

*The Ninth Annual
Jingle Bell Festival*



*Medford, Massachusetts
“The Jingle Bell City”*

November 28, 2007 – December 2, 2007



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"Jingle Bells," the now world famous holiday tune, was composed at the Simpson Tavern in Medford, Massachusetts in 1850 by James Pierpont (1822-1893). The tavern stood at the site which is now 19 High Street in Medford Square. The song was composed in the presence of Mrs. Otis Waterman, who later verified the location of the song's composition. In 1857, James Pierpont, while living in Georgia, copyrighted "Jingle Bells." The lyrics of the song tell of the sleigh rides held on Salem Street in the early 1800s.

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To All of Those Involved in The Jingle Bell Festival,

The generous support provided to The Community Family through donations from the Jingle Bell Festival has enabled us to accomplish so much:

- build our beautiful Buddy Coholan Memory Loss Center;
- double the number of clients we serve;
- purchase a wheelchair van to safely transport our clients; and
- replace furniture and make needed repairs.

Most importantly, The Jingle Bell Committee has significantly improved the quality of life for Medford families who are coping with Alzheimer's disease. The Community Family is proud to be a part of this lovely Festival, which is a joyous Medford holiday tradition.

On behalf of all of us at The Community Family - - clients, family members and staff - - we send a heartfelt thank you to the Jingle Bell Committee, festival sponsors, those who open their homes and festival patrons. We are deeply touched by your support of our Medford Center and its mission of service to those with Alzheimer's disease.

Thank you.

Happy Holidays,
Anne Marchetta
Executive Director

Gina Hughes
Program Director



This year our Jingle Bell Festival booklet is dedicated in loving memory of the following Jingle Bell Festival Committee members:

James (Jim) Mangan

Sheila McDermott

John (Jack) O'Brien

Thank you for your many years
of dedicated service.

The Jingle Bell Festival Committee
December 2, 2007

Welcome to the 2007 Medford Jingle Bell Festival. Thanks to your generous support, we are now celebrating our 9th year.

During the festival, the Medford City Hall Council Chamber is adorned with dozens of holiday trees and other displays donated by various businesses, churches, organizations and private citizens. In addition, homeowners throughout the city graciously open their decorated homes for an exciting and intimate tour, which is followed by a festive dinner or pastry reception held in City Hall.

Proceeds from Festival events benefit Medford Community Family's Buddy Coholan Memory Loss Center, an adult daycare facility for Alzheimer's patients. To date, the Festival has raised over \$120,000 for this most worthy cause.

The Jingle Bell Festival would not be possible without the careful planning of the committee members, and the continued support of Mayor Michael McGlynn and the Dept. of Public Works. Furthermore, we welcome all who would like to become a part of the Jingle Bell Festival committee to join us.

Most importantly, we thank YOU for your generous and enthusiastic support, which makes this Festival an even greater success each year.

Judy Lonergan,
Chairperson,
Jingle Bell Festival Committee

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Ninth Annual Jingle Bell Festival Fundraiser, being held at Medford City Hall from November 28, 2007 – December 2, 2007.

As the great Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”, and truly the Jingle Bell Festival Committee exemplifies this quote. This volunteer group of dedicated individuals tirelessly works to put together not only the City Hall Tree Display, but also the Holiday House Tour. This year’s event will benefit the Buddy Coholan Memory Loss Center, operated by The Community Family, Inc. in Medford.

The festival will feature over 40 decorated trees and other holiday decorations donated by local businesses, community organizations and individuals. Please take the time to enjoy the warmth, friendliness and creativity displayed by the members of the Medford community who have come together for this most worthy cause.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

Michael J. McGlynn, Mayor

Festival Events

Tree-lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall Plaza in Medford Square



Victorian Stroll

Thursday, Nov. 29, 6:00 p.m.
Medford Square



Medford House Tour

Saturday, Dec. 1, 4:00 p.m.
Followed by a cocktail and buffet reception

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1:00 p.m.
Followed by a pastry reception

Note: Buses meet at City Hall Plaza in Medford Square.



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Properties on Tour

114 HIGH ST. St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph Church was designed by Thomas F. Houghton, one of the leading Catholic architects of the 19th century. It is a neo-Romanesque building with an asymmetrical bell tower, which houses 11 bells crafted in England (the largest weighs 2200 pounds). The frontal gable is accentuated by four identical doorways opening to the vestibule. The combination of brick and of both granite lend a steadfast and permanent quality.

The cruciform building's interior has an elliptical sanctuary projecting from the back wall. The upper part of the sanctuary has five long stained glass windows. Each window has five portions. The center three portions depict events in the life of St. Joseph. The lowest frame has a scene from the Jewish Scriptures. Each refers to an Old Testament event which is seen as related somewhat to the New Testament image above it. The other 14 stained glass windows along the side walls are scenes from the life of Christ. They make for easy catechetical instruction.

