CityView

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MESSAGE FROM THE City Manager

I am pleased to report that Cambridge has again attained the rare distinction of being one of approximately 30 municipalities in the nation with three Triple A ratings from the three major credit rating agencies. The City has received Triple A ratings from Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings every year since 1999. Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, was recently named to a key Obama Administration Advisory Post on Health Promotion and Wellness. The Community Learning Center is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. This fall, the Celebrate CRLS Committee will kick off a yearlong celebration to mark the completion of the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School campus renovation, which also included the renovated Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center and Cambridge Public Library, both award winning buildings. These are just some of the stories in our biannual resident newsletter. For the latest City news and information, I encourage you to visit our Website, www.cambridgema.gov.

Logo created by CLC student Mulan Zhang

Celebrate CRLS Project Kicks Off in September

Celebrate CRLS! **That is the overriding goal of a new citywide committee charged with commemorating the past, present and future of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS).**

In September, the group will launch a yearlong celebration to mark the completion of the CRLS campus renovation, which also included the completed and renovated Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center and Cambridge Public Library, both award winning green, municipal buildings.

Celebrate CRLS is an initiative designed to involve and engage the support of all constituencies—parents, students, staff, alumni, science and biotech and other local institutions, as well as the general community, in an extended and dynamic celebration of the school and its many achievements.

"This celebration is not just about the building or about the creation of a sensational campus," said former Mayor and City Councillor Frank H. Duehay, who chairs the 50-member committee. "It's about the people…the people who learn

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Learning English, civics, and computer skills at the Community Learning Center.

Community Learning Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Community Learning Center (CLC), the adult basic education program of the City of Cambridge, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. When the CLC opened in 1971, it was a small neighborhood program with federal Model Cities funding. The full-time staff of three and 10 part-time teachers provided around 10 adult basic education classes. In the early years, most of the immigrant students were from Portugal or Italy.

The CLC grew rapidly and in 1981 became an official division of the City's Department of Human Service Programs. Today, there are 22 full-time and 44 part-time staff, plus 45 volunteers. Approximately 1,000 students enroll each year with the goals of earning a high school diploma, learning English, helping their children succeed in school, becoming a citizen, going to college, getting a job or a promotion. Reflecting the changing Cambridge demographics, CLC students currently represent 70 different countries with Haitian, Ethiopian, Latin American, Brazilian and Chinese students topping the list.

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Community Development

City financial support enabled the preservation of affordable housing in the heart of Inman Square.

125 Units of Affordable Housing Preserved

After more than two years of preparation and planning, the long-term affordability of 125 units of rental housing in Cambridge has been secured through the acquisition, by Homeowner's Rehab Inc (HRI), a local non-profit housing provider, of the Inman Square Apartments on Cambridge Street and CAST II Apartments on Columbia Street.

The successful purchase of these well-located properties was made possible through a coordinated effort involving the City, Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust, Cambridge Housing Authority, HRI, the former owner, tenant advocates and, most importantly, the residents at both locations. Facing the potential loss of important affordable housing resources as the end of the properties' affordability restrictions approached, tenants joined with the other parties and public funders to permanently preserve affordability of all 125 units for very low, low and moderate-income households.

As soon as the March purchase was finalized, HRI began renovations at both buildings, scheduled for completion by the end of 2011. The work includes exterior repair, new windows, life safety system upgrades, improved common spaces, accessibility retrofits, and upgraded kitchens and baths. The preservation of these units, which were at risk for conversion to market rates, was a significant accomplishment, ensuring that residents of all income levels can continue to live in proximity to the many amenities available within Central and Inman squares.

Making Cambridge More Resilient to Climate Change

Climate change is a priority for Cambridge because of the risk it poses to our infrastructure, buildings, people and quality of life. Since 1999, the City has been working to reduce the risks of climate change through efforts to lower the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs). The science now tells us that climate change has started and some level of impact is highly likely. Cambridge is therefore taking steps to plan for adaptation to these changes, as an extension of its traditional role in long term planning and public infrastructure management, emergency management and public health protection.

The Climate Protection Action Committee, a City advisory group, recommended that a climate change vulnerability assessment be conducted to better understand the risks we face and to shape planning efforts. As a result, in November 2010 Cambridge became one of eight inaugural U.S. communities to join the Climate Resilient Communities program of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, which provides training, resources and expertise. The City Manager established an interdepartmental committee to work on the vulnerability assessment, which will begin this summer to evaluate projected changes in sea level, temperature and precipitation, and the accompanying risks to public infrastructure, buildings and sensitive populations. The City will use this information to develop strategies to help the community cope with the impacts and prepare for the future.

