



# Methuen Community CONNECTION

May 2021

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Slowing Down COVID-19!

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## “Stop the Spread” Testing Extended and MassNotify Established

The Baker-Polito Administration announced an extension of the “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 initiative, which provides free COVID-19 testing through September 30, 2021. Testing is an important public health tools, in addition to contact tracing, complying with public health mitigation measures such as face coverings, physical distancing, staying home when sick, and good hygiene, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The Stop the Spread initiative is a data-driven effort to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 in communities across the Commonwealth. All state residents may visit the locations even if they do not reside in the town or city where the testing is being conducted.

Residents can visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>. Additional information about COVID-19 is at [www.mass.gov/GetTested](http://www.mass.gov/GetTested). The City of Methuen also has vaccination information available at [cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination](http://cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination)

In addition to the “Stop the Spread” extension, the Commonwealth has also established MassNotify, a new tool that works through smartphones, with a focus on privacy, to alert users who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You can enable MassNotify on your iPhone or Android device and add another tool to our fight against the spread of COVID-19. For details, visit <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/MassNotify>.

## Participate in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey

The City of Methuen is conducting a survey about your experiences in our local community. The purpose of this study is to gather information from all Methuen residents to help us identify equity and inclusion strengths and challenges.

Within this survey, we ask a lot of demographics questions -- this is both to make sure we hear from a diverse group of people, and to understand differences in experience.

All questions on this survey are entirely voluntary, but we are asking you to please help us by providing this critical information so that we can fully understand survey results.

Your answers will be completely confidential and survey results will be reported in group form only. This survey will remain open until June 10, 2021.

Beyond that, continued feedback to Mayor Perry's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Panel is always welcome via the online public comment form on the city's website. Use the QR Code pictured here or visit the following link to participate in the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MethuenDEI>



In observance of  
MEMORIAL DAY,  
we will be closed  
Monday, May 31.

**Methuen City Hall Hours of Operation:**  
Monday - Thursday: 8am to 4:30pm, Friday: 8am to Noon  
Searles Building; Connecting All Departments: (978) 983-8500.  
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844

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## FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Aids Grieving Families

COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, the death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19, and the applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020. There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include an official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened, and proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs.

We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources. For more information, visit <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

## Baker-Polito Administration to Lift COVID Restrictions May 29

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29.

The Commonwealth's face covering order will also be rescinded on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. Governor Charlie Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15.



The Administration also announced updates to revise face covering requirements for youth and amateur sports and other guidance relating to childcare programs and K-12 schools. The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps effective May 29. The Administration is able to take these steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy because Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal set in December to fully vaccinate over 4 million individuals by the first week of June. The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75% of adults receiving at least one dose. To date, over 4 million residents have received a first dose, with 3.2 million fully vaccinated. New cases have dropped by 89% since January 8. COVID hospitalizations are down 88% since January 1 and the positive test rate is down by 88% from peaking at 8.7% on January 1 to 1% today. More information: <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-to-lift-covid-restrictions-may-29-state-to-meet-vaccination-goal-by-beginning-of-june>



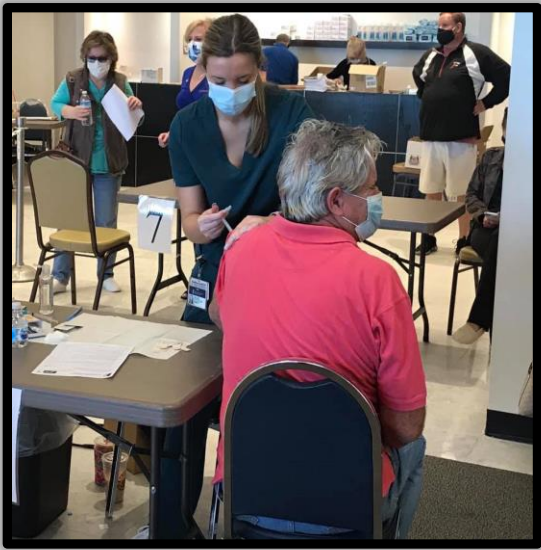
## COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program Aids Local Economy