The massive hand-carved statues above the main altar were crafted in Oberammergau, Germany and represent Christ, Sts. Peter and Paul, and four angels.

The four main columns that sustain the vault in the center of the cruciform design have gold leaf symbols of the evangelists: the lion for Mark, the bull for Luke, the eagle for John, and the head of a man for Matthew.

To commemorate the church's 125th anniversary, professional photographer, Jessica Echavarria, has been invited to photograph the interior of the Church. Her innumerable pictures include the statues, windows and organ pipes, as well as snapshots of architecture one never sees from the ground floor. Some of these are included in the church's 2008 custom-designed calendar.

**We welcome each of you and thank you for coming.
May your New Year be a happy one.
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6 POWDER HOUSE TERRACE **Lorna Wilkerson and Michael Mushlitz**

The house at 6 Powder House Terrace, which is a transitional style between the Italianate and the stick style, was built by George Bent Green in 1872. The Greens were a prominent Medford family who moved from Vermont to Medford in the 1830s. Green Road is named after the family, and the Medford driving school off of Medford Square is housed in George Bent Green's granary and warehouse, which was built in 1852.

George Bent Green was Medford city treasurer, and his son Robert, whose house is at 17 Green Road, founded the OB-GYN department at Massachusetts General Hospital. To this day, there is an endowed professorship in his name at hospital.

George Bent Green was proud of his Scottish heritage. Thistles, a symbol of his Scottish roots, are a motif found in the chandelier medallions.

In 2005, an 11-month exterior renovation was completed by its current owners, Lorna Wilkerson and Michael Mushlitz, who have owned the house since 1997. All 52 finials were gilded by hand, and much of the exterior ship lap siding was duplicated and replaced. While the original slate roof was being restored, a slate signed by a roofer in 1892 was discovered. It is on display in the house today.

The Victorians were great travelers and were known to spend up to a year on the "grand tour" collecting objects of exotic interest. The owners have continued this Victorian tradition. They have just returned from a trip to Morocco and decorated the house with a "Christmas in Morocco" theme. Objects from their travels are scattered throughout the house, including Lorna's collection of Chinese export silver displayed in the living room.

We welcome you to our home and wish you a most joyous holiday season.

Lorna Wilkerson & Michael Mushlitz

542 HIGH STREET
Penny Outlaw and Frederick Weeks

The Elijah Morse house at 542 High Street was built in 1890. The Morse family goes back to before the Revolutionary War in and around the Sharon area. Elijah Morse settled in Medford and made his money as a paper box manufacturer, owning a factory in Boston. Coincidentally, Elijah Morse grew up about a mile away from where the current owner, Penny Outlaw, grew up in Sharon Massachusetts.

Elijah Morse was married twice and had three children by his second wife, Clara. Two of his children never married and lived most of their lives in this house until the late 1960s.

In 2004, only one day after moving in, Penny discovered a photo album from Dartmouth College circa 1917 along with a stack of letters written to and from their son who was on the front in WWI. Needless to say, the letters consumed the better parts of several days since Penny had to translate them from French.

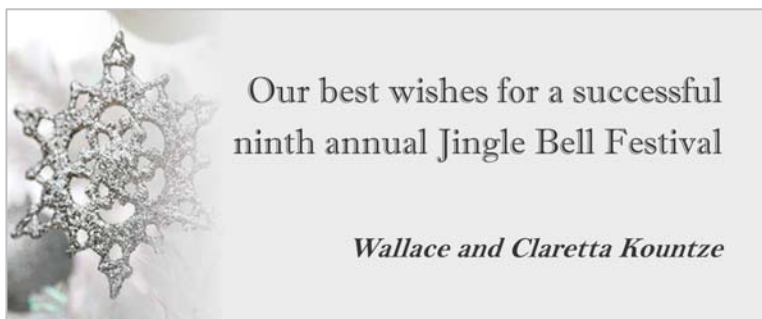
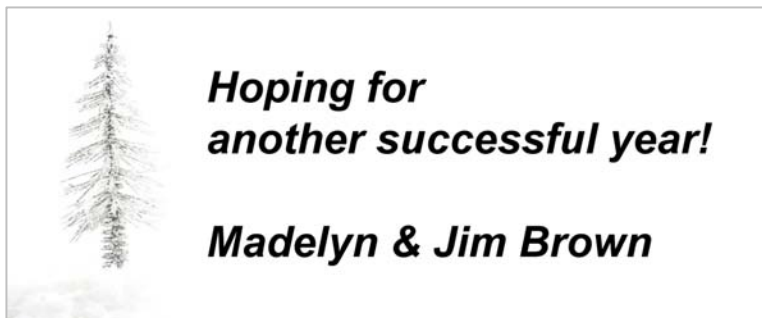
Architecturally, very little has been changed in this house. The most significant alteration has been the removal of a back staircase that the current owners plan to restore. They were fortunate to have the original architectural drawings by the Boston firm of Clark and Russell.

