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2015 Spring/Summer InfoLetter

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FUN FACT: FEMA and MEMA grants totalling over \$600,000 provided more than half the total cost for flood relief to Quincy Avenue, Charlesmount Road, Craig Avenue, Martensen Street and Circuit Road.

POSTAL CUSTOMER

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



Dear Friends,

Crossing my fingers that by the time you read this, this historic winter will finally be behind us. On that note, I would like to take this opportunity first to offer my sincerest thanks to all of our city employees and contractors who worked incredibly hard to help us get through what I know we all hope will be a once-in-a-lifetime event. I would especially like to thank all of you, our residents, for your patience, cooperation and the countless acts of kindness during those very tough weeks.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Koch
 Mayor

FUN FACT: We removed enough snow in February to fill the Empire State Building.

The **Earth Machine** composter is available for purchase at the DPW rear yard M-F from 7:30 am to 3 pm and on Saturdays through mid-December from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm (weather permitting). Through a grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection the cost is only \$45.

The **Great American Rain Barrel Company** of Hyde Park, MA is taking orders for its May 12 distribution at the DPW parking lot at 55 Sea St., on May 12, from 5 to 7 pm. Orders must be in by 5 pm on May 5. Call **800-251-2352** for more information.



The "snow farm" at the Quincy shipyard was active around the clock in February. The pit in the middle of this photograph was completely filled-in by March.



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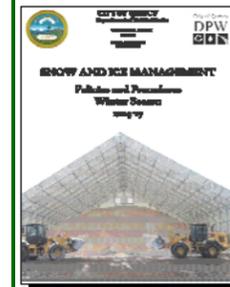
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INNOVATIONS ABOUND AT THE DPW

For the last several years the Department of Public works has reviewed all of its operations and made significant upgrades and improvements in the interest of quality, efficiency and cost. This article briefly outlines some of those initiatives.

Highway



Snow and Ice Management Policies and Procedures
 Documents snow fighting strategies and responsibilities.

Brine Application
 Prevents the bond of frozen precipitation to the road surface which reduces plowing costs while maintaining safe roads.

Salt Shed Increases storage capacity, saves money and enhances our ability to fight back-to-back storms.

Street Sweeping Blitz Reduces sweeping operations by five (5) weeks, thereby giving crews a head start on sidewalk and pot hole repairs.

Sidewalk Program Improves productivity and communication with residents while eliminating construction backlogs.

Sidewalk Cutter Repairs trip hazards and saves taxpayers 70-90% when compared to traditional sidewalk repair.

Crosswalk and Pavement Marking Blitz Improves pedestrian and vehicle safety by painting crosswalks and pavement twice yearly.

Signage Operations Utilizes the Department of Correction to replace 3,500 four-inch street name signs with six-inch, high reflective lettering thereby improving visibility.

Rear Yard Reorganization Significantly improves efficiency, safety, and compliant operations.

Water/Sewer/Drain

Water/Sewer Ordinance Allows the Department to charge for prohibited sewer and water connections, usage and illicit discharges into our system.

Citywide Leak Detection Continuous, comprehensive survey of our 230 miles of water distribution system saves ratepayers an estimated \$250,000 dollars per year.

Catch Basins
 Comprehensive Storm Drain/Catch Basin Cleaning Program removes tons of debris from the City's 9,329 catch basins thereby improving drainage.



SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition control system permits operators to remotely monitor and control the level and flow of water in our water tanks and pump stations.

New Water Metering System Remotely monitors consumption levels across the City in real time which improves billing accuracy and reduces customer service issues.

Mosquito Control Working with the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District and the City of Quincy Health Department to administer an expanded mosquito control program that deposits fast-acting, effective mosquito insecticide tablets into City catch basins.

ADULT MOSQUITO SPRAYING WILL COMMENCE THURSDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER DUSK TO 1 AM

Variable Frequency Drives Allows for remote control of the pump stations at Ricciuti Drive, Roosevelt Road and West Street saving the City thousands in electrical costs annually.

Waste Management

School Textile Diverts 180 tons of textiles saving taxpayers over \$14,000 in disposal fees and earning \$18,000 in commissions for local parent organizations.

