

City unveils new Web site

GREG ST. MARTIN
gstmartin@metro-boston.com



BOSTON The city recently unveiled a slick new Web site, one officials say makes surfing by department and locating city services much more informative and user-friendly.

Among the new additions are updated sites for every city department,

The city's Web site can be viewed at www.cityofboston.gov.

as well as expanded services to secure permitting. In addition, more bills are available for payment online, including water bills. Bostonians can now contest parking tickets online, as well.

"I think it really has a lot of information that is helpful to people," Mayor Thomas Menino told Metro. "I was so frustrated by the old one. People would come up to me all the time and say, 'I can't find any information.'"

The city revamped its Web site with help from NetNu-

“I think it really has a lot of information that is helpful to people. I was so frustrated by the old one. People would come up to me all the time and say, 'I can't find any information.'”

MAYOR THOMAS MENINO



mina, a division of Charlestown-based Keane, Inc., an IT services firm.

The mayor said he sought out a great deal of feedback from outside experts and cities, as well as local residents, on how the city could best change the site and make it easier to navigate.

Menino also said yesterday that news on how the city will move forward in bringing Wi-Fi to residents throughout Boston should come in the next 10 days.

He assembled a Wi-Fi Task Force earlier this year, and the group has been meeting and talking with outside experts and officials from other cities on how best to develop the city's wireless plan.