



January 8, 2026

Message from the Mayor:



Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. It was a busy December here at City Hall - we collected a record number of gifts for the Wonderfund, held a community meeting on the Medford High School Building Project, announced our latest round of Project: Pop-Up Medford, won a GFOA award for our FY26 municipal budget, and much more.

Here are some recent highlights:

- A Community Forum on the Medford High School Building Project was held on January 7. You can watch a [recording of the meeting here](#) and find more [information on the project here](#).
- Our latest retail location for Project: Pop-Up Medford opened at 348 Boston Avenue near Tufts University. Stop by now through February to support some great local businesses and entrepreneurs!
- The Fiscal Year 2026 municipal budget received a “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This marks our second consecutive year receiving the award and third total year.
- Please check the city calendar at [medfordma.org/events](#) and the school calendar at [www.mps02155.org/about/events-calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information on upcoming meetings and events.

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!

2026 Inauguration



On January 4, I had the privilege to once again be sworn in as Mayor. I promise that I do not take this honor lightly and the team in the City will continue to do everything we can to make sure Medford thrives.

Congratulations to new office holders, School Committee members Michael Mastrobuoni and Jessica Parks, as well as new City Councilor Liz Mullane. And congratulations to all those re-elected!

Thank you to everyone involved who made the night so memorable, especially our emcee and Recovery Coach Chris Summa, Rabbi Jessica Dell'Era for giving the invocation, Medford Scouts, Medford Police Honor Guard, our Poet Laureate Max Heinegg, Laura Duggan, and vocalist Stacie Clayton.

Thank you to School Committee member Jenny Graham, Councilor Zac Bears, and Congresswoman Katherine Clark for giving remarks.

If you missed the event, it's available to stream on Medford Community Community [here](#).

Wonderfund Gift Donations



Medford, you are incredible! Thanks to your generosity, we had by far the most gifts for DCF kids since I've been Mayor.

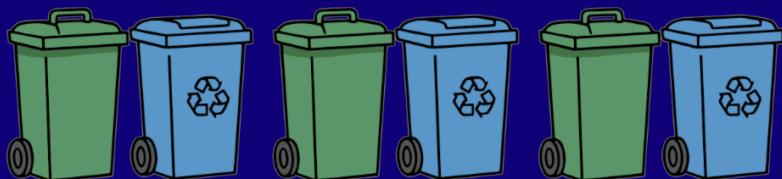
I'm amazed at how special our community is and how we come together to support people in need.

It took about half a morning, but we loaded the truck with all these presents and they're on their way to bring some joy to deserving children this holiday season.

Thank you to Erin Murphy Rafferty, Lauren Baker, the staff at Wonderfund MA, and our DPW for loading all these presents. And of course, a huge thank you to all the generous people in and around Medford who donated this year.



Waste Collection Public Meeting #2



**Wednesday, January 28
6:00pm**

**📍 City Hall, Howard Alden Memorial Chambers
85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford**

Zoom option available: medfordma.org/events



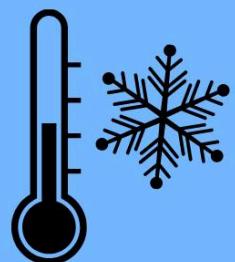
**Join us for a presentation on changes to our
waste collection and disposal system**

We want to hear from you about upcoming changes to our waste collection system. City officials and waste consultants are hosting a second community meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 6pm in the City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. You can find meeting information at medfordma.org/events.

There will be a presentation on the changes and you can hear from City staff.

Cold Weather Safety

COLD WEATHER INFO & SAFETY TIPS



medfordma.org/cold

Cold weather is upon us! Check out our winter safety tips to keep yourself and your loved ones safe this winter.

Stay inside as much as possible, dress in layers, and check in on friends and neighbors who may need extra assistance. For more tips, visit medfordma.org/cold.

Donation Locations

LOOKING FOR PLACES TO **DONATE UNWANTED ITEMS?**



Donating clothes and other household items is a sustainable way to reduce your household waste.