**ATTENTION METHUEN SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS:** The City of Methuen has committed up to \$375,000 in one-time funds to create a Small Business Relief Fund Program. The objective of this program is to offer financial assistance to qualifying microenterprises--small businesses located in Methuen that have 5 or fewer employees, 1 or more of who owns the enterprise—adversely impacted by COVID-19. Grants of up to \$25,000.00 (effective 4/27/21) for microenterprise businesses for tenant-based rents, commercial mortgages (principal & interest only) and/or utility costs (electric & heating fuels). The grant is designed to aid in maintaining their business and workforce. For more information, visit [cityofmethuen.net/economic-communitydevelopment/pages/apply-for-small-business-relief-grants](https://cityofmethuen.net/economic-communitydevelopment/pages/apply-for-small-business-relief-grants) or email Pat Antoon at [plantoont@ci.methuen.ma.us](mailto:plantoont@ci.methuen.ma.us).





## City COVID-19 Clinics Strive for Efficiency and Effectiveness



The City of Methuen has held several substantial and productive Vaccine Clinics at the Loop. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson shots have been administered to thousands of people.

Mayor Neil Perry would like to thank all of our diligent volunteers and health professionals for their hard work during this very long day. We also want to thank all those people who are getting vaccinated to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

We also held a neighborhood COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.

headquarters on Tenney Street. Area residents were able to get safely and effectively vaccinated. Pending State offered supplies, the city hopes to continue these Vaccine Clinics. Please visit [www.cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination](http://www.cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination) and the City of Methuen social media platforms regularly for Clinic announcements.



## Methuen Community Cleanups Continue Throughout Spring



The first Methuen Community Cleanup Day was held on April 24 and was a rousing success. Special thanks and credit to City Councilor D.J. Beauregard (pictured) for organizing this great event. We had over 80 volunteers and filled three dump trucks with debris at several sites throughout Methuen. City Councilors Jessica Finocchiaro, James McCarty, Steve Saba, Eunice Zeigler, Allison Saffie, Joel Faretra, and Nicholas DiZoglio were on hand along with Mayor Perry helping the cause.

Thanks to Linda Soucy and Ruth Estes for their efforts as well. Cleanup sites included Veterans Park, DeGaspe Park, the Gill Avenue Field, MAN, Inc., and all of Tenney Street. A separate cleanup focused on the Methuen Rail Trail.

This was a great start to our Spring cleanup efforts, and we thank all those who contributed. Keep an eye on our social media and city website for future Community Cleanup Days.

## Methuen Dedicates Dan Ford Field at Nicholson Stadium

Mayor Neil Perry joined local dignitaries, school officials, family, and friends for the dedication of Dan Ford Field at Nicholson Stadium on April 23. The field was dedicated to Dan Ford, a 1988 Methuen high school graduate and standout multi-sport athlete. Dan passed away in 2009 after a long battle with cancer.

Ford was a uniquely strong athlete with great versatility. He eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in both his junior and senior seasons as a bruising running back for head coach Larry Klimas's Rangers.

In track, he excelled in the quarter mile was a member of Methuen's 4x400 state title team. He was also an outstanding member of the Ranger hockey team. Ford was named Methuen High School's Athlete of the Year in 1988 and was honored with induction into the Methuen High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. His #42 jersey has been retired by the football program.



In addition to his resume at MHS, Ford played football at the University of New Haven and the University of Lowell. He also achieved legendary status in various regional and local leagues across numerous sports.

Speakers at the event included Mayor Perry, Councilor Joel Faretra who spearheaded the dedication, and Dan Ford's older brother, Mike. Methuen Athletic Director Matt Curran hosted the proceedings. It was a wonderful tribute to a special athlete and person. After the formal dedication, the Ford family (pictured) and their many friends were able to gather on the field in memory and tribute.

**Protect yourself and others  
Get Vaccinated**





## Smart911 Alerts Assist First Responders as COVID-19 Continues

Smart911 allows residents to sign up online and provide vital information to 911 call takers during an emergency, allowing first responders to make faster and more informed responses. Residents and visitors can create a safety profile for their whole household that includes any information they might want 911 dispatchers and first responders to have in the event of an emergency, such as allergy information or pre-existing medical conditions.

With the COVID-19 pandemic ongoing, there is even more of a need for first responders to be aware of any pre-existing conditions on emergency calls. Smart911 is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses, and is only made available to the 911 system in the event of an emergency call. For more information about Smart911, visit the Smart911 link on the home page at [www.cityofmethuen.net](http://www.cityofmethuen.net). You can also download the Smart911 App available in the App Store and on Google Play.

