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May 9, 2026

Message from the Mayor:



Hello Medford!

With spring comes one of the busiest times of the year, as we move through the City budget process, host a number of community events, start the construction season, and wrap up the school year. Recently, we've been working through our road and sidewalk repair schedule, hosted the Citywide Cleanup, secured a grant for fire safety equipment, named our new Library Director, and much more.

Here are a few highlights:

- We are using over \$3.5 million in federal and state funding to repair roads and sidewalks throughout the City using the 2026 Pavement and Sidewalk Evaluation Report. Learn more about locations [here](#).
- The City has secured a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant of almost \$35,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The money will be used to purchase [new radios for fire vehicles](#).
- Lastly, Sam Sednek has been promoted to Director of the Medford Public Library with the retirement of Barbara Kerr at the end of April. Sednek has been with the Library since 2013.

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!

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Citywide Cleanup



What an incredible show of support for the Citywide Cleanup on May 2! A record number of volunteers (over 400) across 23 locations came together to help clean up over three tons of trash and debris from all around our community!

Thank you to our ambassadors for leading their efforts, our DPW for hauling off the bags of trash and everyone who participated in making this annual event such a huge success!



Patriots' Day in Historic Medford Square





Patriots' Day is such a special holiday for our City as we all gather in Medford Square to recreate Paul Revere's iconic ride. I've been celebrating this reenactment for over 20 years and it truly never disappoints!

Thank you to the Islamic Cultural Center of Medford, Paul Revere Restaurant, our Veterans Services Director Veronica Shaw, our Department of Public Works and Medford Recreation, Medford Police Department, my fellow elected leaders who joined, our Director of Community Affairs Lisa Colaianni and the many participating businesses for helping make our Patriots' Day event so memorable.





Before the festivities, we officially unveiled the new Sarah Bradlee Fulton statue located right outside City Hall. This project would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of Laura Duggan and Looking Back at Medford History, as well as all the generous supporters who donated towards its creation.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton's legacy is one of patriotism, heroism, and integrity. I'm so proud that we're recognizing her enormous contributions to our City and that she'll stand right outside City Hall as a powerful reminder of her life.

Arab American Heritage Month



In April, we celebrated Arab American Heritage Month and I want to thank our City of Medford Community Engagement Team for planning a wonderful celebration of Arab heritage and culture.

It was so special to celebrate with such delicious food, vibrant henna art and traditional dances. I'm so glad our community got to enjoy it with me!

Director Kerr Retires After 42 Years



After 42 years at the Medford Public Library, with the last 10 years serving as Director, Barbara Kerr has retired.

Barbara has done so much for our city, guiding the library through many different iterations and eras. Her work overseeing the construction of the new facility on High Street, instituting countless new programming and resources, and publishing three Medford History books is truly unmatched.

Congratulations Barbara on all you've accomplished and your well deserved retirement.

Tufts Park Survey

**Share your thoughts about
Tufts Park!**

The City of Medford is working with two

The City of Medford is working with two design teams and wants to hear your ideas and priorities for improvements to Tufts Park!
Please share your input in one or both of the following ways:

Take the quick survey!

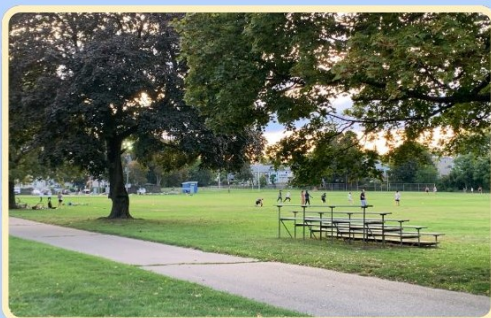


[www.tinyurl.com/
TuftsPark](https://www.tinyurl.com/TuftsPark)

Submit by
May 17th, 2026

Meet us in the Park!

Sunday, May 3rd: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday, May 5th: 4:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, May 6th: 4:30 - 7:30pm



The City is gathering initial ideas for changes to Medford's Tufts Park and we want to hear from you! Take our 3-5 minute survey before 5/17.