- **Secondhand stores like Savers or Goodwill**
 - Accepted items: clothing, shoes, household items, small furniture
 - Where to donate: in-store or a nearby donation bin
 - Visit savers.com or goodwill.org for more info and locations
- **Medford Family Network**
 - Accepted items: toiletries, clothing, toys
 - Where to donate: MFN Family Center, 489 Winthrop St., Medford
 - Visit medfordfamilynetwork.org for more info
- **Big Brother Big Sister donation box at City Hall**
 - Accepted items: clothing, small household items, books, small toys, art/collectibles
 - Where to donate: 85 George P. Hassett Dr., Medford - rear parking lot
- **Big Brother Big Sister Foundation free pickups**
 - Accepted items: clothing, shoes, household items, sports equipment, toys, and books
 - How to donate: visit www.bbbsfoundation.org
- **Everything is Free Medford**
 - How it works: join the Facebook group and post a picture and description of what you are gifting or seeking
 - Join at www.facebook.com/groups/BuyNothingMedfordMA/
- **Baystate Textiles donation boxes**
 - Accepted items: clothing, shoes, linens
 - Where to donate: boxes at Medford High, McGlynn, Roberts, Brooks, Missituk schools
 - Visit www.baystatetextiles.com for more info
- **Vietnam Veterans of America free pickups**
 - Accepted items: household goods, clothing, electronics
 - How to donate: schedule a free pickup through pickupplease.org or call 1-888-518-VETS (8387)
- **Cradles to Crayons**
 - Accepted items: children's clothing, school supplies, winter coats, hygiene items
 - Where to donate: bin in rear lot of Temple Shalom, 475 Winthrop St., Medford
 - Visit www.cradlestocrayons.org for more info



For more ideas, visit <https://medfordenergy.org/gogreen/take-action/reduce-and-reuse-guide/>

Looking for places to donate unwanted items? Donating clothes and other household items is a sustainable way to reduce household waste!

Check out the list below for some local suggestions. The list is available as a PDF here: <https://resources.finalsuite.net/images/v1765904032/medfordmaorg/flndtc0ksro5ej4l912t/DonationLocations.pdf>

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Creating Housing Options for Veterans



Many of our veterans experience housing instability when transitioning from the armed forces to civilian life. However, through a joint partnership between my office, our Veterans' Services Office, American Legion Post 45, and Suffolk Construction, we're taking a major step toward creating a path toward meaningful housing options for our service-members by turning the Legion site into transitional housing with multiple units.

Suffolk Construction has generously agreed to fund a feasibility study for the development of this project at 321 Winthrop Street. Suffolk also agreed to fund \$15,000 worth of upgrades to the facility. This project was part of a Community Fund grant application, with the City funding the remaining \$10,000.

We recently toured the building to get a better sense of the project and plan out the next steps.

Thank you to Community Fund Committee member and Suffolk Construction staff member Erin Murphy Rafferty for helping coordinate this project with her team, Bobby Miller and the team at the American Legion, and our Veterans' Services Director Veronica Shaw, along with my office.

Recent News

Medford Receives “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” for Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget

The City has received its third “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Fiscal Year 2026 municipal budget, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The Finance and Communications departments compiled the application materials and submitted the FY26 budget for consideration in September 2025, and the GFOA awards were announced in December 2025. The City had previously won the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2021 and 2025 budgets.

“I am so proud of our team for securing this prestigious award for the

City Enters into Three Year Agreement with Ambulance Provider Cataldo Ambulance Service

The City of Medford has entered into a three-year contract agreement with ambulance provider Cataldo Ambulance Service. Cataldo will be providing all basic and advanced lifesaving ambulance emergency response coverage for the City beginning at 7 a.m. on January 19.

In addition to providing life and safety support, Cataldo will work in collaboration with the City to establish a Behavioral Support Unit to assist with mental health and substance use emergency calls. Cataldo will also provide 21 new Automated External Defibrillators to the Fire Department and six to the Medford Public Schools.

second year in a row," Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn said. "This recognition from the GFOA shows that our financial policies and procedures are putting the City and its taxpayers on sound fiscal footing and ensuring that we are well positioned for the future."