## Save Money on Your Home Utility Bills with MethuenSaves

The City of Methuen has launched its 2021 Methuen Saves Energy campaign to help residents in the city save money and energy by increasing the energy efficiency at homes and small businesses. The campaign is in partnership with the nonprofit, All In Energy, and Methuen’s local electric and natural gas utilities, National Grid and Eversource. The second year of the partnership builds on a successful first year; despite COVID-19 challenges, 559 Methuen households received home energy assessments. Homeowners and renters also used utility incentives to complete more than 300 weatherization projects and over 450 heating/cooling system upgrades.

Methuen Saves Energy is designed to ensure that residents - renters, homeowners, and residential property owners - as well as small businesses and local nonprofits, are receiving the full benefits of the statewide Mass Save® programs. Programs are funded through an “energy efficiency” charge on your monthly utility bills and are sponsored by the Methuen region by electric and natural gas providers National Grid and Eversource. In 2021, Methuen has the opportunity to receive a grant of up to \$20,000 from the sponsors of the Mass Save program if it meets its goals for the year.

“Methuen is ecstatic about our selection for participation in the second year of the MassSave Municipal Partnership Program,” said Mayor Neil Perry. “This is a great opportunity to expand the benefits of energy efficiency cost-savings and comfort improvements to even more Methuen residents and small businesses.”

The first step for residents and property owners is to sign up for a no-cost home energy assessment, which you can do at **MethuenSaves.org**. Renters living in a 1-4 unit building who pay their utility bills and owners of 1-4 unit buildings or single family homes can all participate. Property owners of buildings with more than 5 units can also benefit from the Mass Save Multifamily Program at [MassSave.com/multifamily](http://MassSave.com/multifamily).

Additionally, the sponsors of Mass Save are offering 100% off approved insulation for a limited time for all rental units in 1-4 unit buildings. Single family homeowners and single unit/condo owners can get 75-100% off approved insulation, based on income. Methuen renters and property owners can schedule their home energy assessment by registering on-line at [MethuenSaves.org](http://MethuenSaves.org) or by calling (978) 237-4530

DID YOU KNOW THAT A NO-COST HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT MAY:

1

Show you how to make your home more energy efficient

2

Get you items like a programmable thermostat, efficient shower heads, and advanced power strips

3

Reduce energy usage and lower utility bills

4

Help make Methuen more sustainable

Schedule your no-cost Home Energy Assessment TODAY!

[methuensaves.org](http://methuensaves.org)

(978) 237-4530

SABÍA QUE UNA EVALUACIÓN DE ENERGÍA DEL HOGAR SIN COSTO PUEDE:

1

Mostrarle cómo hacer que su hogar sea más eficiente energéticamente

2

Brindarle artículos como un termostato programable, cabezales de ducha eficientes y extensiones de enchufe avanzados.

3

Reducir el uso de energía y costos en las facturas de servicios públicos

4

Ayudar a que Methuen sea más sostenible

Programe HOY su Evaluación de Energía del Hogar sin costo!

[methuenahorra.org](http://methuenahorra.org)

(978) 237-4530



# Use the See-Click-Fix App for Springtime Public Works Requests

Spring is in full swing in Methuen. Temperatures are rising and buds are blooming. Our Department of Public Works headed by Director Pat Bower will continue Leaf and Yard Waste Collection until June 25. City Street Sweeping has been completed, and the updated Trash and Recycling Calendar is available online.

