



DPW 2014 Spring/Summer InfoLetter

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DPW by the Numbers

- 1888** The year the DPW was established
- 5,361** Work orders to repair water meters
- 9,329** The total number of catch basins
- 29,330** Tons of trash disposed
- 8.96** Million gallons of water consumed daily in Quincy
- 500** Sidewalks repaired
- 323,289** Gallons of diesel and unleaded fuel consumed
- 104** Controlled intersections
- 504** Crosswalk locations
- 4.75** Billion gallons of wastewater sent to the MWRA annually
- 270** Miles of sidewalks
- \$10** Million estimated savings over the life of new disposal contract
- 475,788** Feet of crosswalks painted
- 43** Tide Gates
- 6,502** Streetlights
- 3,000** Christmas trees collected curbside
- 2,549** Fire hydrants
- 1,857** Dig Safe requests
- 7,150** Feet of water mains replaced
- 244** Miles of paved roads



Please place your trash curbside by 7 A.M. For curbside collection of appliances, TVs and monitors call 617-376-7556 at least 2 full business days before your regular trash day.



Dear Neighbor, I think I speak for all of us by saying "good riddance" to the winter we all endured this year. As the warmer weather

approaches, the Department of Public Works will transform its operation from snow plowing and salt spreading to road repairs, sidewalk replacement, and street sweeping.

In this season's public works newsletter, you will find important information regarding all of the DPW's spring and summer operations. Please keep it as a reference over the next several months.

As you already know, the dramatic fluctuations in temperature this winter will leave us an unusually high abundance of potholes this season. To that end, I am pleased to announce that we have allocated additional funds, with the support of the City Council, to substantially expand our pothole operation. Please call the DPW at 617-376-1957 to report potholes.

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.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Koch



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Or see us on the web

<http://www.quincyma.gov/Government/PWD/Waste&Recycle.cfm>



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Street Sweeping Blitz to Kick-off Construction Season

The Department of Public Works this spring will continue its efficiency upgrades with a new street-sweeping schedule that will allow us to cover more area in less time. Sweeping neighborhood streets traditionally required 6 to 8 weeks, but will for the first time this year be completed in 3 weeks.

A big time saver is not using sand during snow storms. "Sand is not a good tool for snow fighting," said DPW

Commissioner Daniel G. Raymondi. The "salt-only" strategy saves sweeping, collection and disposal costs. It also stops sand from entering our catch basins which diminishes the operation of our drainage systems.

The new efficiencies come as part of our broader review of all DPW operations and will be helped by a recent investment in a new street-sweeper. Less time sweeping allows our crews to spend more time on



other work, like potholes and sidewalk repairs. You'll find the schedule for spring street-sweeping in your neighborhood inside this newsletter. Please try to keep your car off the

street on scheduled sweeping days.

This spring we'll also be continuing our efforts to expand and improve our operations, including sidewalk repairs. Last year, we replaced 108,000 square feet of sidewalks citywide, and we expect to meet or exceed that number this year. Please visit www.quincyma.gov in the coming weeks for more information on sidewalk repairs.

Bill Wright Honored at Inaugural



During his Inaugural Address, Mayor Koch talked about our community's "human capital," who contribute to the vibrancy of our

City through their dedication and service to our community. Billy Wright, a 36-year veteran of the DPW was among those citizens honored. Bill has a great record of proudly serving his City and is highly respected by his peers at the DPW. He is also a proud veteran of

the United States Army, serving three active-duty tours spanning more than 30 years.

