

Dear Hancock St. neighbors,

Moving day has come and gone. Welcome to new people, hello to old. Hancock St. has its virtues, and is a pleasant place to live. Most people are doing their best to keep it that way, a few are not. The target of this letter is those who are not careful about garbage. It is not at all unusual, for instance, for the SE corner of Hancock St. and Hancock Place to be so strewn with filth that I step into the street to avoid the sidewalk.

In the office of the City Clerk in City Hall there is a copy of the "General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" available for public perusal. I recently looked through it and copied down the following as information/reminder/warning:

Sec. 17-75. Responsibility of owners or occupants for litter on private property and adjoining sidewalks and gutters.

Sec. 17-75 (1) Every owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a public or private sidewalk or footway shall maintain such sidewalk or footway and the adjoining gutter to the center of the street free of litter.

Sec. 17-76. Garbage and rubbish collection from private property.

(d) Rubbish collection. Whoever desires the removal of rubbish from private property shall cause the rubbish to be placed in authorized rubbish receptacles and to be set in an easily accessible place in the yard adjoining the premises or upon the sidewalk, but if placed upon the sidewalk, the authorized rubbish receptacles shall be placed on the sidewalk no earlier than 6:00 PM of the day immediately prior to the day of collection and shall be removed from the sidewalk no later than 6:00 PM of the day of collection.

Sec. 17-80. Penalty.

(b) Any person who violates any section of this article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Call the Commissioner of Public Works at 876-6800 for enforcement. And, for the season ahead, section 17-79 makes you responsible for clearing snow and ice off the sidewalk in front of your residence.

Garbage collection day here is Wednesday, except after a Monday holiday, when it is Thursday. The truck comes by at about 10 AM. If you want to give the dogs as little time as possible to rip open your bags and knock down your cans, there is plenty of time to put your garbage out Wednesday morning.

Another service of Public Works is newspaper recycling. Papers are picked up by a separate truck the first garbage day of the month. Put your tied stacks of newspapers and old phonebooks out by the garbage where they are visible. The truck cruises along and stops where it sees the papers.

I hope this has been informative. Thanks for reading it.

Thomas M. Hard

Mary Lane Stevens

William Hise

Evelyn Heller

Dwight S. Sahr

William M. Portledge

Henri R. Migdal

Sept 23

Dear Mr Healy,

Here is a copy of the letter you requested when I spoke with you some days ago. I am distributing the letters today, and hope for some improvement!

While on the subject of keeping this area clean - the City does a good job of keeping the lot at Hancock & Centre Sts. clean, which I appreciate.

Everyone in this household strongly approves the no-smoking rule. Really wonderful.

Sincerely,

Mary Lane Stevens
122 Hancock St.
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Comm. from Mary Lane Stevens of 122 Hancock
Street re: to the disposal of litter and the
care of property in the Hancock St. area.

In City Council,

September 29, 1975

9/29/75 *Referred to -*
To City Mgr.
on Motion of L.
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develop program -