Survey and outreach details found here: <https://linktr.ee/TuftsPark>.

Upcoming Meetings

The Medford City Council and Community Development Board will be holding a joint public meeting on the Boston Ave proposed zoning updates on Wednesday, May 13 at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom. Meeting links will be available at medfordma.org/events.

On Monday, May 11, there will be Community Forum #4 regarding the Medford High School Building Project beginning at 6:30pm in the Medford High School Auditorium. Community members will have the opportunity to speak to the project team about the updated design options and learn about the progress being made on the project.

On Wednesday, May 13, there will be a second Abutters Meeting for High School Project abutters beginning at 6:30pm in the Medford High School Library. Project abutters will hear from the project team about how the updated design proposals and upcoming project work may affect them. Project materials will be shared on medfordhsproject.com following the meetings.

The next Medford High School Building Committee Meeting is on May 20 at 6:30pm. This

will be a hybrid meeting on Zoom and at Medford High School. Please attend this meeting to learn more about design options and associated costs. More information on the project is available at medfordhsproject.com.

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

Recent News

Medford Deploying Over \$3.5 Million in Federal and State Funding to Road and Sidewalk Repair Work this Spring

The City is deploying over \$3.5 million in federal and state funding to repair several roads and sidewalks throughout the City, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Using the 2026 Pavement and Sidewalk Evaluation Report, the Engineering Department has identified nine locations for extensive road and sidewalk repair work.

Additionally, per City policy, National Grid will be conducting road repaving work on 10 streets this spring construction season.

Read more [here](#).

City Names New Library Director

The City has named Sam Sednek as the new Director of the Medford Public Library as long time Library Director Barbara Kerr is retiring at the end of April, announced Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. Sednek has been with the Medford Public Library since 2013 and currently serves as Assistant Director.

Sednek graduated from Boston University in 2006 and served in the Peace Corps in Lesotho after graduation until 2008. She then received her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the

City Secures \$35K to Upgrade Fire Safety Equipment

The City has secured a Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant of almost \$35,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The funding will support improved communication and efficiency through the purchase of six new radios.

The upgraded radios will provide communications capability that is interoperable with the Medford Police Department and other regional mutual aid partners. Radios serve as the primary platform for resource coordination, dispatch communications, and Emergency Operations Center connectivity during routine and large-scale incidents. The six radios will be deployed on five frontline fire apparatus (fire trucks) and one command vehicle.

Learn more [here](#).

Medford Offering Discounted Rain Barrels for 2026 Season

The City of Medford is offering residents access to discounted rain barrels through its partner, The Great American Rain Barrel (TGARB) for 2026, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The barrels are being offered at \$85 for unpainted and \$89 for painted/colors. Orders had to be submitted by May 3 at midnight and can be picked up at the distribution event on Wednesday, May 13 from 5pm-7pm at Medford High School.

University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Before coming to Medford, Sam served as the Teen Services Librarian in Haverhill. She joined the Medford Public Library in 2013 as the Head of Children's Services and was promoted to Assistant Director in 2023.

Read more [here](#).

Registration Now Open for Annual Run Medford Road Race on September 25 & 26

Registration is now open for the annual Run Medford Road Race on September 25 and 26 hosted by the City of Medford and the Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation (DMFSF), Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced. The events will be held at the Hormel Stadium track on Friday, September 25 and at City Hall on Saturday, September 26.

Run Medford features Jerry's Run for all Ages 5K Race and 10K, named after Jerry Panarese, who was a member of the New England 65+ Runners Club. Jerry was the director of the Run of All Ages for 25 years. In addition to Jerry's Run, the event includes a kids' fun run, high school mile, celebrity mile, para mile, and more.

Learn more [here](#).

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Spring "Big Sweep" Started on April 21

The Medford Department of Public Works (DPW) has been conducting spring street sweeping over the course of the last few weeks, which began on Tuesday, April 21.

