

QUINCY VIEW

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"Government best serves its citizens when we create two-way dialogue. This past year so many of you answered the call and actively participated in our civic life in the best tradition of our democracy. This newsletter aims to provoke further dialogue by updating you on important projects and provides a forum to share your ideas on how we can better serve our citizens."

Mayor William J. Phelan

VIBRANT DOWNTOWN CLOSER TO REALITY

Downtown Quincy, once a hub of community activity, is now closer than ever to returning to a vibrant urban center. In 2007, the City of Quincy will finalize the land-takings necessary to construct the valuable Quincy Center Concourse, linking Burgin Parkway to Hancock Street and down through to Southern Artery. This valuable east-west connector will provide much-needed access to the downtown from the highway and provide for easier traffic flow through the City center. It will also serve as a public-investment catalyst to draw private investment into downtown.

With the help of Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry, along with Congressman Bill Delahunt, there is a \$6 million Federal earmark to help construct this valuable roadway. Our State delegation has also helped with a \$5 million economic stimulus package to help bring a vibrant downtown one step closer to reality.



The Quincy Center Concourse could be the impetus we need to drive significant investment in our Downtown.

QUINCY FIRST IN STATE TO LAUNCH ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

The City of Quincy will conduct energy audits at more than 40 school, fire station, community center, and other municipal buildings in an effort to save millions of taxpayers dollars. Taking advantage of new State law, the City will make upgrades to heating systems, lighting, and buildings without spending any existing taxpayer's dollars. The new State law allows the City to pay for all upgrades through anticipated savings in future bills.

"Our schools will be better learning environments and safer places to learn because of this exciting program," said Mayor William Phelan. "Many of our older school buildings have antiquated systems that when improved will help us realize significant savings."

STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

2007 is shaping-up to be one of the busiest years ever for street and sidewalk repairs in Quincy. The City will invest more than \$3 million in re-paving City streets and \$2.5 million in improving sidewalks in neighborhoods throughout Quincy.

The Department of Public Works has an in-house crew that will make sidewalk repairs throughout the city at smaller pockets of degraded sidewalk areas. If you need your sidewalk repaired, please call (617) 376-1959.

CITY TO CREATE NEW WATERFRONT PARK

The Broad Meadows Restoration project is scheduled to begin construction in 2007. Currently a 100-acre phragmite-infested, mosquito breeding wasteland behind the Broad Meadows Middle School and Quincy Youth Arena, Broad Meadows will be transformed into a thriving salt marsh and adjoining waterfront, upland park.

Utilizing \$1 million from the City's hotel/motel tax and \$3 million from the Army Corps of Engineers, the project will create a passive park area with walking trails, boardwalks, benches, and scenic vistas of the Town River. The project should help alleviate the chronic mosquito problems that plague the nearby areas and the new inlets and creeks will also create great opportunities for kayaks and canoes.

The project currently awaits the completion of the Federal budget process.



"This is one of the most exciting projects in our City's history," said Mayor William Phelan. "We will create a public area as valuable as Merrymount Park, Faxon Park, or any other natural area in our city."

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING TO OPEN AT SQUANTUM GARDENS

A grand opening is planned for March 2007 at the new Quantum Gardens, an affordable senior housing complex near Marina Bay. There will be 200 units of senior housing with great views of Wollaston Beach, the Marina Bay marshes, and the Neponset River, located conveniently near the intersection of East Quantum Street and Quincy Shore Drive.

If you are interested in getting an application, please call Elder Housing Corp. at (617)-328-8384

CITY ACQUIRES SOUTHER TIDE MILL PROPERTY



The City will work to transform this location into a hub of community activity.

Few know the important history of the dilapidated buildings on Southern Artery and even fewer know of the natural beauty that the waterfront parcel possesses. But that could all change this year as the City has acquired the property from the non-profit organization that has owned the property for the past six years.