New Collection Contract Saves several million dollars. The additional benefits are:

- Fixed annual increases.
- No fuel surcharge.
- Six additional weeks of yard waste collection at no additional cost.
- Disposal of all televisions collected curbside at no cost to City.
- Five new eco-friendly hybrid trucks.
- Recycling robot procured as part of the contract for outreach and education.

New Waste Disposal Contract Saves taxpayers millions in reduced disposal fees.

New Recycling Contract The City may earn revenue from its recycling material but will never pay for processing for 10 years.



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FUN FACT: The Water Department received the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Drinking Water Program Public Water System Award for Outstanding Performance and Achievement for the second consecutive year.

Important Numbers

24-Hr. Emergency.....	617-376-1910
Commissioner Raymondi.....	617-376-1959
Water Billing.....	617-376-1918
Water, Sewer & Drain	617-376-1910
Waste and Recycling.....	617-376-1953
or, recyclequincy@quincyma.gov	
Sunrise Scavenger	617-376-7556
Engineering.....	617-376-1950
Traffic Engineer	617-376-1962
Street Sweeping	617-376-1957
Pot Hole Hotline	617-376-1914
DPW Related Claims.....	617-376-1525

Innovations *(continued)*

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Single Stream Recycling More convenient method initiated in 2008 saved taxpayers over \$2.6 million.

Solar Powered Public Litter Barrels Compact trash in a 5:1 ratio and transmit "Fullness Alert" e-mails to the collector which cuts collection costs and reduces the City's carbon footprint.

Outreach

National Public Works Week

Seeks to educate the public about the Department of Public Works. Each May over 1,000 residents and civic leaders, including every third grade student in Quincy attend our Open House.



Mr. R. E. Cycle

InfoLetter Forty thousand (40,000) InfoLetters are mailed twice yearly to every household in Quincy including condominiums, community centers, libraries, City Departments and businesses.

Employee Spotlight

The Department welcomes Deborah Finnigan as our Traffic Engineer. Finnigan is charged with providing the city with a safe and effective transportation network. In addition, she reviews private and public development proposals, residential and business concerns and the needs of the city's burgeoning pedestrian and bicycle population.

Finnigan grew up in Montpelier, VT where her love of the great outdoors was born. She earned her degree in civil engineering from the University of Vermont in Burlington where she vowed never to be a traffic engineer. Ironically, Finnigan's first job out of college was designing ramps and signs for the newly refurbished Logan

Airport. This assignment and the mentoring she received from employer T. Y. Lin International soon changed her outlook on traffic engineering and set her on the path that would ultimately lead her to Quincy.

Ms. Finnigan enjoys competing in obstacle races like the ubiquitous "Spartan Races." She trains five days a week and is currently training for a walking event which covers the Boston Marathon route. Called "Carry The Fallen," the event is part of a campaign to raise

awareness of Veteran Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Participants hope to raise money to build a retreat camp for veterans and their families.