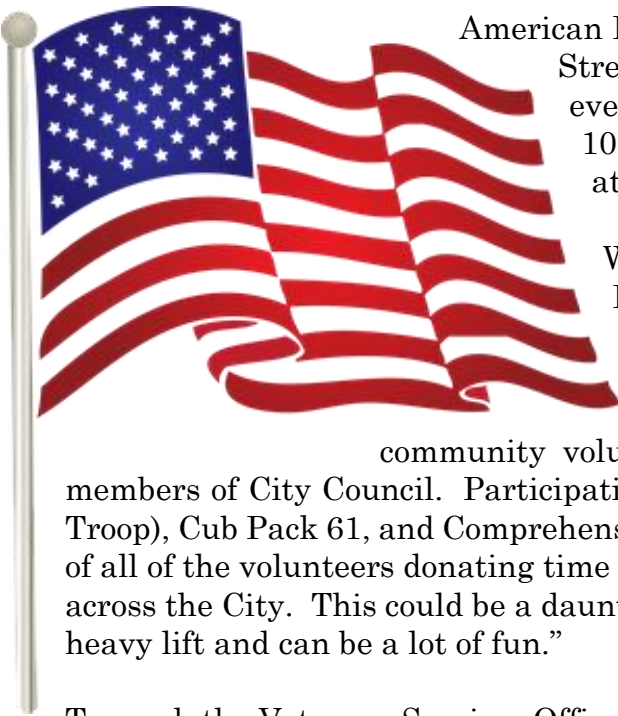
Visit <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/public-works> for information on all of these ongoing DPW initiatives.

If you would like to report any public works issues or other city concerns, download the SeeClickFix app to immediately report and get timely answers. SeeClickFix is an interactive system that allows us to be more responsive and involved. Once the SeeClickFix app is installed on your phone or mobile device, it takes just a minute or two to notify the city of a concern. The SeeClickFix is also on our website at the following link:

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## Methuen Memorial Day Ceremonies Set for May 31



American Legion Post 122 will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at Walnut Grove Cemetery on Grove Street in Methuen, May 31 at 10am under the direction of Commander John Dowd. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be at the Post Building, 200 Broadway at 10am. The ceremony will be taped by MCTV for later broadcast. The VFW Ceremony will be at Noon at Elmwood Cemetery. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend both events.

We also want to thank all those stepping up to help with this year’s Memorial Day Flag Replacement activity at the city’s various cemeteries. Methuen High School (MHS) brings a full complement of student leaders including Commander Nathaniel Hashem, Adjutant Jaden Oun, Operations Officer Emily Charest, Supply Officers Ranely and Rachely Henriquez, and Public Relations Officer Morgan Bellevance. Adult mentors include

community volunteers like Beverly Brown of the Methuen Historical Commission, Mayor Perry, and members of City Council. Participating groups include MHS History Honor Society, Girls Scout Troop 85210 (and their Daisy Troop), Cub Pack 61, and Comprehensive Grammar School Jr. National Honor Society. VSO Paul Jenson is grateful for the help of all of the volunteers donating time in Methuen cemeteries. Paul notes, “we have some 5,000 veterans buried in 10 cemeteries across the City. This could be a daunting task but with the assistance of the over 150 great volunteers that stepped up, it isn’t a heavy lift and can be a lot of fun.”

To reach the Veterans Services Office, call 978-983-8585 or email [pjensen@ci.methuen.ma.us](mailto:pjensen@ci.methuen.ma.us).

## Watch and Learn – Methuen’s Community Studios

For nearly 25 years, MCS has shone the spotlight on Methuen’s citizens and provided video production equipment, training and airtime to residents who want to create their own programming. Their work is shared on Methuen Community Television (MCTV) Comcast 22/FIOS 33 (HD 2133) alongside programs like the monthly newsmagazine “Methuen Now”.

Recently, our first local cooking show, “Carolyn’s Farm Kitchen” won a Regional Alliance for Community Media Nor’easter in Instructional Programming. The show’s creators, Carol Ann Rousseau, Carolyn Grieco, and Sandi Seglin (pictured) found out that they also took first place in the National ACM Hometown Awards. Awards will be given in a virtual ceremony on June 30.

Past episodes of “Carolyn’s Farm Kitchen” and other MCTV programs can be viewed on demand at [archive.methuentv.org](http://archive.methuentv.org). Mayor Neil Perry’s live program “Mayor’s Minutes” airs Wednesdays at 5pm with questions taken at [facebook.com/methuentv](https://facebook.com/methuentv). Program replays are Mondays & Fridays at noon, and podcasts are available from your favorite podcast site on the Methuen Network. The City Council and other Boards/Committees air live meetings on Methuen Government Television (MGTV) Comcast 8 /FIOS 32. Meetings can also be viewed live at [methuentv.org/methuen-government-tv-live-stream/](http://methuentv.org/methuen-government-tv-live-stream/) and on demand.



