2013 Spring/Summer InfoLetter

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Textile Recycling

It's a win-win! When you recycle textiles the City SAVES $96 per ton and the schools EARN $100 per ton. Bring your unwanted clothing, shoes, drapery and bedding to the collection bins in any public school yard or the DPW at 55 Sea St. Available 24/7.

Dear Neighbor,

I know you will join me in welcoming the warmer weather following the winter we just endured. With the change of seasons, the duties of our Department of Public Works will turn to street-sweeping, road repairs and yard waste collection among others. Inside this newsletter you will find important information regarding all of the DPW's spring and summer operations. I hope you will keep it handy as a reference over the next several months.

I am pleased to announce that beginning on July 1, the City will enter new contracts for waste collection and disposal, saving more than $10 million over the next 10 years.

These new contracts make sense both financially and in the service provided to our residents. Our new collection company, Sunrise Scavenger, will provide the City with new environmentally friendly collection trucks; an increase in yard waste pick-up dates; and a number of new outreach and educational programs.

You should notice very little difference in your service as our successful single-stream recycling program will continue, as will all other collection programs. The green hybrid-powered collection trucks operated by Sunrise should be the most noticeable change you will see.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful, and as always, do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-376-1990 if I can be of assistance in any matter.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor

Fun Facts:

- There are 318 miles of sidewalks in Quincy. Connected in a straight line you could walk from Quincy Center to Quebec City, Canada without crossing a street.
- There are 238 miles of water mains in Quincy.
- Quincy residents consume 9,000,000 gallons of water ***every day !***

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Highlights of New Trash Collection Contract

- Contract takes effect July 1, 2013.
- No change to collection schedule.
- 10-year contract with Sunrise Scavenger of Hyde Park will save taxpayers $1.6 million in just 6 years.
- Costs for the first 2 years of contract are equal to this year's collection cost.
- Fixed 2% increases for years 3-10.
- 5 new, eco-friendly, hybrid trucks.
- $30,000 for outreach and education paid annually by vendor.
- Expanded yardwaste collection.
- Quincy residents only call center.
- Collection of yardwaste, appliances, TVs, and Christmas trees included at no additional charge.
- Sunrise workers will pick-up trash in a 4-foot radius around trash containers.
- Collection contract designed to coincide with the new 10-year disposal contract which will allow for more creative opportunities at the contract's end in 2023.

Visit our web site at *www.quincyma.gov* for more information.

Fun Fact:
Trash is down 3,535 tons and recycling is up 1,017 tons since 2008.

City to Purchase 6,000 National Grid Street Lights

The City is in the process of taking ownership of the more than 6,000 street lights that light every neighborhood in the City. Currently, the City pays National Grid a fixed per-light fee for these services with an annual cost exceeding $1 million. The vast majority of street lights are high pressure sodium vapor that have variable life spans, burn out easily and are highly inefficient.

LED technology stands as a way to combat these problems and the City is looking to adopt an LED platform city-wide as soon as possible. The Mayor and Department of Public Works plan to convert the existing system to LEDs as soon as a lower tariff rate from National Grid is approved. Once that step is taken, the City will be able to provide reliable, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally friendly lighting in every Quincy neighborhood. It is estimated that the LED rate will also save tax payers in excess of an estimated $300,000 annually.

DPW's Paul Moody is Quincy Sun Citizen of the Year

Photo courtesy of Lisa Aimola

Paul F. Moody Sr., Supervisor in the Dept. of Public Works Sewer, Water and Drain Division was named this year's recipient of the Henry W. Bosworth, Jr. Memorial Citizenship Award. A civil servant for the City of Quincy since 1990, Moody has a long history of participation, activism and leadership in his hometown and in the DPW.

Among his many accomplishments Moody is founder and coordinator of the Flags for Veterans Island in Fort Square, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron and the Morrisette American Legion Post 295.

Commissioner Daniel G. Raymondi said, "I am proud and grateful to have Mr. Moody in our department. His contribution to the 70th memorial service of the USS Quincy last year made it the great success that it was."

In addition to his support for American veterans, Moody also volunteers in sports organizations throughout the city, in the Quincy City Club and in the Boys Scouts. In accepting the award, Paul said, "I just love helping people, especially the kids."

Important Numbers

24-Hr Emergency	617-376-1910	Water Billing	617-376-1918	Snow Removal	617-376-1927
Commissioner	617-376-1959	Traffic & Parking	617-376-1957	Waste & Recycling	617-376-1953
Engineering	617-376-1950	Street Sweeping	617-376-1957	or *recyclequincy@quincyma.gov*	
Sewer & Water	617-376-1910	Pot Hole Hotline	617-376-1957	Trash Collector	617-376-7556

National Public Works Week May 18-24

The City of Quincy celebrates National Public Works Week this May 18 through 24 with a week of activities designed to raise awareness of the DPW's role in the quality of life in our city. The week includes an Open House with a tour and exhibits followed by a luncheon announcing the winners of the Beautification projects, School Banner and Essay Contests and recognition of employees for longevity and service.

The celebration begins with Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the DPW yard at 55 Sea St.

Other scheduled events include a bicycle rodeo and pedestrian safety workshop and a free seminar on energy savings tips for homeowners and renters, sponsored by Next Step Living, Inc. Participants can sign-up for a free home energy audit that offers grants for insulation, free water conservation kits and more.

