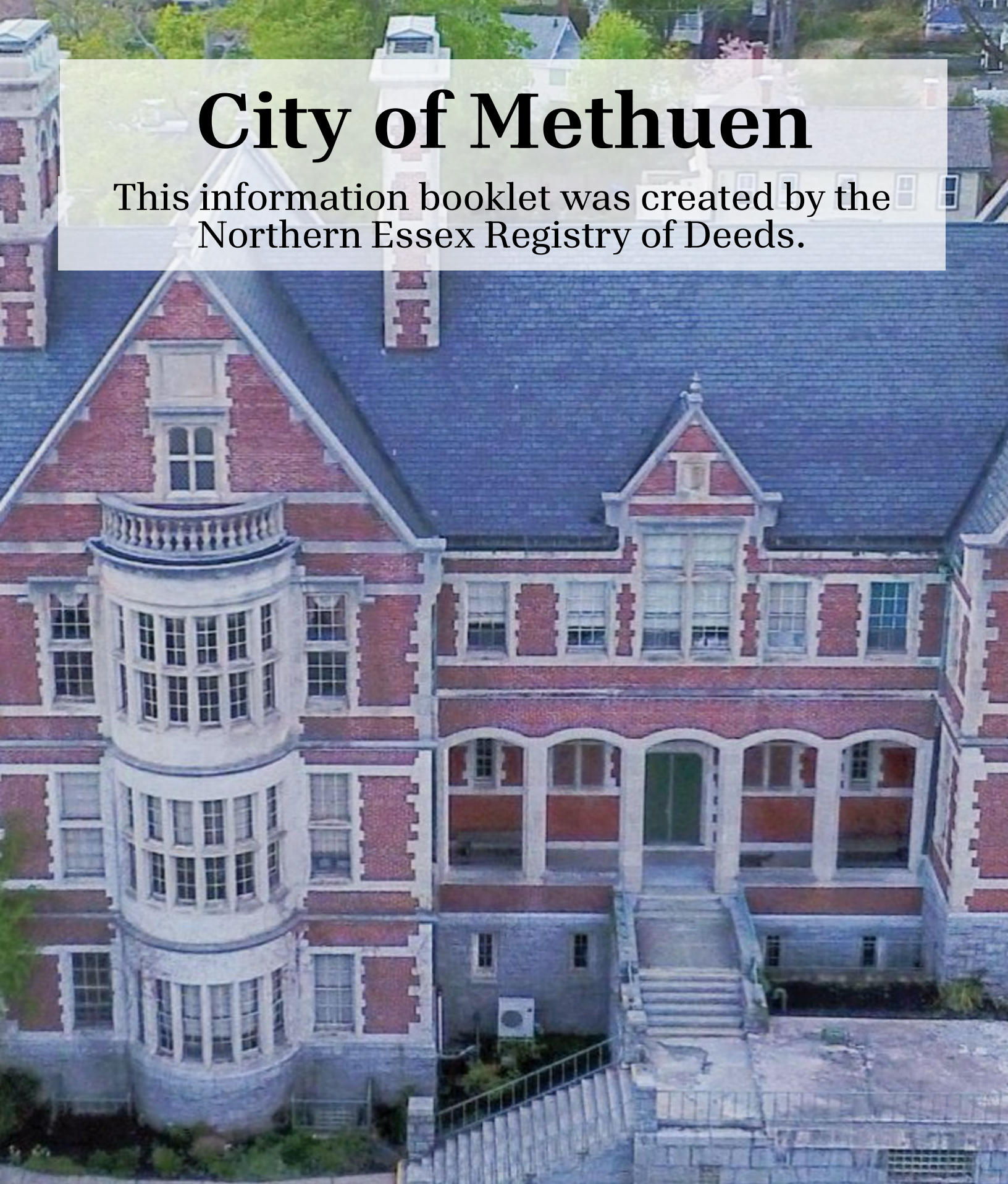


# City of Methuen

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Northern Essex Registry of Deeds



**M. Paul Iannuccillo**

*Register of Deeds*



**William F. Galvin**

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

Proudly serving the people of Lawrence, Andover,  
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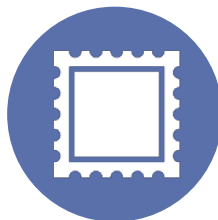
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Renewal