Throughout May, on the MGTV program “Working for You,” public health nurse Nancy Zabbo joins host Christine Metzemaekers to share how she keeps Methuen residents safe and healthy. Throughout May and June, MCTV will be offering exercise classes on Mondays and Fridays between 7:30-10:30am with local fitness instructors. Visit [methuentv.org](http://methuentv.org) or call with questions at 978-689-8627.



## Scanning the City

### Senior Center Celebrates Older Americans Month

May is National Older Americans Month (OAM) with a theme of “Communities of Strength.” Methuen’s older residents are like a tapestry of resilience, strength, and talent. They have shared their skills for many years volunteering for the Senior Center and various organizations throughout the City. Last year, more than 140 volunteers contributed 14,000 hours at the Methuen Senior Activity Center performing numerous tasks. This OAM, we celebrate the strengths of older adults with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement.



A modified schedule of exercise programs at the Center resumed in early May. Classes are limited to 9 individuals each and registration is on a first call, first served basis. Temperature checks will be required upon entry, and participants can only be admitted for these classes. Social distancing and masks are required. Outdoor activities will include Bocce, Bean Bag Toss, and Discussion Groups. Zoom sessions include the Mass Bar Association’s Annual Legal Check-Up, Increasing Strength with Nutrition and Exercise by Dietician Leigh Harwell, and Loss & Transition with Lucille Bonanno.

Please call 978-983-8825 or visit [www.cityofmethuen.net/senior-center](http://www.cityofmethuen.net/senior-center) for details. Our June newsletter will be the annual mailout and will include more information about re-opening certain programs. We are doing a gradual phase-in to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

A big thank you to Dan DiBurro, Cyndi Ferguson, and Gale O’Connell, volunteers who completed more than 140 income tax applications. Thanks also to volunteer NEET drivers Marlene Blair and Sharon Lee who provided 28 medical rides, and our Phone Buddies Barbara Ell, Linda Bongiorno, Joanne Vietor, Joyce Campagnone, Joanne Bryant, and Celeste DiFruscia. These volunteers have made hundreds of calls during the pandemic keeping fellow retirees connected and informed. Senior Center staff is available by to address your questions and concerns Monday thru Thursday, 9am - 4pm, and Fridays 9am – Noon by calling 978-983-8825.

### Stormwater Inspection Protects Methuen’s Waterways



Throughout the Spring and early Summer, Methuen DPW teams will be out inspecting stormwater outfall pipes and other drainage structures throughout Methuen. “Outfalls” are the end of the pipe where municipal drainage flows into nearby water bodies, wetlands, or low-lying areas.

The inspections and water sampling are part of Methuen’s Stormwater Management Program to ensure proper maintenance of our storm drain system, prevent pollution of our rivers, streams and water bodies, and meet federal Clean Water Act requirements.

The inspections are being done with the City’s engineering consultant Tighe & Bond. The work will be performed primarily off the roadway where the stormwater pipes discharge to wetlands, streams, or wooded areas. Work may include opening manhole structures within the street. You can view maps of the outfalls located throughout the City at the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission’s Methuen MIMAP:

<https://mimap.mvpc.org/map/index.html?viewer=methuen>

Learn more about Methuen’s Stormwater Management Program at:

<https://www.cityofmethuen.net/engineering/pages/stormwater-information>

### Nevins Memorial Library is Going Fine Free

During the pandemic, the Trustees of the Nevins Library decided to not charge late fines on overdue books and other items. That policy change has now been extended indefinitely. Patrons will still be required to pay for lost or damaged materials since those items will need to be replaced, but if you have a Nevins Library book, movie, DVD, or other item, come on in, return it inside when we’re open or in the book drop if we’re not, and say hi too!

Our renewal process has also changed. It has been automated. As long as no one else has your item on hold, it will be renewed, and you don’t have to do a thing! As spring approaches most of us wish that we could just wiggle our nose and magically rid our home of clutter. May’s Teen Take and Make Craft is an origami kit. It will be available at the Circulation Desk while supplies last, and make sure that you follow the Teen’s Instagram (@nevinslibraryya) and Twitter (@NMLTeenTweets) for all the latest on the upcoming Summer Programs and more.

April showers bring May flowers, and as of the beginning of May, our Children’s Garden with its lovely plants and seating is open again. May is a somewhat quiet month downstairs as we gear up for a busy summer, but we do have an awesome Bike & Pedestrian Safety program presented by AAA to help youngsters be mindful of safety.