The restoration of the Elijah Morse house is very much a work in progress that the owners anticipate will take about four more years.

Season's Greetings to you and your family.

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**124 SAGAMORE AVE.
The Moot-Roosa family**

The Moot-Roosa family's stucco is notable for its two addresses and its unusual entrances. As you enter 124 Sagamore Avenue, you will actually be entering through what used to be the rear of the house, near the kitchen. The formal front entry, with its large foyer and double doors, now goes out to a yard on the other side of the house. It has a beautiful view of the Lower Mystic Lake, across the Mystic Valley Parkway, but thanks to a swath of public woods, one can't access the house from the Parkway, despite its official address of 1416 Mystic Valley Parkway. We can only imagine that things looked very different when the house was originally constructed around 1910 by Mr. Hall, a local industrialist. At that time, the Parkway was a shady, winding dirt path, traveled by horses and buggies. People perhaps rode or walked to the "front" of the house up a narrow carriage way off of Ravine Road. Coming up that way, one would appreciate the formal front entry, with its copper-roofed portico, supported by large stucco pillars, and the stone lions and griffins guarding the house from 2nd story parapets.

The second noteworthy entrance to the house is best appreciated on Halloween, when it becomes the site of a very spooky Haunted Tunnel. Ask any neighborhood child and they'll tell you about 124 Sagamore Ave! On Halloween night, the garage doors swing up, and inside is a dark, foggy, creepy place. Brave children (and many scared adults) travel up the 60-foot tunnel, winding around hanging obstacles, skeletons, noisy witches, and plastic rats. The haunted tunnel would not happen each year without the help of our neighbors, Tony, Jackie, Alex and Zoe Fenn, and the props passed along by Sagamore Ave. neighbors, Jim and Barry, who for many years held a wonderful neighborhood haunted house. During the rest of the year, the tunnel is a very useful, innocent and brightly lit passageway that connects the garage to the basement of the house, which allows one to avoid walking up the concrete stairs during the wet and icy days of winter.

The tunnel was installed by the home's previous owners, Kathy and Carl Rausch, who lived in the house from the 1985 to 1998. They also renovated the bathrooms, expanded the kitchen to its current size, and finished the third floor and basement. They changed the layout of the main staircase, which used to have two separate flights leading down from the landing. The

“servant’s side” had a door into the kitchen, which was removed to make room for a first-floor bathroom. A studio apartment was also added over the garage; you’ll pass the door as you come up the outside stairs. The Rauschs subdivided the original lot in 1987 and built the blue house next door, which is now occupied by the Fenns.

The Moot-Roosa family moved into the house in 1998. They added an entry room on the Sagamore Ave. side of the house to serve as the new front entrance. The new entryway opens into the living room and also connects to the kitchen, greatly improving the traffic flow of the house. As part of this project, the kitchen was redecorated with warm, sunny colors and new appliances. Stone terraces were also added off the front and back of the house, allowing the family to enjoy the lake view on the “front” side and the private fenced yard on the “back.”

The Moot-Roosa family has chosen to decorate their home this year with a warm color scheme using golds and whites to complement Alex’s grandparent’s Lenox china. While in the dining room, note the wood paneling and the crystal chandelier, both of which are original to the house. The living room is decorated with many artifacts from Asia, reflecting the homeowners’ love of travel and their extended family, some of whom are from Indonesia and Cambodia.

We hope you have enjoyed the Jingle Bell Festival tour and wish you a healthy and happy holiday!

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Architecture

Like many of its people, much of Medford's architecture is historically significant. Many Medford homes are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Isaac Royall House, the Shepard Brooks Estate and the Peter Tufts House—the oldest all-brick structure in the United States. The distinctive architecture of each of Medford's neighborhoods illustrates how the community's housing needs were met over time. The modest homes in West Medford served the thriving African-American community. The proud two and three-family homes of South Medford served the working-class and immigrant families. The large Victorian homes around Magoun Avenue served the growing population that commuted via streetcar to Boston. The sprawling Colonial, Victorian and Italianate homes of the Lawrence and Brooks Estates served Medford's prominent merchants and professionals.

For more information about Medford's architecture, pick up a copy of [Your House in the Streetcar Suburb: The History and Care of Houses in Medford, Massachusetts](#) at the Medford Public Library. This is an important work by Cynthia Howard that every Medford homeowner should read!