The full schedule and a list of all 14 zones can be found at www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping.

Read more [here](#).

City of Medford to Conduct Biannual Alcohol Compliance Checks to Promote Public Health and Safety

The City of Medford's Office of Prevention & Outreach, in collaboration with local law enforcement and the Medford Licensing Commission, will be conducting alcohol compliance checks twice per year at licensed establishments throughout the city.

These compliance checks are conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) and are designed to ensure that alcohol retailers are adhering to state laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to individuals under the age of 21.

Read more [here](#).

Save the Dates: Upcoming City Events



FLAG DAY!

Saturday, May 16, 2026
2:30pm - 6pm

Andrews Middle School
3000 Mystic Valley Pkwy, Medford

Join us for good food, drinks, performances, and much more!

If you need transportation, call Darline Raymond at 781-420-1704

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2:30pm - 6pm

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Vin jwenn nou pou bon manje, bwason, pèfòmans, ak anpil lòt bagay!

Si ou bezwen transpò, rele Darline Raymond nan 781-420-1704.

Help us celebrate Haitian Flag Day on May 16 from 2:30pm-6pm at the Andrews Middle School! Join us for good food, drinks, performances, and more.

If you need transportation, please call Darline Raymond, Haitian Creole Community Liaison, at 781-420-1704.

**COVID-19
VACCINE CLINIC**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
1-3pm

Medford Senior Center
101 Riverside Ave., Medford

A second COVID-19 dose is recommended 6 months after the last for adults 65+ and immunocompromised individuals.

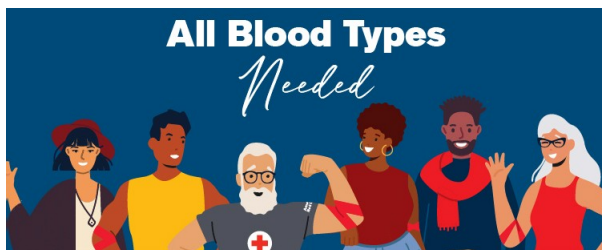
Pre-registration is required. Please scan the QR code or call 781-396-6010 to schedule an appointment.

Hosted by the Medford Board of Health



The Medford Board of Health is hosting a COVID vaccine clinic at the Medford Senior Center on Wednesday, May 20 from 1-3pm.

Pre-registration is required. To schedule your appointment, call 781-396-6010 or visit the [link here](#).




**All Blood Types
Needed**

**Medford Community
Blood Drive**

**Kindly Sponsored by Medford
Police Community Engagement**

Community Room
100 Main Street
Medford, MA 02155

**Friday, May 22, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



The Medford Police Community Engagement Unit is supporting an upcoming blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on May 22 from noon to 5pm in the MPD Community Room. To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "MEDFORD."



SAVE THE DATE:

**PRIDE
FLAG RAISING
& FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026
5:30pm - 8:00pm
Medford City Hall
85 George P. Hassett Dr., Medford**



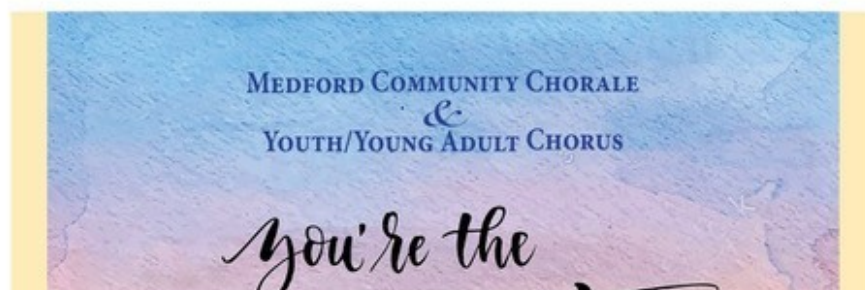
Our annual Pride Flag Raising and Festival will be on June 3 from 5:30pm-8pm at City Hall! As always, this will be a great evening with music, vendors, a pet parade/costume contest, and more.