That’s in addition to our great array of storytimes, book groups, our “Book a Craft” kits, and so much more. To sign up for any of these programs, visit the Calendar of Events on our website, [www.nevinslibrary.org](http://www.nevinslibrary.org).

Lastly, we have our Summer programs. There’ll be more info in the coming months, but there’s lots of great things scheduled, from Beluga whales to a Native American storyteller, birds of prey, and more for all ages. Please remember to stay tuned to our website and social media for all the up-to-date news.



## Conexión Comunitaria de Methuen

### Prueba gratuita de COVID-19 "Stop the Spread" extendida

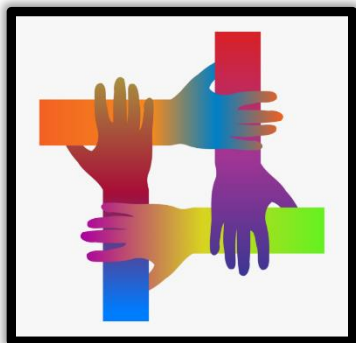
La Administración Baker-Polito anunció una extensión de la iniciativa COVID-19 “Stop the Spread”, que proporciona pruebas de COVID-19 gratuitas en comunidades de todo el Commonwealth, hasta el 30 de Septiembre de 2021.

Desde que el estado comenzó esta prueba de virus gratuita en Julio de 2020, se han realizado más de 1.8 millones de pruebas en ubicaciones de "Stop the Spread" hasta el 3 de Marzo de 2021. Mientras tanto, el número total de pruebas de virus COVID-19 realizadas en todo el estado en todos los proveedores de pruebas desde que comenzó la pandemia es más de 16.8 millones.

Los residentes del estado pueden visitar el siguiente sitio web para encontrar ubicaciones de pruebas: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>. En [www.mass.gov/GetTested](https://www.mass.gov/GetTested) puede encontrar información adicional sobre las pruebas de COVID-19, incluido el motivo por el cual las pruebas son importantes y lo que debe hacer si su prueba es positiva.



### El Participe en nuestra Encuesta de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión



La Ciudad de Methuen está realizando una encuesta sobre sus experiencias en nuestra comunidad local. El propósito de este estudio es recopilar información de todos los residentes de Methuen para ayudarnos a identificar las fortalezas y los desafíos de la equidad y la inclusión.

Dentro de esta encuesta, hacemos muchas preguntas demográficas; esto es tanto para asegurarnos de escuchar a un grupo diverso de personas como para comprender las diferencias en la experiencia. Todas las preguntas de esta encuesta son completamente voluntarias, pero le pedimos que nos ayude brindándonos esta información fundamental para que podamos comprender completamente los resultados de la encuesta.

Sus respuestas serán completamente confidenciales y los resultados de la encuesta se informarán solo en forma grupal. Esta encuesta permanecerá abierta hasta el 10 de Junio de 2021, y más allá de eso, los comentarios continuos al Panel Asesor de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión del Alcalde Perry siempre son bienvenidos a través del formulario de comentarios públicos en línea en el sitio web de la ciudad. Utilice el código QR que se muestra aquí o visite el siguiente enlace para participar en la encuesta: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MethuenDEI>

## Noticias y Notas

**SEE CLICK FIX:** SeeClickFix es un sistema interactivo que nos permite ser más receptivos e involucrados. Una vez que la aplicación SeeClickFix está instalada en su teléfono o dispositivo móvil, solo toma uno o dos minutos notificar a la ciudad sobre una inquietud. SeeClickFix también se encuentra en nuestro sitio web en el siguiente enlace: [https://seeclickfix.com/web\\_portal/H3G6t5xibMNRZURsJP8tbLwm/report/category](https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/H3G6t5xibMNRZURsJP8tbLwm/report/category)

**COMIDAS GRATIS PARA NINOS:** Los Servicios de Nutrición de las Escuelas Públicas de Methuen, en asociación con la Oficina del Alcalde, están ofreciendo comidas gratis desde ahora hasta el 30 de Junio. Las comidas son para todos los menores de 18 años. No es necesario que sea residente de Methuen y los niños no tienen que estar presentes con los padres al momento de recoger la comida. El menú y la información sobre alérgenos se pueden encontrar en <https://methuenscholmeals.com>.

