



Boston City Council

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Councilor - District 2

Nick Gove, Chief of Streets
One City Hall Square
Room 721
Boston, MA 02201

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RE: Request for Early Street Sweeping in South Boston

Dear Chief Gove,

I'm writing today to respectfully request that the Public Works Department please consider beginning early street sweeping operations following the 123rd Annual Evacuation Day & St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston. I make this request in light of the feedback I have heard in recent weeks from neighbors. While we always receive these general concerns on the need for clean streets ahead of street sweeping season, this year those calls have increased dramatically due to additional trash and debris on our streets following the melting of significant snow and ice from the two major storms we experienced.

Currently, street sweeping is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 1st. In the days leading up to and following the Parade, South Boston becomes a destination for literally thousands of visitors to celebrate Evacuation Day and St. Patrick's Day. In past years, concerned South Boston residents and civic groups, the South Boston Community Health Center, nonprofit partners and my office have worked together on neighborhood clean-ups to dispose of cans, bottles, food waste, and other items on our streets and sidewalks. In recent years, residents have reported an increase in pest control activity following the parade due to remaining trash and debris.

In light of these quality of life and public health concerns, and especially with the recent increase in trash and debris following significant snow melting, I am respectfully requesting that the City please consider beginning street sweeping early this year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ed.Flynn@boston.gov.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2