LED Prototype – BetaLED

New LED-Street Lights on Inman Street

In March, the City replaced the street lights on Inman Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Broadway with energy efficient LED light fixtures. Based on feedback received during a month-long pilot study in May 2009, City staff worked with consultants to customize the new lighting for Inman Street's sidewalk and street width to minimize issues such as light trespass into front yards. These LED lights use almost 50% less energy than the high pressure sodium fixtures they replaced.

Over the last few years, the City has explored alternatives for energy efficient street lighting. The Cambridge Lighting Study of April 2010 indicated a preference to further evaluate new products emerging into the market before identifying the preferred LED luminaires for use in Cambridge. While cost continues to be a factor, LED technology, which was adopted for the City's traffic signals in 2003, has evolved greatly and is now considered more appropriate for street light applications.

Please let us know what you think of the light levels, quality of light, visibility on the sidewalk, or any other aspect of the new lighting on Inman Street. Send comments to Iram Farooq at **ifarooq@cambridgema.gov** or George Fernandes at **gfernandes@cambridge-ma.gov.**

CAMBRIDGE ENERGY ALLIANCE

Save Money. Save the Planet.

Cambridge Energy Alliance Announces AC Swap Program: Get $125 towards Purchasing a More Efficient Air Conditioner!

The Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA), in partnership with the City of Cambridge and local retailers, is offering residents, from May through July, the chance to swap old air conditioning units for new Energy Star-rated window models. Participants will receive a $125 voucher for purchasing Energy Star-rated air conditioners, which use about 10% less energy. To participate in the program, residents must submit a voucher request form to CEA and be able to document proper disposal of the old air conditioner through the Department of Public Works procedure for curbside collection of large appliances. With voucher in hand, they can then go to participating stores, including Dickson Brothers Hardware, Economy Hardware, Pill Hardware, Sears, and Tags Hardware, to purchase an Energy Star-rated unit.

For more information visit: **cambridge energyalliance.org** or call 617-491-0488.

DPW News

Public Works would like to thank the groups of dedicated and reliable volunteers that helped programs and initiatives thrive this year.

- The 300 volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce, Pick-a-Pocket Gardeners, Metabolix, East Cambridge Residents and Business Owners, and Microsoft who helped clean and landscape public open spaces.
- The Cambridge residents who donated their time to help sort recyclables at city events and at Public Works' Recycling Drop-off Center.
- MIT's Public Service Center for their volunteer support through the MIT CityDays.

We appreciate your efforts and look forward to our continued partnerships!

MIT Volunteers

New Pothole Reporting Feature on Public Works Website

Public Works recently launched a new feature to report potholes on our website: www.cambridgema.gov/theworks. You may also now report potholes via e-mail to: **potholes@cambridgema.gov.**

A Junior Forester

Calling All Young Tree Lovers!

Do you know a budding tree enthusiast who might be interested in improving the life of a young tree near their home or school? If so, Public Works' new Junior Forester Program needs their help. This program is open to all interested local youth ages 5 to 13. For more information, please contact David Lefcourt, City Arborist, at 617-349-6433 or **dlefcourt@cambridgema.gov**. Also visit: **www.cambridgema.gov/theworks** under Urban Forestry.

Get Your Yard Ready for Spring Rains

- Direct rain gutters to plant beds and rain gardens
- Replace lawn areas with trees, shrubs and groundcover
- Limit the use of fertilizers – test soil before applying chemicals
- Use rain barrels to capture and reuse rain water
- Replace hard impervious surfaces with porous materials.

Fire Hydrant Testing May Cause Water Discoloration

Cambridge Water and Fire departments will be conducting annual fire hydrant maintenance and testing weekdays between 9 a.m.-2 p.m., through June 17. Hydrant testing helps ensure maximum operability. This process can disturb sediment that naturally occurs in the water piping system and may cause discoloration of water from faucets and toilets for several hours after testing.

Discolored water does not usually present a health hazard though concerned residents should avoid drinking it. Check your water before doing laundry as the discolored water may stain clothes. The Water Department can provide a wash additive to remove stains. Please see the schedule below or call the Cambridge Fire Department at 617-349-4921 between 8-8:45 a.m. for daily test locations. For questions on water quality, call Ed Dowling, Cambridge Water Department at 617-349-4780.

CAMBRIDGE E-LINE

Sign up for Cambridge E-Line at www.cambridgema.gov

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SUMMER FUN FOR EVERYONE...

