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Mayor Menino to tour move-in activity in Allston on Friday and host his first Twitter chat next week

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Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino and other city officials will tour the Gardner, Ashford, Pratt, or "GAP" area, of Allston Friday morning, as hundreds of college students return to the city for the fall semester.

Next Friday, Sept. 6, at 2:15 p.m. Menino will for the first-time ever host a live chat using his Twitter account [@mayortommenino](#), according to Emilee Ellison, a spokeswoman for the mayor.

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During the half-hour session, the mayor will welcome residents and students to the city and will be available to answer questions, she said.

"It's an effort to reach young people where they are," said Ellison. "To make sure they are

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connected to city services and know of all great things can take advantage of in the city.”

Menino partook in a live, public online chat [one other time](#), in the summer of 2009, through [boston.com](#), she said.

The mayor’s Tweets will be sent next week with a new hashtag the city is using this year - [#HubMoveIn](#), Ellison said.

The hashtag has been used in recent days by various City of Boston social media accounts,

including [@NotifyBoston](#), [@brkthebubble](#), and [@ONEin3](#) and [@CityHallToGo](#).

“Every year the mayor is concerned about move-in weekend, not just about trash issues but also about making sure tenants are aware of their rights, how to be good neighbors and to generally be safe and smart,” said Ellison.

Menino’s visit to Allston this Friday, Aug. 30, will be the 14th straight move-in weekend he has visited a neighborhood heavily populated by college students, Ellison said.

Bryan Glascock, head of the city’s Inspectional Services Department, said his department plans join Menino Friday to show the mayor some properties that have continually failed to comply with city rules as well as other sites that have made a turnaround.

“Over the last few years it’s been getting better and better,” he said. “My hope is we’ll continue to see things get better.”

“This is a two-way street,” Glascock added. “The tenants moving in need to realize they’re moving into someone’s neighborhood. They need to find out what expectations there are and how to be a good neighbor. And landlords need to deliver their units in proper order, up to city and state building and sanitary codes.”

The city’s Inspectional Services Department and the Department of Public Plans will work in tandem over the coming days – focused on neighborhoods including Allston, Brighton, the Fenway and Mission Hill – to inspect and issue

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Teams of city workers will [tag furniture](#) left outside with bright-colored stickers warning that furniture and other items left outside may be home to bed bugs or other insects or rodents.

Officials also plan to hand out informational flyers to residents and property owners about pests as well as about city services, tenants' rights and a [new municipal law](#) requiring landlords to register their properties with the city.

Extra trucks and crews will be deployed to help clear debris from public spaces.

As it has in the past, the city is again encouraging landlords to rent extra dumpsters and hire extra trash removal services this week to keep their properties clear. Ellison and Glascock said that in recent years many landlords and local universities have used such tactics to keep up with the heavy demand.

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