Recreation

Medford parks and natural scenic areas including the Mystic Lakes, Wrights Pond, Spot Pond and the Middlesex Fells exist because of the community's long-standing commitment to the environment and to providing recreational opportunities for its residents. Notably, the Medford Boat Club in West Medford was founded in 1898. Members enjoy various social activities in addition to the boating opportunities membership provides. Visitors can also enjoy the 80 acre historic Shepard Brooks Estate, the Isaac Royall House and Slave Quarters or the Medford Historical Society—all tributes to the pride Medford residents take in the city's past.

The City Today

Medford is a thriving city that has survived development, economic, social, political and demographic changes. Today, nearly 57,000 people call Medford home. The people of Medford have been able to embrace new ideas while retaining a sense of history and pride. As a result, the community will continually evolve yet remain a great place to live, work or visit.

1446 MYSTIC VALLEY PARKWAY Patrice and Frank Kastenholtz

Have you ever fallen in love at first sight? Patrice and Frank Kastenholtz did in 2003 with their turn-of-the-century arts and crafts bungalow at 1446 Mystic Valley Parkway in West Medford. They had been looking for a house for about a year when their realtor said that there was a house in Medford on the Parkway that she wanted them to see.

They didn't know what to think. Medford? On a parkway? No way! But it was exactly what they were looking for. They are crazy about bungalows and this one has a wrap-around front porch with fieldstone columns. The stucco house also has a black slate roof, which has a 200-year life expectancy. The house is on a surprisingly quiet street (trucks are not permitted on the Parkway) and overlooks the Lower Mystic Lake and the Fells conservation land.

When they bought the house, it contained a small dated kitchen, one bathroom and only two closets. They built a two-story addition off the back, giving them a new kitchen and family room, lots of closets, and three new bathrooms. They have tried to match the original arts and crafts bungalow character throughout the house with quarter-sawn oak moldings, oak floors, and built-ins.

The original front part of the house features a large foyer. To the right is the comfortable living room, featuring a fireplace at one end, framed by large bookcases with leaded-glass doors, and a large window seat at the other end, which overlooks the Mystic Lake. To the left, through the French doors, is a cozy dining room guarded by a large poster of Grace Kelly.

Their home is a wonderful place to live, and is a perfect setting for their eclectic furniture and collections.

**Warmest wishes for a
holiday season filled with cheer.**

Patrice & Frank Kastenholtz

27 MAMMOLA WAY
Angela Sperduto and Brian Martin

Angela Sperduto Martin and Brian Martin live on a quiet cul-de-sac at 27 Mammola Way. Brian, originally from Medford, and Angela, a former Somerville resident, purchased the two-story white brick split-entry home about four years ago. The home has two bedrooms, a family room and a den.

Although a work in progress, the home has undergone many upgrades. The open floor plan reflects the more modern environment this home has to offer.

The kitchen has undergone several remodels including granite, tumbled marble, new hardwood floors, and stainless steel appliances. The high cathedral ceiling with wooden beams reflects the architectural design of the home. The large angle windows frame the floor-to-ceiling fireplace in the center of the room. In addition, the fireplace was refaced in Italian tumbled marble.

The backyard represents the biggest transformation. A tropical paradise for lounging and daydreaming was created with an in-ground pool, patio pavers, gazebo, pond and hot tub. The design was created by Angela Sperduto Martin, where every component has a function and purpose.

The Martins are new to this home, but they are looking forward to creating new memories with the love of lots of family and friends.

**We wish you a happy,
healthy and safe holiday season.**

The Martins

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A Little Medford History...

Medford, Massachusetts is a vibrant, diverse and thriving community. With a rich history, unique geographic position close to Boston and Cambridge, and its river, lakes, ponds, conservation areas, many historic properties and the world-renowned Tufts University, Medford has a lot to offer.

Early Years

First settled in 1630, Medford is the fourth oldest English settlement in America. Governor Matthew Craddock headed the settlement, and over the next 200 years, it became a flourishing village with farms, fisheries and a shipbuilding industry. In 1892, the Medford incorporated as the City of Medford and elected its first mayor, General Samuel Crockett Lawrence.

People

Many famous leaders, activists, philanthropists, statesmen and pioneers have called Medford home throughout the years, including:

- **Abraham Touro**— philanthropist and a founding contributor to the Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Lydia Maria Francis Child**— abolitionist, author and early feminist
- **George Luther Shearns**— abolitionist and newspaper publisher
- **Charles Tufts and Timothy Cotting**— founding contributors of Tufts University
- **Amelia Earheart**— first women to fly across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- **Fanny Farmer**— cookbook author famous for chocolate recipes
- **James Pierpont**— author of "Jingle Bells"

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