

September 19

- All day: Tufts Park Mini-Forest-Planting Weekend

September 22

- 6:00pm: Housing Resource Fair

September 25

- 3:00pm: Run Medford Kids Fun Run

September 26

- 7:45am: Run Medford
- 12:00pm: Mystic River Celebration

September 27

- 11:00am: Invasive Plant Walk - Japanese Knotweed

September 29

- 9:30am: Community Care Van Clinics

October 3

- Oktoberfest

October 4

- Citywide Yard Sale and Lemonade Stand

- 6:00pm: Historic District Commission Meeting

September 14

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

September 15

- 7:00pm: City Council Meeting

September 16

- 6:30pm: Climate Equity Council Meeting
- 6:30pm: Community Development Board Meeting

September 23

- 7:00pm: Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting
- 7:00pm: City Council Neighborhood Ward 1 Meeting

September 24

- 6:30pm: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

September 29

- 7:00pm: City Council Meeting

September 30

- 5:30pm: Community Meeting On The Clean Energy Transformation

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:

- Youth Services Page
- Youth Services Page
- Building Commissioner
- Youth Services Librarian
- Tree Warden
- Zamboni Driver/Rink Supervisor
- Director of Human Resources
- Election Workers
- Parking Control Specialist
- PW14 MEO Mechanic/Welder
- Building Commissioner
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- PW10 MEO III Maintenance Craftsperson & Laborer
- CDBG and Grants Manager

Other/Ongoing Positions:

- Police Officers and Firefighters
- Female Detention Attendant/Police Matron Application

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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