



February 9, 2026

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

We are well into the bitterly cold winter weather, so I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. Despite the lack of warmer weather, City Hall has been busy over the last month preparing for and cleaning up the snow, celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, mailing out the 2026 census, hosting a community meeting on waste pickup, and more. Looking into February, please mark your calendars for our Black History Month celebration on 2/16, a Medford Square zoning meeting on 2/19, and a Lunar New Year celebration on 2/28.

Here are some recent highlights:

- We held the second community meeting regarding waste pickup on January 28. You can watch a recording of the meeting [here](#) and find more information on the program [here](#).
- The 2026 census has been mailed out to all households in Medford. Please review your information, sign it, and return it to the Election Commission office at City Hall or leave it in the blue drop box next to City Hall. More info can be found [here](#).
- Organizations can submit proposals now through March 2 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Fiscal Year 2027! Funding will be for programs that provide public services to low- and moderate-income Medford residents, including underserved and at-risk populations. Learn more [here](#).

Also, a reminder to 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!

Continuing Snow Removal Efforts



We had a historic snowstorm recently and our DPW has been working around the clock to ensure our streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and pathways are safe and accessible.

Over the past few days, the DPW has completed snow removal operations on Winthrop Street, Medford Square, Haines Square, South Medford, West Medford Square and bus stops in Medford Heights, as well as working through resident concerns at intersection corners and widening streets.

As a reminder, snow removal/street widening has been ongoing since the storm ended. During a snowstorm crews focus on clearing main roads, side roads and sidewalks so they are passable. Once the storm is over, they then move on to:

- School parking lots
- School drop off areas
- City parking lots
- Other City buildings
- Business lots
- Intersection corners
- School bus stops
- MBTA bus stops

Reminder that shoveling sidewalks in front of homes and businesses is the responsibility of the property owner. Failing to clear the sidewalk in front of your property may result in a fine from the City. Also, please note that parking space savers are prohibited on public ways in Medford and the DPW will be removing items as they see them.

Statement on Recent ICE Operations

With the help of the MAPC, Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang and I released the below statement as Co-Chairs of the Metro Mayors Coalition:

The Metro Mayors Coalition decries the ICE occupation of Minneapolis and Portland. This is not a targeted immigration enforcement action, but instead resembles a militarized invasion of masked and armed federal agents intended to create fear and intimidation.

ICE is racially profiling our communities, detaining legal residents and U.S. citizens, and using excessive force against civilians. Two U.S. citizens have been killed and many more have been injured. Parents are keeping their children home from school, worshippers are staying home from their religious community, and families are missing doctor's appointments and work for fear of being forcibly taken. Community trust is breaking and public safety is being jeopardized. These unconstitutional and unnecessary actions increase tensions and make us less safe.

An occupying force does not belong in our communities or anywhere in the United States of America. We demand an immediate end to ICE actions and call for full respect for the Constitution, civil liberties, and public safety.

Celebration of Black History Month



Happy Black History Month! Save the date for our annual Black History Month celebration on February 16 from 11am-1:30pm at City Hall. This year's theme is Celebrating a Century of Black History Commemorations.

Medford Square Zoning Meeting



Medford Square Zoning Meeting



Thursday,
February 19
1pm



Medford
Senior Center,
101 Riverside
Ave

**Come with questions and hear from
zoning consultants, City staff, and
City Councilors!**

**More information on the zoning project:
www.medfordma.org/zoning**

Join us for a public meeting about the Medford Square zoning project on Thursday, February 19 at 1pm at the Medford Senior Center. Come with any questions and hear from zoning consultants, City staff, and City Councilors.

If you can't make this meeting, the project team is working to finalize more dates. More information on the zoning project can be found at www.medfordma.org/zoning.

Project: Pop-Up is Open!



Officially cut the ribbon on the latest storefront participating in our Project Pop-Up program!

Through a joint collaboration with Tufts University Community Relations and UpNext, a vacant storefront at 348 Boston Avenue is now proudly showcasing merchandise from local vendors The Elephant In The Room Gear, Rita's Collage Art and Alix Fuerst Art.

Congratulations to these local entrepreneurs and be sure to stop by the store to browse some of the amazing items!

Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for ways to get involved in your community? The Medford Office of Prevention and Outreach offers opportunities to give back.

TEACHING ENGLISH TO NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS:

Our Medford Connects program for teaching English to adults is a highly valued service. Volunteers are needed to help with assisting in classes, teaching, leading conversation sessions for more advanced learners, tutoring individuals, developing materials to be used in classes, and administrative items such as registration and communication. Scheduling is flexible. Contact Karrie Peterson at kpetserson@medford-ma.gov.

'ARE YOU OK' PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS:

The 'Are You OK' program offers friendship and connection through phone calls to socially isolated seniors and persons with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to make these calls on a weekly basis. Contact June Mackenzie at jmackenzie@medford-ma.gov.