**DESFILE DEL DÍA DE LOS RECUERDOS:** American Legion Post 122 llevará a cabo una ceremonia del Día de los Caídos en el cementerio de Walnut Grove. Grove Street, Methuen a las 10:00 am bajo la dirección del comandante John Dowd. En caso de mal tiempo, la ceremonia será en el Post Building, 200 Broadway, Methuen a las 10:00 am. La ceremonia será grabada por MCTV para su posterior transmisión. La ceremonia de VFW será a las 12:00 del mediodía en el cementerio de Elmwood. El público es bienvenido y animado a asistir a ambos eventos. Información: 978-983-8585

**ASISTENCIA FUNERAL:** Según la Ley de Asignaciones Suplementarias de Respuesta y Alivio del Coronavirus de 2021 y la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense de 2021, FEMA proporciona asistencia financiera para los gastos funerarios relacionados con COVID-19 incurridos después del 20 de enero de 2020. seguro funerario, asistencia financiera recibida de agencias voluntarias, agencias gubernamentales u otras fuentes. Para obtener más información, visite <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

**METHUEN AHORRA:** La ciudad de Methuen ha lanzado su campaña 2021 Methuen Saves Energy para ayudar a los residentes de la ciudad a ahorrar dinero y energía al aumentar la eficiencia energética en hogares y pequeñas empresas. El primer paso para los residentes y propietarios es inscribirse para una evaluación de energía del hogar sin costo, que puede hacer en [MethuenSaves.org](https://MethuenSaves.org) o llamar al (978) 237-4530

**REGÍSTRESE PARA LAS ALERTAS DE SMART911:** Con la pandemia de COVID-19 en curso, existe una mayor necesidad de que los socorristas estén al tanto de cualquier condición preexistente en las llamadas de emergencia. Smart911 es privado y seguro, solo se usa para respuestas de emergencia y solo está disponible para el sistema 911 en caso de una llamada de emergencia. Para obtener más información sobre Smart911, visite el enlace Smart911 en la página de inicio en [www.cityofmethuen.net](https://www.cityofmethuen.net). También puede descargar la aplicación Smart911 disponible en la App Store y en Google Play.



## Message from the Mayor

### Positive Trends Create a Brighter Outlook for Methuen

Since the last time I wrote to you, we have experienced significant changes across the City of Methuen. Our students have returned to in-school classes, our COVID infection rates have declined, and at long last, we moved out of the high risk (red) and moved to yellow as designated by the Commonwealth. Spring is finally here - and better weather with it - allowing us all to enjoy being outside more each day.

The sun is in the sky until almost 8pm and, with it, rejuvenation for many of the things we love - outdoor sports, visits to Forest Lake or the beach, cookouts, and Memorial Day. But watchfulness is still the buzzword. We are hovering at 44% fully vaccinated rate and, since the J & J hold occurred, the number of folks getting vaccinated has slowed to a trickle. This is at all vaccine sites. But just as I urge my loved ones, I urge you to trust the facts, get the vax!!! If you want to know when and where we will be conducting city Board of Health vaccine clinics, simply go to [cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination](http://cityofmethuen.net/covid19vaccination) and sign up to receive an email when clinics are scheduled. But whether you go to the city clinic or CVS or GHLHC, again, trust the facts, get the vax!!



Mayor Neil Perry

Our interim police chief has been making real progress in his first three weeks on the job, reviewing and responding to many of the findings, putting more patrol officers on the street, and forming an accreditation team to lead the charge to become a fully accredited police force. By the time you read this, our permanent opening for Police Chief will be posted. I am pleased to announce that 3 citizens will sit on the interview panel: Linda Soucy, John Lopez, and Ray Wrobel. I'm thankful to each of them for agreeing to give of their time and talent. I am excited to be welcoming our new Recreation Director Steve Angelo to the team, and while we didn't have nearly enough time to pull together our annual Memorial Day parade, we have already begun planning for a Fourth of July celebration that every resident of this city so richly deserves. If you are interested in helping out, reach out to Steve Angelo or to Ryan Hamilton in my office.