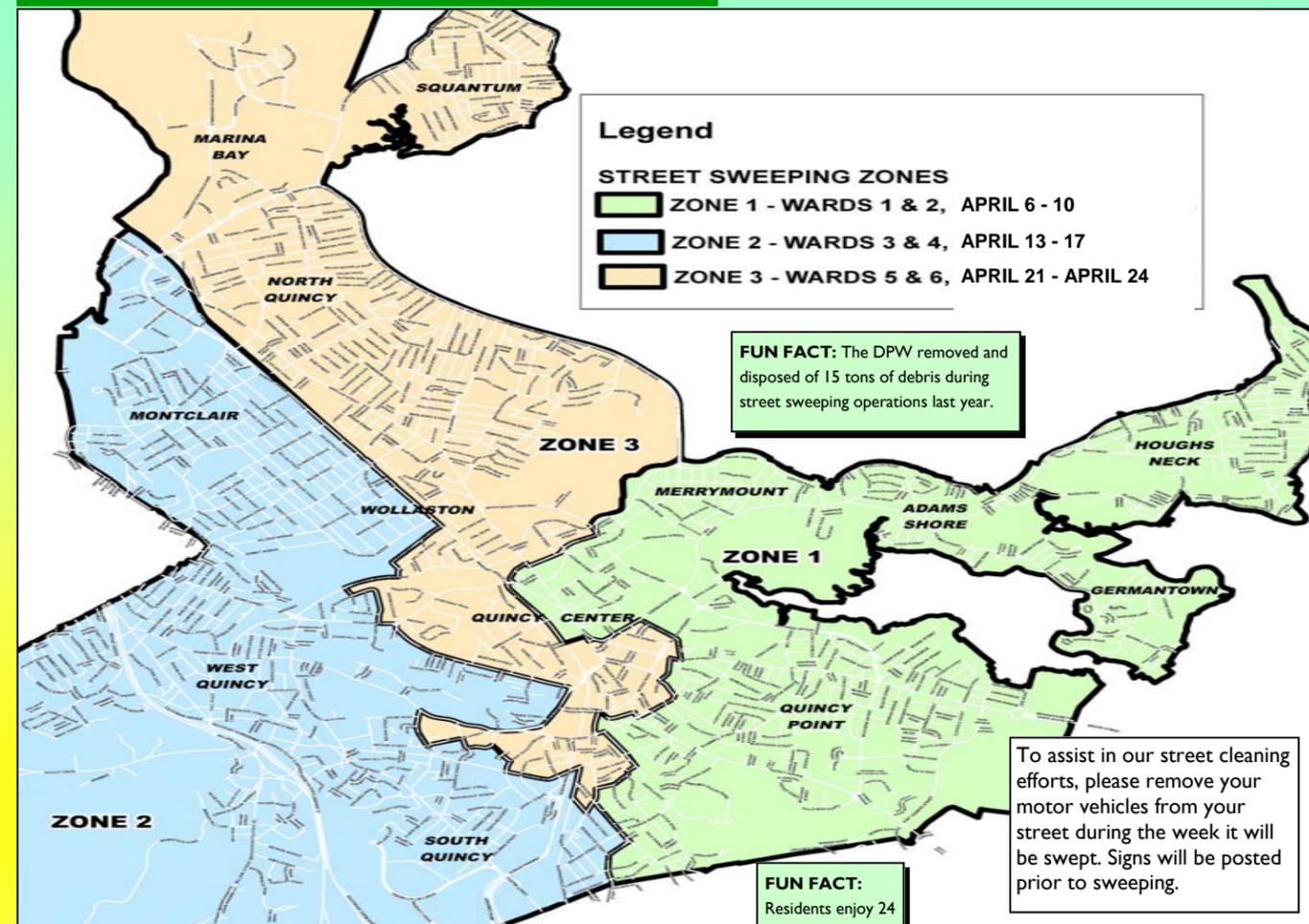


Traffic Engineer Deborah Finnigan

FUN FACT: The Ross Garage and Hancock Lot generated \$742,285 in revenue in FY '14.

Modified Street Sweeping Schedule

(Conditions Permitting)



Recycling

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 free, blue Single Stream recycling sticker on any existing barrel. Single Stream recycling stickers and a coupon worth \$10 towards a 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.

<p>PAPER</p>	<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 	<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 Broken glass cups, dishes and plates Windows Ceramics Mirrors Light bulbs Coat hangers Propane tanks Bring scrap metal to DPW yard
<p>PLASTIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soda, juice and water bottles Shampoo bottles Milk and juice jugs Detergent, bleach and softener bottles 	<p>FUN FACT: Textile collection bins are available in the DPW parking lot and in every public school yard in Quincy.</p>
<p>GLASS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All colors Condiment jars Wine, beer and soda bottles Fruit and sauce jars Baby food jars Vinegar bottles 	
<p>METAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum and tin cans Aluminum pie plates and serving trays Clean tin foil Empty aerosol cans 	

NOTE: Independence Day is celebrated on July 3rd. Even though City offices are closed, it is a regular trash and yardwaste collection

Modified 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. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Stickers are required on all yardwaste barrels. Branches must be cut into 3-foot lengths and cannot be thicker than 2.5 inches. You may drop-off yardwaste and recyclables at the DPW yard M-F, 7:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. and on Saturdays, mid-April through mid-December from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