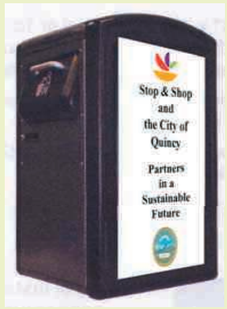
Tune into QATV channel 11, The Quincy Sun or visit our website at www.quincyma.gov for further details.

Big Belly Solar Compactors in Quincy Center

The City of Quincy partnered with Stop & Shop Companies to install 10 BigBelly solar compactors in Quincy Center. Stop & Shop granted the City of Quincy $50,000 to purchase the units which will be serviced and maintained by the Department of Public Works.

The units use solar power to compact the trash allowing for up to 5 times the amount of trash of normal litter barrels. In addition, the units transmit signals to the internet, e-mail and cell phone allowing workers to check the fullness of the unit from their computer or cell phone. This saves thousands of dollars yearly in manpower and fuel and reduces the carbon footprint in the collection process. According to Mayor Koch, "Stop & Shop and the City share a commitment ... to the quality of life in our shared community."

It is the goal of the DPW to replace all the city's 135 public trash barrels with BigBelly solar compactors.



BigBelly Solar Compactor

Curbside Recycling Instructions

There will be no changes to recycling with our new collection vendor, Sunrise Scavenger. Curbside collection of Single Stream Recycling is provided every week to residents of buildings with 8 units or less and to condominiums. The City does not distribute recycling containers. To partake in Single Stream recycling simply place a blue, Single Stream recycling sticker on any existing barrel and place curbside on your regular trash day. Free Single Stream stickers and a coupon worth $5 towards a 32-gallon recycling barrel are available at the DPW and City Hall. Call 617-376-1953 or e-mail recyclequincy@quincyma.gov to have them mailed to you.

What To Recycle

- All paper and cardboard (paper clips and staples OK)
- Mail and envelopes (with windows OK)
- Magazines and catalogs
- Paperback books
- Shredded paper in clear plastic bags
- Milk and juice cartons
- Paper bags
- Fax and computer paper
- Cereal boxes
- Toilet paper cores
- Egg cartons
- Frozen food boxes
- Soap boxes

Do Not Include

- Paper towels, facial tissues, towelettes, and napkins
- Wax paper
- Hard cover books

- Soda juice and water bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Detergent, bleach and softener bottles
- Clean yogurt and food containers

Fun Fact: The City earned $30,000 by selling its recycling in FY' 13.

- Rigid plastic
- Plastic bags, food wrap
- Cellophane
- Styrofoam
- Coat hangers

- All colors
- Condiment jars
- Wine, beer and soda bottles
- Fruit and sauce jars
- Baby food jars
- Vinegar bottles

- Broken glass
- Cups, dishes and plates
- Windows
- Ceramics
- Mirrors
- Light bulbs

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Aluminum pie plates and serving trays
- Clean tin foil
- Empty aerosol cans

- Coat hangers
- Propane tanks (take to retailer)
- Bring scrap metal to DPW yard

Spring/Summer Schedules

Yardwaste is collected on your regular trash day during the highlighted weeks of this calendar. Place leaves, grass clippings and twigs into paper bags, cardboard boxes or in barrels marked with YARDWASTE stickers. Stickers are required on all yardwaste barrels. NO PLASTIC BAGS. You can drop-off yardwaste and recyclables at the DPW yard M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from March 13, 2013 through mid-December from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fun Fact: Quincy collects approximately 10,000 tons of yardwaste from residents every year.

Yardwaste

Holiday ◯ **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day** ◇

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Street Sweeping

Fun Fact: There are 190 miles of public streets and 25 miles of non-public streets in Quincy.

To ensure that all streets are properly cleaned residents should make every effort to remove all motor vehicles, branches, hockey nets, portable basketball nets and large debris from the street on the day it will be swept. Signs will be posted the day prior to sweeping.
This schedule is in effect weather permitting.

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27 W4 P3	03 W3 P3	10 W6 P3	17 W5 P3	24 W2 P3	MAY
28 W4 P4	04 W3 P4	11 W6 P4	18 W5 P4	25 W2 P4	01 W1 P3
29 W4 P5	05 W3 P5	12 W6 P5	19 W5 P5	26 W2 P5	02 W1 P4
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Please do not pile debris into the gutter.

This can cause serious damage to the street sweeping equipment.

Fun Fact: It costs $250,000 to replace a street sweeper.

Fun Facts: During the 2012 construction season the DPW:

- Painted 425 crosswalks totaling 112,328 feet
- Painted 499,908 feet of solid road lines
- Installed 137 new traffic signs
- Replaced 337 traffic signs
- Removed 18 signs
- Repaired 15 signs

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day May 18

In celebration of National Public Works week the DPW will accept Household Hazardous Waste at the DPW yard, 55 Sea St, on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.. This free service is provided to ensure a healthy environment and is open to all Quincy residents. Proof of residency is required.

Some of the eligible items are oil based paints, thinners, strippers and varnishes, all household cleaners including drain and plumbing cleaners, automotive fluids including gasoline, anti-freeze, oil and filters, chemical fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides, ni-Cad and lithium batteries and all mercury product such as fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers.

When gathering products for the drop-off event, leave materials in original containers and tighten all caps and lids. Sort and pack items separately in sturdy upright boxes. NEVER MIX CHEMICALS. Do not smoke while handling hazardous materials and do not bring children in the car with you.

Some materials not accepted are latex paint, tires, ammunition, fireworks and explosives.

For a comprehensive list of materials accepted and not accepted go to the City's website at www.quincyma.gov.