

Added Cigarette Butt Collectors Will Make It Easier to Keep Lee's Downtown Clean

A few years ago, we installed seven *Sidewalk Buttlers* to reduce the number of cigarette butts on streets and sidewalks downtown. We've collected about 2,000 butts so far. We just added four more collectors, which we hope will keep downtown a bit more butt free.

Nine of the 14-inch-tall collectors are branded for the Committee. We purchased two more from *Keep Massachusetts Beautiful*, and they have its branding. **The *Sidewalk Buttlers* allow users to dispose of their butts without first having to snuff them out.**

Nine of the attractive black receptacles with colorful decals are attached at readily accessible heights to light posts and shorter protective barriers downtown:

- just south of Bucky's Tavern
- at the corner of Main Street and the former Price Chopper parking lot
- near the benches next to Town Hall
- in front of Meow and Growl
- near the entrance to Timothy's
- near the end of the crosswalk in front of Salmon Run
- in front of the Locker Room
- in front of Goodwill/Joe's Diner
- at the edge of Teddy Bear Park

Two other collectors are on No Parking sign posts in the alley adjacent to Town Hall behind the first block of Main Street businesses. We also placed a stand-alone butt collector near the bus stop on Frank Consolati Way, which is similar to the ones just east of Town Hall and at the north end of the alley behind Salmon Run.

As part of our monthly cleanups, we will empty the containers and recycle the butts using a free service offered by *TerraCycle*. We've developed a flyer and will provide copies upon request.

Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Valerie Bluhm (802-272-6195) or Peter Hofman (603-767-4250), respectively the Committee's Vice Chair and Chair.

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