"John Adams described our City as that "remarkable spot." This evening we recognize a few of our community members, but countless acts of fellowship define our human capital," Mayor Koch stated in his speech. "These people, ... this human capital is the granite foundation of our great City. It is what makes it that "remarkable spot."...it is what makes our future, one with such limitless potential." *Congratulations Billy!*

Coming Soon! Name That Robot



Quincy 3rd graders will soon vote on naming a new, state-of-the-art recycling robot generously donated by our curbside waste collector Sunrise Scavenger. You can participate in the naming contest by going to our website www.quincyma.gov and clicking on the "Name That Robot story" on the News sidebar. The new robot is slated to visit schools this spring to talk about the benefits of recycling. During the visit, 3rd graders will be asked to choose from the list of names sent into the website. The remote controlled robot can dance, sing and answer questions from the audience. Stay

The New Perfect Recycling Barrel

Curbside collection vendor Sunrise Scavenger is equipped to handle the popular wheeled-toter recycling barrel. These 48-gallon containers make single-stream recycling a "snap." Containers must feature the rigid "lip" on top and steel cross bar to hook into the hydraulic lift. Free recycling stickers and a \$10 coupon toward the purchase of a 48-gallon



recycling barrel at Curry and Danny's hardware stores in Quincy are available by e-mailing your name and address to: recyclequincy@quincyma.gov or call 617-376-1953.

tuned to the City's website and QATV for more information on the Name That Robot contest.

Important Numbers

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

National Public Works Week



The City of Quincy continues its annual celebration of National Public Works Week from May 17 through 24. This important event recognizes the significant

contributions that DPW workers make each and every day to the quality of life of the people of Quincy.

Highlights of the week long celebration include:

- Citywide beautification grants for the improvement of public spaces utilizing volunteers.

- Third grade tour of DPW facilities
- Fourth grade Essay Contest
- Fifth grade Banner Contest
- Household Hazardous Waste Day Saturday, May 17, from 8 to 10 A.M. at the DPW yard, 55 Sea St. For more information go to <http://www.quincyma.gov/Government/PWD/HazardousWaste.cfm>

- Bicycle Safety Rodeo Saturday, May 17 from noon to 3 P.M. at 55 Sea Street.
- DPW Open House, Wednesday, May 21, 9 A.M. to noon

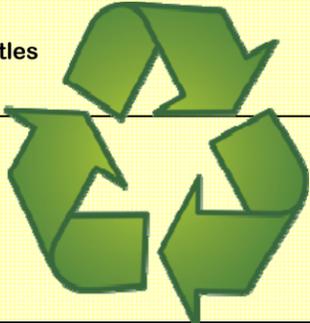
- Recognition and award ceremony Wednesday, May 21 from noon to 3 P.M.

Many more exciting happenings are planned. For more information go to www.quincyma.gov/Government/PWD/, QATV channels 8 and 11 and the Quincy Sun.