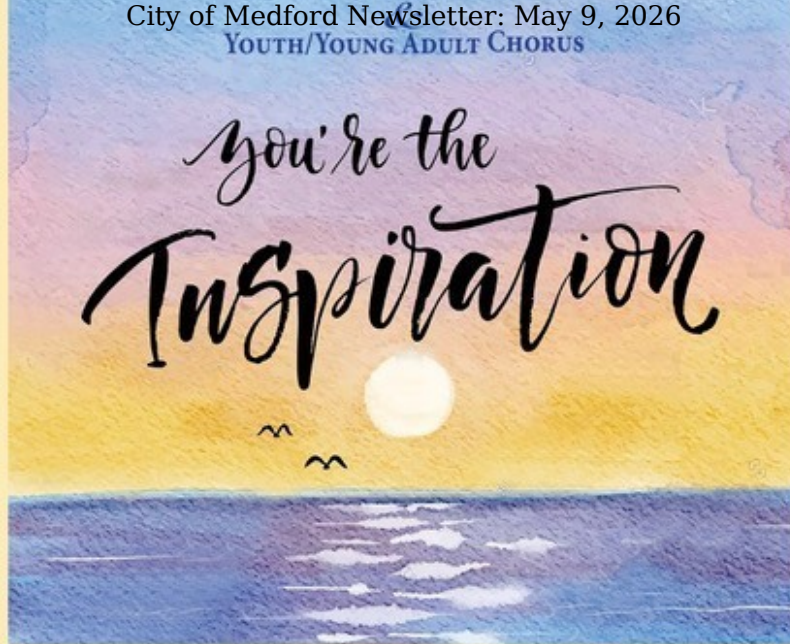


Run Medford 2026 is September 25 & 26 and registration is now open! This year will feature Jerry's Run for all Ages 5K & 10K races, kids' fun runs, the high school mile, and more.

Learn more and sign up at runmedford.com.

And Save the Dates for Community Partner Events





You're the Inspiration

*A varied program of songs about people, places
and things that inspire us...*

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 AT 7 PM
CARON THEATRE, MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOME

PLUS: GREAT RAFFLES!

**A portion of the proceeds from the concert program book will be donated to
The Medford Youth Center, whose curriculum ensures that children have a safe
environment in which to grow socially, physically, and cognitively.**

*The Medford Community Chorale, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is supported in part this season
by grants from the ArtsAlive Medford Foundation, the Bertram D Blaisdell INS Trust Grant, a City of Medford
Community Fund Grant and the Medford Arts Council, a local commission that is supported by
the Mass Cultural Council and the City of Medford*

**For more information, please contact Director, Betsy Pesce at
elizabethpesce@comcast.net or 617-335-8155**

The Medford Community Chorale & Youth/Young Adult Chorus Spring Concert to benefit The Medford Youth Center is "You're the Inspiration," featuring songs about people, places, and things that inspire us.

The show is TONIGHT, Friday, May 8 at 7pm in the Caron Theatre, Medford High School (489 Winthrop Street, Medford).



HOSTS AND ARTISTS REGISTER THRU MAY 15 at medfordporchfest.com

Medford Porchfest is back on June 26!

Artist and host registration is open NOW through May 15 at medfordporchfest.com!



The poster features a circular logo at the top left with the text "Medford Free Flea Market" and an illustration of a hand holding a coin. Below the logo, a starburst contains the event details: "OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES! Bring your unwanted items and donations!", "Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 10 AM - 2 PM", and "Location: Breed Memorial Hall (51 Winthrop Street, Medford)". To the right, there is a QR code with the text "Scan to access our Resource Guide for more information!" and "Scan me", followed by the URL "https://bit.ly/freeflea2026". Below the QR code are illustrations of various household items: a stack of colorful plates, a blender, a green mug, a yellow sofa, and a white chest of drawers. At the bottom, it says "Brought to you by: Tufts University & Zero Waste Medford" and includes logos for Tufts University, Tufts Student Life, and Tufts Residential Life and Learning.

