



SOUTH END YOU ARE INVITED...

- What:** A neighborhood meeting on the proposed expansion of the South End Trash and Recycling Placement Program.
- When:** Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm
- Where:** The South End Library - 685 Tremont Street.
- Purpose:** To explore the feasibility of expanding the program to limit the placement hours of trash/recycling throughout the entire neighborhood of the South End.

South End Trash and Recycling Placement Program Background:

- The Public Works Department instituted a four-month Pilot Program in March 2013 for a designated area of the South End which mandated that trash/recycling could not be placed at curbside prior to 11:00 pm the night before the scheduled collection day. The intent of this Pilot Program was to reduce the amount of time trash is on the street, and thus, to reduce litter.
- The area of the South End that was selected is bordered by Tremont Street, East/West Concord Street, Harrison Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue. This area is within the limits of the Worcester Square, Hurley Blocks, and Chester Square Neighborhood Associations.
- The Pilot Program evaluation was completed on June 11 at a neighborhood meeting held at the South End Library. Many residents attended the meeting and there was a full discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of the Pilot Program. The two most prominent takeaways were that the program was effective in improving the neighborhood cleanliness, but the 11:00 pm placement hour was too restrictive.
- The South End Forum representatives, in concert with City agencies, voted to **continue the program for the designated area but adjust the placement hour of trash/recycling to 9:00 pm** on the night before scheduled collections. The new hours took effect in the Pilot area on **July 1, 2013**.
- **Residents/property owners who place any material prior to 9:00 pm in that area have been cited by Code Enforcement Officers.** Also, other rules are enforced such as proper containment of trash/recycling material. **See the reverse side of this notice for proper containers.**
- City agencies and Forum members are now considering the expansion of this program to the entire South End neighborhood in the fall of 2013.