The property runs along the Town River and Town Brook and has great potential for a commercial lobster fishery and canoe, kayak, and crew access along the Town Brook. The views up the Town River and across to the future Broad Meadows Park are tremendous.

CITY WEB-SITE NOW ACCEPTING ON-LINE PAYMENTS

Mayor Phelan announced the City's web-site is taking a major step toward becoming more customer-friendly with the availability of on-line payments for parking tickets. Phelan hopes to add payment options in the coming year to allow residents to pay excise tax, permit fees, and other charges conveniently on-line.

"For some, taking a day off to come to City Hall and pay a bill can be a great inconvenience," said Phelan. "We aim to expand our web-site services in an effort to make life easier for our residents."

The City plans to overhaul its entire site (<http://www.ci.quincy.ma.us>) in the coming months.

THE MAYOR'S SUGGESTION BOX

Do you have an idea that will help the City to provide better services or save money? If you do, send it in. Our winner will have his or her name published in our next Newsletter and be invited to have lunch with the Mayor. Send your ideas in by **March 5, 2007** to be included in the drawing. Good Luck!

Name

Street

City

Phone Number

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

North Quincy - Working with Councilor Brian McNamee, the City of Quincy is negotiating with the City of Boston to end client shuttle services between Long Island and the North Quincy T station. Construction of a new Atlantic Neighborhood Center at the North Quincy Library is planned during 2007.

Squantum - Creation of a new "mothers' park" at Wendall Moses Playground is underway. The passive park will have benches and walkways and create a quiet place to sit, relax, and enjoy the outdoors. Paving and new sidewalks are planned for numerous streets this Spring.

Wollaston - Technology upgrades are being planned for the Wollaston Library. New computer equipment and classes are contemplated for early-2007. The State is scheduled to finish their improvements at Wollaston Beach before beach season begins.

Quincy Center - The Police Department has conducted a series of successful meetings with the managers of the boys' home on Spear Street. Improvements have been made and the situation has improved.

West Quincy - Sidewalk repairs all along West Street and Centre Street are planned this Spring. The roof at the West Quincy Fire Station was fixed last month. Water main improvements are planned for Ashland Street, Salem Street, Wren Terrace, Forrest Avenue, and Grove Street

South Quincy - The State is preparing to begin construction on the ramps at Crown Colony, alleviating the traffic problems in the area. The job has been advertised and it is hoped that the State will begin this spring/summer.

Montclair - The Neponset Riverwalk Committee is hoping to link Montclair with Marina Bay with a contiguous walking trail along and nearby the Neponset River. Portions of the project are complete and it is hoped that the trail will be in place in 2007.

Quincy Point - Renovations to the Fore River Clubhouse will begin soon. The floor will be replaced and a new heating/air conditioning system will be installed. The City is looking to create a new park on Cleverly Court, transforming an asphalt parking area into neighborhood green-space.

Merrymount - Paving and sidewalk repair will take place on Chickatabot Road, Agawam Road, Putnam Street, Merrymount Road, Hobomack Road, and Algonquin Road. The lengthy permitting process for Broad Meadows marsh is nearing completion and the project is slated to begin, subject to Federal funding, in Spring 2007.

Hough's Neck - The Bayswater Boatyard Committee has moved forward on its recommendations to the Mayor. This Spring look for swings, picnic benches, new signage, and other amenities to service the Parkhurst/Perry Beach. A major sewer rehabilitation project is underway along Edgewater Drive. The project will alleviate chronic sewer backups that have plagued residents for years.

Germantown - A summer grand opening is scheduled for the new Germantown Neighborhood Center at the site of the former St. Boniface Church. With help from the YMCA and a major contribution from our organized labor unions, the new center will be a community gem.

Adams Shore - Technology upgrades are planned for the Adams Shore Library this Spring. In addition, the Library will provide instructional technology courses at all the Library branches. The classes will be geared toward first-time computer users and getting people old and young acclimated to new technology.