Copy of  
Homeowner's Deed



Homestead Forms



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## Services Provided

- Order a copy of your current Deed, Declaration of Homestead and other Documents Recorded with the Registry
- One-Stop Resource Center for Homeowners and Businesses
- Information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act
- Massachusetts Declaration of Homestead Forms
- On-Site Public Computer Terminals to Access and Print Registry Records
- Updated Website
- Information Booklets regarding Your City or Town which includes Consumer Protection and Property Fraud Information
- Administer Notary Oath and Commission to Qualify Service
- Free Notary Public Service
- Monthly Recording Statistics
- Corporate Certificate Pick-Up
- “Registry on the Move” Community Outreach Deed and Homestead Seminars
- Ongoing Registry Educational Events for Real Estate Agents, Lawyers, Town and City Offices and all other interested parties

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The *City of Methuen Information Booklet* is updated annually by *M. Paul Iannuccillo, Northern Essex Register of Deeds*, containing information regarding contact information for local, state, and federal government officials; as well as background information on your Town.

You will also find further information regarding various events and activities offered by the Town for all ages.

Each day our Registry staff receives numerous requests from the public for the information contained in this booklet. To better serve the needs of the Northern Essex County residents, we offer you this **2024** update.



**Register M. Paul Iannuccillo**

*Northern Essex Registry of Deeds*

# Office of the Secretary of State

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The Office of the Secretary of State provides services inclusive of commissions of notaries public, nomination papers, information on elections, legislature, corporations, as well as many other areas of state and local government.

The Secretary's Office has scores of informational pamphlets on many different topics including voter registration, how to obtain a marriage license, filing articles of incorporation and mortgage refinancing.

Visit <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/>  
for more information.



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# BRIEF HISTORY OF METHUEN

1642

The region of Methuen was first settled, originally as part of Haverhill, MA.

Lieutenant Stephen Barker petitioned to divide the town of Haverhill, and the town of Methuen was established.

1725

1726

The first town meeting in Methuen was held on March 9, 1726, in the home of a resident.

Construction of the Methuen Cotton Mills at Spicket River Falls increased hat & shoe manufacturing.

1820s

1993

Methuen voters approved a Charter change converting from a town to a city form of government. The town manager position was changed to an elected mayor.

# MAYORS OFFICE

Methuen City Hall, Room 306  
41 Pleasant St.  
Methuen, MA 01844  
P: (978) 983-8505



**Mayor Neil Perry**



The Office of the Mayor in the City of Methuen is dedicated to providing strong leadership, promoting transparency, and fostering community engagement to ensure the well-being and prosperity of its residents.





# METHUEN CITY COUNCIL

Methuen City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

41 Pleasant Street

Methuen, MA 01845



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*Member*

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Kenneth Willette  
*Member*

508-954-7384





# Methuen, Make your voice heard!

Like the United States federal government and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Methuen runs on municipal elections! Make your voice heard by **registering to vote**.



## Register Online

- Visit [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/?ref=voteusa\\_en](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/?ref=voteusa_en) and follow the direction on the website.



## Register by Mail

- Print, fill out, and sign the voter registration form: [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/voter-registration-forms/voter-registration\\_English.pdf](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/voter-registration-forms/voter-registration_English.pdf)
- Mail the signed form to your local election office.



## Register in Person

In Massachusetts you can register to vote in person at:

- Your local town clerk, election commission, or Board of Registrars
- The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth Elections Division
- The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Regional Offices.

For more information on registering to vote, visit:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voter-resources/registering-to-vote.htm>