FOOD SECURITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteers are needed to deliver food to homebound residents and/or to conduct assessments of mini pantries. Contact Hala Fay at hfay@medford-ma.gov.

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF OUTREACH & PREVENTION AT 781-475-5976 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MEDFORDMA.ORG/OPO

Looking for a meaningful way to give back and get involved in your community? The City's Office of Prevention & Outreach is looking for volunteers for several opportunities through our Medford Connects programs!

- Teaching English to non-native speakers: contact Karrie Peterson at kpetserson@medford-ma.gov
- 'Are You OK' program volunteers: contact June Mackenzie at jmackenzie@medford-ma.gov
- Food security volunteer opportunities: contact Hala Fay at hfay@medford-ma.gov

Recent News

Smart Meters

In late February/early March, National Grid will be replacing Medford's electric meters with new smart meters. You should have already received a

City Investing Over \$2.4 Million in Park Renovations and Upgrades this Year

letter in the mail about this, and will be receiving more information as the date approaches. To see all communications (including translated versions), visit nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Smart-Meters/Customer-Communications.

Most people's meters are located outside, and National Grid can replace them without help from the resident, although they will knock on your door to notify you that they are doing this. If they can't reach your meter, they will need you to give them access to it. If someone comes to your door claiming to be from National Grid, always ask to see their identification badge.

If you have questions, visit National Grid's website at ngrid.com/smartmeter or contact National Grid customer service at 800-322-3223.

Reminder to Fill Out and Return Census to Remain an Active Voter

The 2026 Annual City Street Listing/Census has been mailed to all households in Medford and the City is urging residents to fill out the form and return it to City Hall. Please review the instructions on your form, sign it, and return to the Election Commission by mail at 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford MA 02155 or leave it in the blue drop box outside City Hall.

Your response to the annual census helps the Election Commission keep the voter list accurate and up to date, as well as keeps your voter status "active" for elections.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford to Participate in the 2026 Point in Time Count

The City held the 2026 Point in Time count on Wednesday, January 28, beginning late in the evening and continuing through the night until all areas were counted.



The City of Medford is undertaking over \$2.4 million in park renovation projects, with several slated for completion this construction season, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn.

Construction is underway for the **Logan Park** nature play area, with completion expected in late spring. The project adds natural play features and seating made from repurposed wood and stone, including log balance beams, stump steppers, and a log stair climber.

A complete list of ongoing and completed parks projects is [available here](#).

Public Notice: CDBG Public Services Program

**City of Medford
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Public Services Grant Program
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Deadline: 4 pm Monday, March 2, 2026

What is CDBG?
CDBG is a federal grant program. It provides funding for cities to address the reasons and results of poverty. The City of Medford provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations that provide services to low- and moderate-income Medford residents.

What is a Public Service Program?
A program offered by a nonprofit organization that directly benefits low- and moderate-income Medford residents such as:

- Homelessness prevention
- Transportation for older adults and adults with disabilities
- Food security programs
- Workforce education
- Other programs serving underserved low income populations in Medford

Application details at www.medfordma.org/CDBG

Questions? Contact Laurel Siegel, Medford CDBG & Grants Manager
781-393-2480 lsiegel@medford-ma.gov

For assistance for non-English speakers please call the Medford Multilingual Resource Line at 781-475-5644 and select a preferred language from the menu to leave a voicemail in your native language.



The City of Medford's Office of Planning, Development, & Sustainability invites proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public services programs for the City's 2027 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2026 to June 30 2027). Funding will

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continuums of Care (CoCs) to conduct a Point in Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness at least every other year. This count helps with understanding homelessness in the community, guiding critical funding and services to those who need it.

Read more [here](#).

be for programs that provide new or expanded public services to low- and moderate-income Medford residents, including underserved and at-risk populations.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026.

For full details on this Request for Proposals, including a link to the application form, click [here](#).

Learn more [here](#).

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Thank you to the West Medford Community Center and Tufts University Community Relations for hosting the Martin Luther King, Jr celebration at Tufts University.

Congratulations to 2026 Drum Major Award winners Clarence "Ed" Ligon (posthumously) for Civic Engagement, Adele Travisano for Arts & Culture, Stacie Clayton for Faith in Action and Gwendolyn Lee for Legacy.

It was an honor to be in attendance and I'm grateful for all the work the West Medford Community Center does to support the ideas and vision of Dr. King.

Bistro 489



If you haven't grabbed a bite to eat yet at Bistro 489, this is your reminder to do that soon! The food is delicious, the staff is fantastic and the setting is beautiful.

I had bacon and eggs, gluten and dairy free of course, and they were cooked perfectly. Then had a chance to tour the kitchen and meet some of the student chefs.

This truly is a hidden gem restaurant in Medford so next time you're near the High School, come check it out!

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Friday from 8:15-12:45.