Tufts and Zero Waste Medford are bringing back the Free Flea Market on Saturday, May 23 from 10am-2pm, with the central location at Breed Memorial Hall. This event is a sustainable swap, where Medford residents and Tufts students can share items they no longer need. All items are free! All are welcome to donate and shop.

Visit the [resource guide](#) for more information and registration/RSVP links.



This year's Medford Open Studios (MOS) is June 20, from 12pm-6pm and will provide a self-guided tour of artist studios and community spaces in Medford. [Learn more here.](#)

Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Updates



The Medford Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet at Bistro 489 and honored Medford Family Network's Marie Cassidy as the 2026 Citizen of the Year. Marie has done so much for children and families throughout Medford and I can't think of a more deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Marie!

The Chamber also celebrated COTY scholarship students Gabriella Calitri and Guilherme Martins for their volunteer contributions.

Thank you to Laura O'Neil for organizing another incredible event and to outgoing President Andrew Mather for his leadership of the organization. Best of luck to incoming President Natalie Breen!

Other April Events



The Mayor's Cup Regatta did not disappoint!



Congratulations to all 14 teams, especially our Medford Mustangs who took home so many medals I lost count!

May 1 was School Lunch Hero Day!

I went to the McGlynn to thank all of our heroes and get a taste of the intense work they all do serving five lunches in less than two hours. (I had to go rest after)

Thank you for all you do each day for our kiddos!



It's always so special to learn from our Kindergarten students at the Roberts Elementary School about their "Our Medford" projects. Each year, I write a letter to the students asking them to create models of projects that could improve our City and these kids never disappoint with their finished products!

There was such incredible creativity and imagination that went into each of these three-dimensional models that portray what the kids

want to see as construction projects in the City. Thank you for inviting me Ms. Alba and great job kiddos!

My favorite AATS MA therapy dog Lily stopped by City Hall with her Owner Paul McCaffrey ahead of National Therapy Animal Day.

Lily brings smiles to everyone she interacts with and does such an amazing job lifting spirits and bringing joy.

She's also a hit on Instagram! Follow her at @Lily_the_chocolate_labrador.



Free Curbside Composting



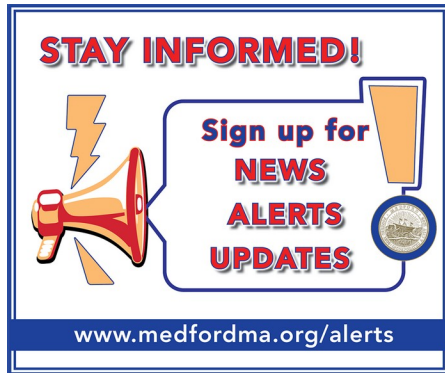
Join over 8,100 of your neighbors in turning food waste into compost through our partnership with Garbage to Garden! Two MILLION pounds of waste have already been diverted from landfills since the start of this



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

- **May 9:** disABILITY Fair
- **May 13:** Discount Rain Barrel Pickup Event
- **May 16:** Haitian Flag Day Celebration
- **May 20:** Vaccine Clinic
- **May 25:** Memorial Day - City Hall closed
- **June 3:** Pride Flag Raising and Festival
- **June 6:** Medford Porchfest

MEETINGS

May 11

- 7:00pm: Historical Commission Meeting

May 12

- 5:00pm: Special Meeting of the Medford School Committee - Public Budget Hearing
- 5:00pm: Traffic Commission Meeting
- 6:30pm: Community Preservation Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm: City Council Meeting
- 7:00pm: Community Garden Commission Meeting

May 13

- 5:30pm: Water and Sewer Commission Meeting
- 6:00pm: City Council Planning and Permitting Committee Meeting

May 14

- 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
- Recreation Bus Driver (part-time)
- Office Manager (Recreation)
- Building Commissioner
- City Clerk
- PW8 MEO II (Forestry Division)

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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