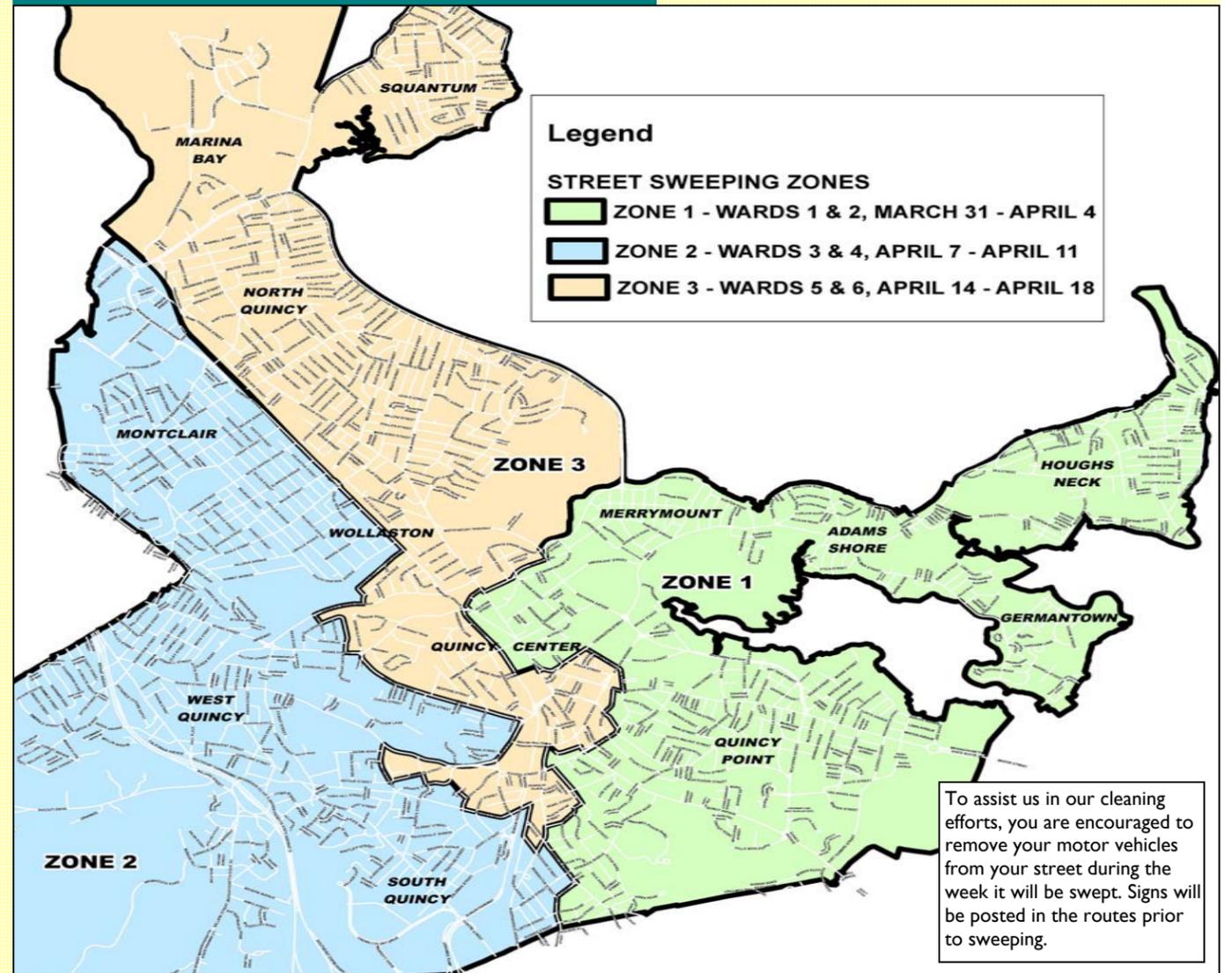


Curbside Recycling Instructions

Curbside collection of Single Stream Recycling is provided every week to residents of buildings with 8 units or less. The City does not distribute recycling containers. Put a blue, Single Stream recycling sticker on any existing barrel. Free Single Stream stickers and a coupon worth \$5 towards a recycling barrel are available at the DPW and City Hall. Call 617-376-1953 or e-mail recycle-quincy@quincyma.gov to have them mailed to you.

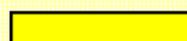
PAPER	PLASTIC	GLASS	METAL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All paper and cardboard (paper clips and staples OK) • Mail and envelopes (with windows OK) • Magazines and catalogs • Paperback books • Shredded paper in clear plastic bags • Milk and juice cartons • Paper bags • Fax and computer paper • Cereal boxes • Toilet paper cores • Egg cartons • Frozen food boxes • Soap boxes 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soda juice and water bottles • Shampoo bottles • Milk and juice jugs • Detergent, bleach and softener bottles • Clean yogurt and food containers 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All colors • Condiment jars • Wine, beer and soda bottles • Fruit and sauce jars • Baby food jars • Vinegar bottles 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum and tin cans • Aluminum pie plates and serving trays • Clean tin foil • Empty aerosol cans
			
<p>Do Not Recycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper towels, facial tissues, towelettes, and napkins • Wax paper • Hard cover books (Bring books, cassettes and video tapes to DPW yard) • Rigid plastic • Plastic bags, food wrap • Cellophane • Dry cleaning bags • Styrofoam • Coat hangers • Broken glass cups, dishes and plates • Windows • Ceramics • Mirrors • Light bulbs • Coat hangers • Propane tanks (take to retailer) • Bring scrap metal to DPW yard 			

Street Sweeping Schedule



Expanded Yardwaste Schedule

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 may drop-off yardwaste and recyclables at the DPW yard M-F, 7:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. and on Saturdays from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

 Yardwaste Collection Week
 Holiday
 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day



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