Zoila Disla, Lawrence



Anne Marie  
Faris,  
Andover



Thomas Hatem, Methuen



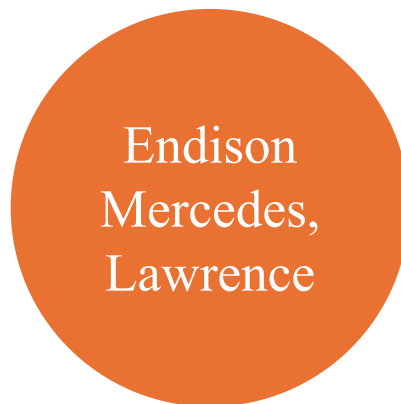
Bradley Jones, Methuen



Julio Mejia, Lawrence



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Mercedes,  
Lawrence



William Tarbox, North Andover

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<u>978-983-8655</u>	<b>Forest Lake Commission</b>	<u>978-983-8505</u>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<u>978-983-8530</u>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	<u>978-983-8566</u>
<b>Commission on Disability</b>	<u>978-983-8506</u>	<b>IT Infrastructure Committee</b>	<u>978-983-8510</u>
<b>Commission on Trust Funds</b>	<u>978-983-8506</u>	<b>Licensing Board</b>	<u>978-983-8515</u>
<b>Community Advisory Board</b>	<u>978-983-8506</u>	<b>Public Safety Committee</b>	<u>978-476-5408</u>
<b>Community Development Board</b>	<u>978-983-8560</u>	<b>Preservation Committee</b>	<u>978-983-8566</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<u>978-983-8650</u>	<b>Registrars of Voters</b>	<u>978-983-8515</u>
<b>Constables</b>	<u>978-983-8698</u>	<b>Retirement Board</b>	<u>978-983-8620</u>
<b>Council on Aging</b>	<u>978-983-8825</u>	<b>Trash Talk Committee</b>	<u>978-809-0618</u>
<b>Cultural Council</b>	<u>978-983-8505</u>	<b>Unaccepted Ways Task Force Committee</b>	<u>978-771-9441</u>
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<b>Economic Development Committee</b>	<u>978-983-8560</u>	<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<u>978-983-8631</u>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<u>(978) 609-0575</u>		

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<b>Forest Lake</b>		
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The mission of the **Methuen Fire Department** is to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants of the City of Methuen and all those who work, visit, or pass through it. The Department provides protection from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and dangerous conditions created by either man or nature in a professional and timely manner. This Department is committed to protecting life, property, and the environment. Our dedicated members work to ensure the safety of the community and maintain a citywide presence to effectively respond to all emergencies and non-emergencies. For more information, contact: **(978) 983-8910**



The Methuen Department of Elder Affairs / Council on Aging provides programs, services and activities for Methuen's 9000+ senior population. This centrally located activity center strives to be a gathering place for retirees of all ages to enrich their quality of life. The Center provides a wide variety of exercise programs, informational sessions, enrichment classes and volunteer opportunities for the purpose of keeping healthy, informed, and connected to community! For more information, contact: **(978) 983-8825**

The Methuen Police Department is a professional police organization that is committed to continually assessing the needs of those they serve by evaluating policies, procedures, and our transparency to best serve this community. Each day, the men and women of the Methuen Police Department strive to prevent crime, protect lives and property, preserve the peace and order of the community, and build positive relationships with the community we serve. **(978) 983-8801**



# STATE LEGISLATORS



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<b>Auditor Diana DiZoglio</b>	<b>(617) 727-2075</b>	<b><a href="mailto:auditor@sao.state.ma.us">auditor@sao.state.ma.us</a></b>
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<b>Senator Ed Markey</b>	<b>(617) 565-8519</b>	<b><a href="http://markey.senate.gov/contact">markey.senate.gov/contact</a></b>
<b>Congresswoman Lori Trahan</b>		
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<i>Lowell Office</i>	<b>(978) 258-1138</b>	<b>126 John Street, Suite 12 Lowell, MA 01852</b>
<i>Washington Office</i>	<b>(202) 225-3411</b>	<b>1607 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</b>

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## USEFUL CONSUMER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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<b>Affordable Homeownership</b>	<b>1-877-647-3863</b>
<b>Commission for the Blind</b>	<b>1-800-392-6450</b>
<b>Commission for the Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</b>	<b>1-800-882-1155</b>
<b>Disability Determination</b>	<b>1-800-772-1213</b>
<b>Executive Office of Elder Affairs</b>	<b>1-800-243-4636</b>
<b>Federal Consumer Information Center</b>	<b>1-800-688-9889</b>
<b>Food Stamps</b>	<b>1-800-645-8333</b>
<b>Emergency Management Agency</b>	<b>1-800-982-6846</b>
<b>MassHealth</b>	<b>1-800-841-2900</b>
<b>Rehabilitation Commission</b>	<b>1-800-223-2559</b>
<b>Office of Medicare</b>	<b>1-800-633-4227</b>
<b>Office of Medicaid</b>	<b>617-573-1770</b>
<b>Registry of Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>1-800-858-3926</b>
<b>Department of Revenue</b>	<b>1-800-392-6089</b>
<b>Securities Division</b>	<b>1-800-269-5428</b>
<b>Social Security Administration</b>	<b>1-800-772-1213</b>
<b>Transitional Assistance (Welfare)</b>	<b>1-800-249-2007</b>
<b>Massachusetts Department of Public Health</b>	<b>1-800-445-1255</b>