Warming Centers



WARMING CENTERS

Medford Police Department Community Room

100 Main St - open 24 hours

Medford Senior Center

101 Riverside Ave - 9am-4pm (Monday-Friday)

Medford Public Library

111 High St - 9am-9pm (Monday-Thursday),
9am-6pm (Friday), 9am-5pm (Saturday)

MEDFORDMA.ORG/COLD

It's been a cold few weeks! Reminder that if you're in need of a warm space, the following locations are designated warming centers in Medford:

- Medford Police Department Community Room (100 Main Street): Open 24/7
- Medford Senior Center (101 Riverside Avenue): Open Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm
- Medford Public Library (111 High Street): Open 9am-9pm Monday through Thursday, 9am-6pm Friday, and 9am-5pm Saturday

For more information on cold weather safety, visit medfordma.org/cold.

More January Events



I was thrilled to be able to meet with Cub Scout Pack 416 and help them earn their citizenship badge!

So many great questions about how government and elections work, and why helping one another is so important for our community.

Thank you to leaders Brenna Heitzman and Adam Wilson for asking me to be a part of this important lesson.

Big win for our boys varsity basketball team against Somerville in the Tufts Winter Classic!

Our girls team came up a little short but gave a great effort!

So proud of all of our student athletes and thank you to Tufts University for hosting and inviting me.

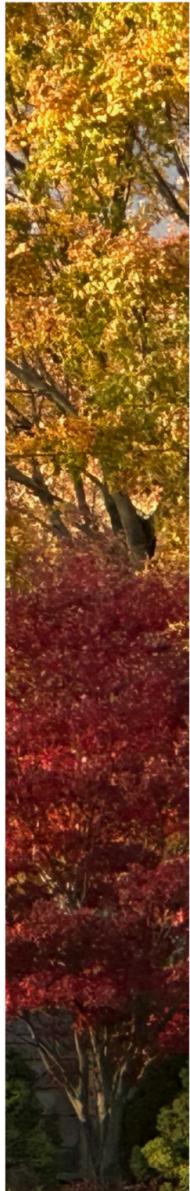


It was a great evening at the State House listening to our Governor Maura Healey deliver her State of the Commonwealth address with my fellow Mayors, Town Managers, and our Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll!

Thank you for outlining how strong our state is and all the work you both are doing on so many important issues such as housing, energy and health care costs, arts and culture, education, protecting all of our residents, veterans and seniors, and so much more.

Keep up the good work!

Free Trees from TreesMedford



Free Tree

TreesMedford (a local nonprofit) is once again providing free trees for the hottest areas of Medford. Free trees are available to residents in areas south of Salem St. and the Mystic River including Hillside, Glenwood, South Medford, and Wellington. This year TreesMedford is opening the process to enable people in **all neighborhoods** to get a tree and planting supplies from us at wholesale cost (\$150).

To request a tree for your yard, click [here](#), use the QR code, or by type in <https://www.treesmedford.org/gettree>



The 7-10' high saplings of native shade trees varieties will have a good head start on growing into a healthy tree in your yard. Best selection if ordered by **March 1st, 2026**.

If you want a tree for the grass strip in front of your home, or want the City of Medford to plant a tree for you in your yard near the sidewalk, contact the [City of Medford tree warden](#) and go to [See Click Fix](#) to request a tree.



TreesMedford is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the tree canopy for the wellbeing of Medford residents. Your donations help provide a free tree to cool the hottest areas of Medford.

TreesMedford is once again providing free trees for the hottest areas of Medford this spring!

You are eligible if:

1. If you are a renter, you have your landlord's permission.
2. You will place the tree on your property, and not on the grass strip by the road. (The City of Medford provides trees for the grass strip.)
3. You agree to water the tree consistently during dry periods (at least 12 gallons/week)
4. You have the space and sunlight for the tree to thrive.
5. You live in one of the following areas: south of Salem Street and the Mystic River, including Hillside, Glenwood, South Medford, and Wellington neighborhoods. (If you live outside of these area, you can purchase a tree at wholesale cost: \$150)

TreesMedford provides native trees of varying sizes and shapes so you can select the right tree for your yard. Best selection of trees is available if ordered by March 1, 2026!

Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.treesmedford.org/gettree>.

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

- **February 16:** Presidents' Day - City Hall closed
- **February 16:** Celebrating a Century of Black History Commemorations
- **February 28:** Lunar New Year Celebration

MEETINGS

February 9

- 7:00pm: Historical Commission Meeting

February 10

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

February 11

- 6:30pm: Climate Equity Council Meeting
- 6:30pm: Medford High School Building Committee Meeting

February 12

- 6:00pm: Historic District Commission 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
- PW10 MEO III Working Foreperson
- Assistant Transportation Engineer
- Water Quality Control Coordinator
- Civil Project Manager
- Director of Economic Development
- Project Manager (Engineering)
- PW 10.5/MEO II Watchperson

- Assistant City Engineer
- City Clerk
- Library Director

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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