According to the GFOA, the award "represents a significant achievement" by a municipality that "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

[Read more here.](#)

Medford Seeks Applicants to Serve on Water/Sewer Commission

The City of Medford is looking for candidates to apply to serve on the Water/Sewer Commission. There are currently two openings on the commission, and both positions come with a yearly stipend of \$950.

The Water and Sewer Commission works with internal City departments and the public to serve the City of Medford. The Commission plays an intricate role in establishing the yearly water and sewer rates, enforcing the water and sewer regulations, and working with the public to find a solution to any water and sewer billing issues that they may encounter.

[Read more and apply here.](#)

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Medford Announces Latest Addition of its Retail Pop-Up Incubator Program

The latest retail location from the *Project: Pop-Up Medford* program, opened at 348 Boston Avenue near Tufts University on December 1, 2025. UpNext, Tufts University and the City of Medford are collaborating to support local entrepreneurs by providing access to retail space to test their business ventures and foster a vibrant retail district.

Participating entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to pilot their products in a brick-and-mortar setting in a rent-free space and have access to business development resources aimed at helping them succeed in a retail environment. The pop-up retail shop will run from December 2025 through February 2026.

[Read 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



Vincent Maganzini

781-858-0549

Tufts to Main St. South Medford area

Neal McCloskey

781-827-1581

99 or 121 Riverside Ave only



Marcel Sharpe

781-866-3228

North Medford Heights

Marcus de Brito

617-852-1677

Bowen Ave/Mystic Ave area

Tara Kelly

508-309-8815

Manning St/College Ave/Barry Park

Andre Hamilton (college student)

617-755-8277

North Medford Fulton St



Fouad Eldeeb (student)

857-208-3781

Park St/Central Ave/Salem St

Kyle Lau (student)

781-658-0276

North Medford/Waddell St area

Virginia Valdez-Melgar

781-420-0724

East Medford/Haines Square

Lambert St/Salem St/Dempseys

Lucas Lee (student)

617-909-9754

East Medford/Governors Ave



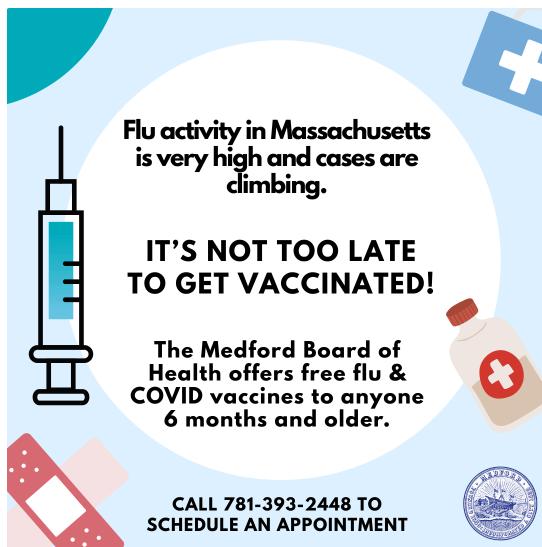
Date of publication: 12/26/2025 We will update the list throughout the season.
Contact Pam Kelly, Director of Elder Affairs, to be added or removed from the list at pkelly@medford-ma.gov, or if you have any corrections that need to be made.

If you are in need of assistance with shoveling snow this winter, you can 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](#).

Stay Healthy - Get Your Flu Shot!



THE FOLLOWING EVERYDAY MEASURES CAN HELP PREVENT ILLNESS:

- STAY UP TO DATE ON FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
- WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY WITH SOAP AND WATER
- STAY HOME WHEN SICK
- COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES
- CONSIDER WEARING A MASK IN CROWDED INDOOR SETTINGS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS AT HIGHER RISK



Flu activity in Massachusetts is very high and cases continue to climb. The Medford Board of Health offers free flu and COVID vaccines to anyone ages 6 months and older.

It's not too late to get vaccinated - call 781-393-2448 to schedule an appointment!

The Board of Health also offers homebound vaccines for residents who may have trouble leaving the house.