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# JUDICIAL CONTACTS

**Essex Superior Court J. Michael  
Ruane Judicial Center**  
56 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
Phone: (978)774-5500

**Lawrence Session is held at:**  
43 Appleton Way  
Lawrence 01841  
Phone: (978) 687-7463

**Northeast Housing Court  
Department Fenton Judicial Center**  
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Lawrence, MA 01840  
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**Essex Probate and Family Court**  
Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register  
36 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970



# PROTECT Your Home!

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Homestead Act

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 188 Sections 1-10

*Massachusetts Automatic Homestead* Exemption is **\$125,000.00**

*Massachusetts Declared Homestead* Exemption is **\$500,000.00**

There are three types of homesteads:

1. Regular Homestead for any homeowner (under 62 years of age)
2. Elderly or disabled persons (62 years of age or older)
3. Trustee homestead

Covers mobile and manufactured homes

Depending on your mortgage, you may have to refile after refinancing

Coverage for homes held in Trust

**FILING FEES FOR HOMESTEADS** is \$35.00

At the Registry of Deeds, and we will assist you in filling out the Homestead form and notarizing it. We can also mail a form to your home.

Please seek an attorney's advice for all legal questions regarding the Homestead.

Please contact our Customer Service Department with questions  
P: 978-557-1900 E: [northernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:northernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us)



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# NEED HELP WITH YOUR MORTGAGE?

Massachusetts Homeowner Assistance Fund is here.

## ABOUT MASS HAF

The Massachusetts Homeowner Assistance Fund (Mass HAF) is available for homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic. If approved, households are eligible for up to \$50,000 in assistance. The goal of HAF is to prevent foreclosures and displacements of eligible homeowners. Mass HAF is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

### You may qualify for Mass HAF if:

- ✓ You own and live in a condominium, single family-home, or a 2-, 3- or 4-family property in Massachusetts
- ✓ You are behind on your mortgage payments by at least 3 months
- ✓ You or someone in your household had their income go down, or living expenses go up, after January 21, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes job loss, fewer work hours, paying more for childcare, illness, or being unable to work because you had to take care of a family member
- ✓ You meet the [program's income limits](#) (income limits are 150% of AMI - area median income)

### WHAT IF I OWE MORE THAN \$50,000?

**Mass HAF will pay up to \$50,000** and your servicer may offer a plan to help you get caught up on the remaining amount you owe. Your servicer is whoever you pay your mortgage to.

### HOW CAN MASS HAF HELP ME?

If you are approved for Mass HAF, you would receive assistance to pay overdue mortgage payments. If you also have overdue payments on property taxes, insurance, or homeowner/condominium fees, you may be able to receive additional assistance.

### WILL I RECEIVE THE MONEY DIRECTLY

**No.** If you are approved, money will go directly to your mortgage loan servicer (the company that receives your mortgage payments). You will be informed about how much assistance was provided and how it was used.

### WILL I NEED TO PAY THE MONEY BACK?

**No,** the assistance is a grant, not a loan. You will not have to pay the money back.

## HOW DO I APPLY?



The application is online. Learn more and apply at [massmortgagehelp.org](https://massmortgagehelp.org). You can also complete a short online screener to see if you qualify.



For general information about Mass HAF or updates on your application status, you can call the HAF Call Center at (833) 270 - 2953, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. (interpreter services are available). You can also work with a non-profit housing counseling agency who can help you apply. A list of housing counseling agencies can be found on [massmortgagehelp.org](https://massmortgagehelp.org).

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## FREE LEGAL HELP

### For Elderly & For Low-income Residents of Northeast MA

Northeast Legal Aid (NLA) is a non-profit law office, often referred to as “legal aid.” NLA handles a wide range of civil cases for low income and for elderly clients in Essex and Northern Middlesex Counties. In some cases, we provide you with a lawyer to represent you. For other kinds of cases, we may provide you with information and help so that you can take care of the matter on your own.

**NLA services are free.** Because NLA has limited funding, it can only handle some kinds of legal problems and unfortunately, we do not have enough staff to accept all cases. For more information on your legal rights, please visit [www.masslegalhelp.org](http://www.masslegalhelp.org).