Cambridge River Festival

Saturday, June 4, Noon-6pm (rain or shine)
Memorial Dr. along Charles River
Featuring

Photo: Erik Fuller

multiple live music stages, visual arts, theatrical and dance performances, family entertainment, art-making, crafts, international food! Presented by Cambridge Arts Council. Free. **www.cambridgeartscouncil.org**

Cambridge Public Library Summer Reading Programs

Check your nearest branch library for dates and times of free special events and programs for all ages. Call 617-349-4409 or visit **www.cambridgema.gov/cpl**

Museum Passes for Library Cardholders

Free and discounted passes to museums and zoos are available with your Cambridge Public Library card. Call 617-349-4409. **www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org**

Walk/Ride Days

On the last Friday of every month, Cambridge residents and workers are urged to walk, bike, carpool or ride public transit. Sponsored by the Green Streets Initiative, a grassroots organization advocating the use of alternative modes of urban transportation. 2011 Walk/Ride Dates: May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28. **www.gogreenstreets.org**

Taste of Cambridge

A celebration of the diverse restaurant scene in Cambridge. Thursday, June 23, 5:30-8pm The Charles Hotel Upper and Lower Courtyards **www.tasteofcambridge.com**

Hoops 'N' Health

Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Annual basketball and flag football tournament and health fair Hoyt Field. Dj, live entertainment, free food, prizes and children's games. Free and open to the public. Presented by Cambridge Health Alliance.
For info. call 617-665-3769.

Dance Party

Friday, June 24, 7-11 p.m. Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this lively party for the entire Cambridge community. Ph. 617-349-4301. **www.cambridgema.gov**

Screen on the Green

Family Nights in the Park Presented in Cambridge parks on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. July 13-Aug. 17.
Enjoy a movie theater size screen, plus jugglers, clowns, music and magicians. Dept. of Human Service Programs' Recreation, Youth & Community Schools Divisions. Ph. 617-349-6200. For more info. and locations: **www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2**

Summer in the City

July-August (dates and times vary)
Cambridge Arts Council produces an array of multi-cultural and interactive performances throughout the City's parks and public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater and puppetry for children ages 4- 11. Free. **www.cambridgeartscouncil.org**

Photo: Ines Hidalgo

Cambridge Discovery Days

Saturday, Aug. 6 & 13
Explore historic and architectural Cambridge in all its diversity on informative walks in various neighborhoods. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Ph. 617-349-4683 **www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html**

Danehy Park Family Day

Saturday, Sept. 24, 11am-4pm
Amusement rides, roving performers, Children's stage. Free hot dogs, chips, sodas. Call 617-349-4301 **www.cambridgema.gov**

Photo: Erik Fuller

Cambridge Arts Council

Stories Flow at the Cambridge River Festival

Saturday, June 4, 12:00 Noon – 6:00 pm

The Cambridge River Festival is an exceptional celebration of local art; but what makes it truly unique?

It's the stories behind the music, dance, poetry, paintings and parades. Best of all, you don't have to be an artist to be a part of it! There's a storyteller in us all.

That's where StoryStream Cambridge comes in. Supported by a Cambridge Arts Council grant, this non-profit organization began in 2009 with the aim of connecting everyone in Cambridge, of all ages and backgrounds, with the joy and power of telling and listening to stories. At the Cambridge River Festival, the StoryStream Cambridge Tent features activities for sharing stories, including oral histories from former residents about 20th century life in the Washington Elms and Newtowne Court housing projects, memory story games with immigrant residents of Cambridge, storytelling for children and families by internationally celebrated performer Judith Black, and performances by teen groups from Beyond the 4th Wall and Youth Underground players.

Be a part of StoryStream Cambridge! Visit them at the Cambridge River Festival. Find out about storytelling events throughout the year in Cambridge at **www.storystreamcambridge.blogspot.com.**

Information about the Cambridge River Festival is available by calling the Cambridge Arts Council at 617-349-4380 or visiting **www.cambridgeartscouncil.org/cambridgeriverfestival.**

Photo: Erik Fuller

SAVE THE DATE...

Memorial Day Parade and Observance May 30

At 9:30 a.m. the parade will begin at the Cambridge Common, travel through Harvard Square, down Mt. Auburn St. to the Cambridge Cemetery where an Observance will begin at 11:00 a.m. For more information, visit the events link at: **www.cambridgema.gov/vet**

Cambridge Municipal Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2011.
Call 617-349-4361 or visit **www.cambridgema.gov/election**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
New Location: Parking Lot on Field St. at Fern St. by Danehy Park. Cambridge residents only. We accept chemicals, car tires (up to 4), fluorescent bulbs, fuels, car batteries, paints, poisons, propane tanks (up to 20lbs). For complete information, visit **www.cambridgema.gov/recycle** or call 617-349-4800.