Park Project Updates



- Construction is underway at **Logan Park**! The City is working with designer CBA and contractor Belko to install a natural play area next to the playground. Seating and play features will be made from 'found/natural materials' such as logs, stumps, and repurposed granite stone slabs. This project is funded with CPA funds.
- The City has awarded a contract to JJ Phelan and designer IMEG Corp to complete work at **Riverside Plaza** starting this April. The work will be finished by June 2026. The project involves installing a shade canopy, umbrellas, and a water fountain in the plaza area. A low, accessible deck will be installed under the existing mature trees to protect the tree roots and offer an accessible place to sit and take advantage of the shade in the summer. This project is made possible with PARC and CPA funding.
- Last year, a storm caused a tree branch to fall and damage a net climber at **Magoun Park**. A portion of the play equipment, safety surfacing, and footing will need to be replaced and tested prior to being safe to use again. The play piece has been marked off with caution tape - please help us keep everyone safe and refrain from using the climber until it has been fixed. The City is working on understanding the costs and scope of work in order to hire a contractor to perform the replacement work.

- The City was awarded a state earmark, with the support of Representative Christine Barber, to fund design services for **Tufts Playground**. More information will be shared soon about how you can get involved! You can reach out to the Office of Planning, Development, & Sustainability with your questions or interest: 781-393-2480 or ocd@medford-ma.gov.

More December News & Events



Huge congratulations to our two Medford Mustang Pop Warner Cheer teams for qualifying for Nationals!

Junior Varsity Level 1 and Junior Pee Wee Level 1 headed down to Charlotte, NC to compete. JV took home 3rd place and Pee Wee 5th place!

This is the first time in over a decade we've had two teams qualify! Amazing job by the student athletes and Varsity Coach Courtney O'Connell and Pee Wee coach Kimmy Gianino!



So proud to cut the ribbon on the newest affordable housing development in Medford at 703 Fellsway W.

Three newly renovated units will hit the market and it's all possible thanks to funding partners Eastern Bank, North Suburban HOME Consortium, the Community Preservation Committee and the Affordable Housing Trust!

Thank you to all our partners and Medford Community Housing for getting this project done!



I was lucky enough to get a quick private holiday concert from the Medford High School Orchestra!

This amazing group also went live at the beginning of a recent School Committee meeting.

Had a wonderful time at the Governor and Lt Governor's Holiday reception reflecting on this past year with my fellow municipal leaders and strengthening our partnerships.

Thank you to Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll for bringing us together to share ideas on how to improve our communities and continue to build on our shared goals in 2026!



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!

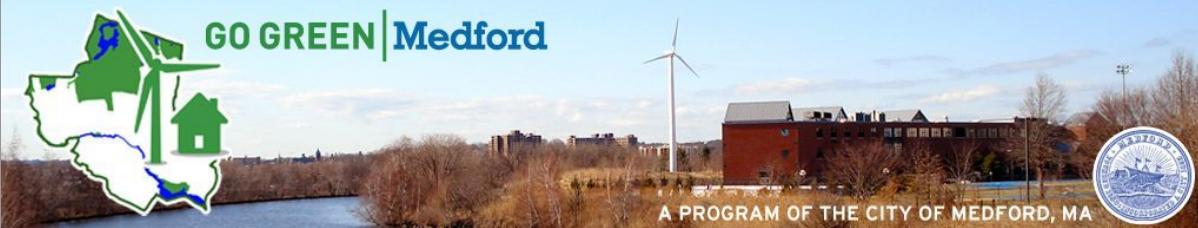
Sign up for City alerts at medfordma.org/alerts to stay updated on all the latest news from the City.

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](#).



A PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD, MA

[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/

Leaf Blower Ordinance Reminder

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](#).

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

- **January 19:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Hall closed
- **January 28:** Waste Collection Public Meeting #2

MEETINGS

January 12

- 7:00pm: Historical Commission Meeting

January 13

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

January 20

- 5:00pm: Traffic Commission Meeting

January 21

- 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
- Water Quality Control Coordinator
- Civil Project Manager
- Director of Economic Development
- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Human Resources Administrator
- Head Clerk (Planning, Development and Sustainability)
- Part-time Principal Clerk (Collector/Treasurer)
- Regional Prevention Strategist (Board of Health - Outreach and Prevention)

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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