### **NLA provides civil legal services in the areas of:**

Elder Law	Consumer Law
Family Law	Employment Law
Landlord/Tenant Law	Small Business Assistance
Tax Controversies	CORI sealing
SSI/SSDI denials	Education Law
Racial Discrimination	Public Benefits Law

***To request our services: Call 800-336-2262 or 978-458-1465***

***Fill out an online request: visit [www.northeastlegalaid.org](http://www.northeastlegalaid.org)***

### ***Visit one of our offices at:***

181 Union Street, #201A  
Lynn, MA 01901

50 Island Street, #203A  
Lawrence, MA 01840

35 John St. #302  
Lowell, MA 01852





It has come to our attention that National Grid customers are being contacted by telephone by individuals who claim to be from National Grid and demand payment on their utility bill. They also demand over the phone payment to replace your old meter with new smart meters and threaten customers with service termination within hours if phone payment is not made immediately.

### **CUSTOMER BEWARE!**

Please follow this link if you would like more information on utility scams:

<https://www.nationalgridus.com/Our-Company/Scam-Alert>



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# Consumer Alert Regarding Residential Solar Panels



If you are considering installing solar panels on your home please take note: Some solar companies file a UCC at the Registry of Deeds. This UCC acts as notice to the world that a third party has rights to the panels “on your property.”

## PLEASE BE AWARE.

This UCC filing may complicate or even prevent your ability to refinance or sell your home. Please seek legal advice before entering into a contract.

If you have already installed solar panels and would like to know if your solar company has filed a UCC on your property contact the Northern Essex Registry of Deeds Customer Service Department

## HOMEOWNER’S SOLAR PANEL CHECKLIST

- Read the Contract
- Know your electrical use
- Consult your electric company
- Consult with multiple solar panel companies
- Schedule an energy audit
- Research the installer
- Obtain 3 quotes
- Research the warranties
- Contact an attorney
- Call Better Business Bureau



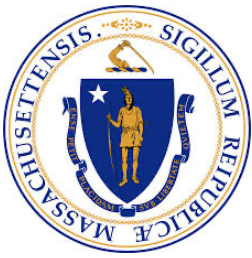
For additional information, contact the Massachusetts Department of Energy



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# Registry Consumer Alert **CUSTOMER BEWARE!**



## **CERTIFIED DEED SCAM**

Companies are offering certified copies of deeds for up to \$83.00  
You can get a copy of your deed ***FREE OF CHARGE*** from our website or by contacting our Customer Service Department at 978-557-1900 or [northernsexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:northernsexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us)

## **HOMESTEAD SCAM**

Companies are offering blank homestead forms for \$15.95. You can get a Homestead form ***FREE OF CHARGE*** on our website or by contacting our Customer Service Department at 978-557-1900 or [northernsexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:northernsexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us)

## **IRS SCAM**

IRS warns consumers of telephone scams in which thieves pretend to be IRS officials in order to steal personal information and/or money. The IRS will never demand immediate payment over the telephone; reject certain forms of payment; or reject your questioning of the amount that is owed.

If you have been a victim of this scam or know someone who has, please contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at (800) 366-4484 as well as to the Federal Trade Commission – [FTCComplaintAssistant.gov](http://FTCComplaintAssistant.gov). If you think you may owe taxes, call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040.



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# Local HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies

## Lawrence Community Works

168 Newbury Street  
Lawrence, MA 01841

**Phone:** (978) 685-3115



**Email:** [azorilla@lawrencecommunityworks.org](mailto:azorilla@lawrencecommunityworks.org)

**Website:** [www.lawrencecommunityworks.org](http://www.lawrencecommunityworks.org)

## ACT Lawrence, Inc.

530 Broadway  
Lawrence, MA 01841

**Phone:** (978) 685-6274



**Email:** [ehernandez@actlawrence.org](mailto:ehernandez@actlawrence.org)

**Website:** [www.actlawrence.org](http://www.actlawrence.org)

## NACA

261 Common Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840

**Phone:** (978) 687-3993 / (617) 250-6222



**Website:** [www.naca.com](http://www.naca.com)

\*For a complete list of HUD approved agencies in Massachusetts, please visit

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# **SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW CONSUMER NOTIFICATION SERVICE TODAY!**

The Northern Essex Registry of Deeds is proud to offer a **FREE** consumer notification service for residents of *Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover*.

This service provides name driven notifications for ANY documents that are put on record that share your name. The documents may or may not be relevant to you. Because signing up for this service requires personal information, we are unable to sign up on your behalf.

Scan the QR code below and follow the instructions provided.



OR

1. Visit <https://massrods.com/essexnorth/>
2. Scroll down to consumer notification service
3. Click the green “sign up here.”
4. Follow the instructions provided



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