



# METROWEST HOUSING MATTERS



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## ABOUT US

### >>> THE METROWEST HOUSING COALITION

The MetroWest Housing Coalition (MWHC) is a diverse group of stakeholders who work together to support access to affordable housing in the region. We collaborate to share resources, engage in advocacy opportunities, and address systemic barriers to housing stability. The MWHC is convened by the MetroWest Care Connection.

### CHECK OUT THE LATEST ON HOUSING IN MW <<<

We're excited to share the **third edition** of our quarterly newsletter! Inside, you'll find updates on housing initiatives, valuable community resources, and upcoming events in MetroWest. Stay informed and connected by subscribing to our newsletter!

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NEWSLETTER





# EXCITING UPDATES

## ➤➤➤ MEET OUR NEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZER: GRACE SNEDDEN!

We're excited to welcome Grace Snedden to the team as our new Community Organizer! Grace will be leading our resident engagement efforts, working to ensure that lived experience informs all levels of our advocacy.

Grace brings a wealth of experience to the role, having spent the past three years organizing around bodily autonomy in Framingham. With a diverse professional background in business, higher education, and childcare, she is deeply committed to empowering communities to advocate for meaningful change. Grace will be supporting resident coalition members and helping launch our Peer Housing Support Specialists program, strengthening our collective voice for housing justice.

Welcome, Grace!



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## ➤➤➤ MWHC HOSTS FIRST LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

On March 27, the MWHC held its first legislative briefing, bringing together over 40 coalition members and several local legislators to share our 2025–2026 policy priorities and discuss housing challenges in the region. We were grateful to be joined by Representatives James Arena-DeRosa, Carmen Gentile, and Jack Lewis, as well as staff from Representative Priscila Sousa's office and Senate President Karen Spilka's office. We greatly appreciate our legislators for taking the time to engage with and support our coalition's work.

Our briefing featured powerful testimony from coalition members across sectors, grounding each policy priority in on-the-ground experience and highlighting the need for collaborative solutions. We're thankful to everyone who contributed to the event and to all who continue to support this work in a variety of ways.

As we move forward, we encourage folks to reach out to your legislators and request co-sponsorship of the Coalition's priority policies. You can find our 2025–2026 policy priorities and a co-sponsorship request letter template on our website by visiting the following link: [bit.ly/42AyM9E](https://bit.ly/42AyM9E)

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like help identifying your legislator, crafting your message, or navigating the advocacy process.



# STAY INFORMED

## ➤➤➤ EOHLC HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST CLOSED INDEFINITELY

As of January 13, 2025, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) has closed its Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) mobile voucher waiting list until further notice.

At this time, there has been no announcement on when the waiting list will reopen, and no press releases have provided further details.

Applications received after January 13, 2025, will not be accepted by EOHLC or its regional administering agencies (RAAs). However, individuals can still apply for project-based vouchers through local housing authorities.

If you have questions or need more information, we encourage you to reach out to [housing.help@mass.gov](mailto:housing.help@mass.gov) for assistance. Additionally, our online Housing Toolkit is available with a variety of resources.



MWHC HOUSING TOOLKIT

## ➤➤➤ RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: MWCIL MONTHLY HOUSING SEARCH WORKSHOP

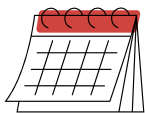


Looking for affordable, accessible, or subsidized housing but not sure where to start? **The MetroWest Center for Independent Living (MWCIL) hosts a free Housing Search Workshop on the first Monday of each month from 2:30–3:30 PM, available both on Zoom and in person in Framingham.**

Workshops cover key skills like navigating subsidized housing, communicating with landlords and housing agencies, completing applications, and requesting reasonable accommodations.

🔗 Learn more at [MWCIL.org](https://MWCIL.org) or register by emailing [dcarr@mwciil.org](mailto:dcarr@mwciil.org). You can also call 508-875-7853 and mention the Housing Workshop.

Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful resource if you are in the housing search process!



# MARK THE CALENDAR

## >>> INFO SESSION FOR MW RESIDENTS: JOIN THE MWHC

We will be hosting an info session on April 18 at 1:00 PM via Zoom for MetroWest residents interested in learning about becoming a member of the MetroWest Housing Coalition.

This session is open to all MW community members considering a one-year commitment to the coalition. The session will review what membership entails and offer space for open discussion and questions.

If interested, please fill out this short form:



[BIT.LY/3RLMSWY](https://bit.ly/3RLMSWY)

## >>> NEXT COALITION MEETING: APRIL 24 9:30AM

The next MetroWest Housing Coalition meeting will be held on April 24 from 9:30-11:00 AM via Zoom. No RSVP necessary!

Join us here:



[BIT.LY/3EREJE6](https://bit.ly/3EREJE6)

## >>> SAVE THE DATE: IN PERSON COALITION MEETING ON MAY 22 9:30 AM

Our May MWHC meeting will be held in person on Thursday, May 22 at 9:30 AM at the Marlborough Public Library (35 W Main St, Marlborough).

We're excited to come together in person and hope to see many of you there!

RSVP Here:



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