I want to close with some remarks about Memorial Day. I'm thrilled to see all of the volunteers for our flag replacement event on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> (contact Paul Jensen our VSO), and I look forward to our two events on May 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am at Walnut Grove Cemetery hosted by the American Legion and then at Noon at Elmwood Cemetery hosted by the VFW. There will be plenty to do and to celebrate on the long weekend. But let us never forget those who fought for - and in some cases made the ultimate sacrifice for - the very freedom we enjoy. That is the reason for Memorial Day, so please, despite the intense dialogue at local, state, and national levels, never forget. Pause and reflect. They fought and died to preserve our way of life in this the greatest country on the planet. God Bless you all and keep you safe. Ever happy to be your Mayor!

## Mensaje del Alcalde

### Las Tendencias Positivas Crean una Perspectiva más Brillante para Methuen

Desde la última vez que le escribí, hemos experimentado cambios significativos en toda la Ciudad de Methuen. Nuestros estudiantes han regresado a las clases en la escuela, nuestras tasas de infección por COVID 19 han disminuido y, por fin, salimos del alto riesgo (rojo) y pasamos al amarillo según lo designado por el Commonwealth. La Primavera finalmente está aquí, y un mejor clima con ella, lo que nos permite a todos disfrutar más de estar al aire libre cada día. El Sol está en el cielo hasta casi las 8 pm y, con él, el rejuvenecimiento de muchas de las cosas que amamos: deportes al aire libre, visitas a Forest Lake o la playa, comidas al aire libre y el Día de los Caídos. Pero la vigilancia sigue siendo la palabra de moda. Estamos rondando el 44% de la tasa de vacunación completa y, desde que ocurrió la retención de J&J, la cantidad de personas que se vacunaron se ha reducido a un goteo. Esto es en todos los sitios de vacunas. Pero así como insto a mis seres queridos, les insto a que confíen en los hechos, ¡¡¡consigan el vax!!!

Si desea saber cuándo y dónde revisaremos las clínicas de vacunas de la Junta de Salud de la ciudad, simplemente visite [www.cityofmethuen.net](http://www.cityofmethuen.net) y regístrese para recibir un correo electrónico cuando las clínicas estén programadas. Pero ya sea que vaya a la clínica de la ciudad o CVS o GHLHC, nuevamente, confíe en los hechos, ¡obtenga el vax! Nuestro jefe de policía interino ha hecho un progreso real en sus primeras tres semanas en el trabajo, revisando y respondiendo a muchos de los hallazgos, poniendo más oficiales de patrulla en la calle y formando un equipo de acreditación para liderar la carga para convertirse en un policía totalmente acreditado fuerza.

Para cuando lea esto, se publicará nuestra vacante permanente para Jefe de Policía. Me complace anunciar que tres ciudadanos participarán en el panel de entrevistas: Linda Soucy, John Lopez y Ray Wrobel. Estoy agradecido con cada uno de ellos por aceptar dar de su tiempo y talento.

Estoy emocionado de dar la bienvenida al equipo a nuestro nuevo Director de Recreación, Steve Angelo, y aunque no tuvimos el tiempo suficiente para organizar nuestro desfile anual del Día de los Caídos, ya hemos comenzado a planificar una celebración del 4 de Julio que todos los residentes de esta ciudad se merece tan ricamente. Si está interesado en ayudar, comuníquese con Steve Angelo o Ryan Hamilton en mi oficina. Quiero cerrar con algunas observaciones sobre el Día de los Caídos. Estoy encantado de ver a todos los voluntarios para nuestro evento de reemplazo de bandera el Sábado 22 de Mayo (comuníquese con Paul Jensen nuestro VSO), y espero con ansias nuestros dos eventos el 31 de Mayo a las 10:00 am en el Cementerio de Walnut Grove organizado por el American Legion y luego al Mediodía en el Cementerio de Elmwood organizado por el VFW. Habrá mucho que hacer y celebrar durante el fin de semana largo. Pero no olvidemos nunca a aquellos que lucharon por, y en algunos casos hicieron el máximo sacrificio por, la libertad que disfrutamos. Esa es la razón del Día de los Caídos, así que, a pesar del intenso diálogo a nivel local, estatal y nacional, no lo olvide nunca. Haz una pausa y reflexiona. Lucharon y murieron para preservar nuestra forma de vida en este el país más grande del planeta.

Dios los bendiga a todos y los mantenga a salvo. ¡Siempre feliz de ser su alcalde!