Resident Permit Photo Contest

The Department of Traffic, Parking & Transportation is accepting digital photos of City buildings and historic Cambridge landmarks for the 2012 Resident Parking Permit Photo Contest. The winning photo will be displayed on the cover of the 2012 resident parking brochure. Many photo submissions are often also displayed on the City's website and on the Traffic Department's Photo Gallery Web page. Photographs for this year's contest may be E-mailed (in jpeg format) until July 29, 2011 to: **rppcontest@cambridgema.gov.** Please note that the City of Cambridge reserves the right to use any photo submissions on its website, in any City publications and as a submission to third parties, with proper photo credit being given.

Excellence in Commuter Options

The City of Cambridge was recently recognized with a 2011 Massachusetts ECO Award, from MassCommute, MassRIDES and Mass DOT. The awards recognize Excellence in Commuter Options among employers from across the state. Cambridge was presented with a Pinnacle award for achieving the highest ranking for its comprehensive commuter benefits programs. To promote sustainable transportation and maintain our community's high quality of life, Cambridge offers its employees a wide variety of commuter programs, including bicycle parking and facilities, emergency ride home and transitpass programs.

CAMBRIDGE

OFFICE FOR TOURISM

Lots of Local Events Now Only a Click Away!

The Cambridge Office for Tourism, in collaboration with the Community Development Department and Department of Public Works, recently launched a new online calendar system to offer easier access to the vast array of public events taking place in Cambridge, which are sponsored or supported by the Office. Organizations and individuals interested in listing an event can submit the information directly to the calendar by following these steps to complete a simple form on the calendar Web page:

1. Go to the Cambridge Office for Tourism calendar page: **www.cambridge-usa.org/visitors/news/**. This site can also be accessed from the City of Cambridge Website, **www.cambridgema.gov**.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the red column at left and click on "Submit an Event."
3. Fill out the form; include as much detail as possible.
4. The Office for Tourism will review and approve the event before it is posted to the site.

With this one-stop source of information offering something for everyone, Cambridge residents and visitors have an easy-to-use planning tool to ensure that they don't miss out on the many good things that regularly come our way.

CPD News

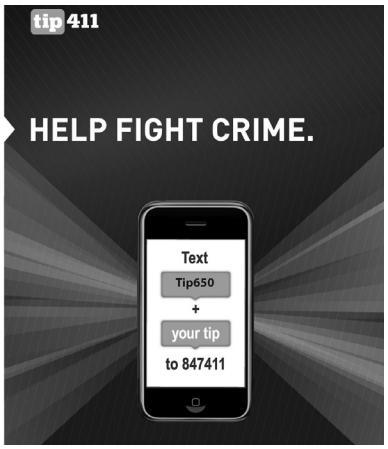
Cambridge Police Offer Rape Aggression Defense Courses for Women

On four consecutive Wednesday nights during the month of March, Cambridge Police taught female Cambridge residents how to physically protect themselves from a would-be attacker. The Rape Aggression Defense system, offered free by CPD, is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques taught through a comprehensive course for women that begins with information about awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance, before progressing to the basics of hands-on defense training. For more information, or to sign up for future courses, please call the Cambridge Police Community Relations Unit at 617-349-3236.

Residents Can Submit Anonymous Crime Tips to CPD

Do you know of a crime or suspicious activity that should be reported to the police? Send an ANONYMOUS text message to Tip411 (847411). Begin your text with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response

from Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Residents may also call our anonymous Drug/Crime Tip Hotline at 617-349-3359 to leave information for detectives. Please remember that these are not replacements for 9-1-1. If you witness an emergency situation or a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1 immediately.



CPD Asks Residents to Respond to Quality of Service Community Surveys

The Cambridge Police Department is asking citizens to participate in our Quality of Service Community Surveys. Citizen responses will help CPD as we work to provide the highest quality of police service possible. These surveys, aimed at gauging public perceptions about crime, community initiatives, and interactions with Cambridge Police Officers and the department as a whole, only take a few minutes to complete and can be found on the left side of the Cambridge Police Department website at **www.CambridgePolice.org.** CPD would like to thank citizens in advance for their participation and ask that anyone with questions about these surveys please contact the Cambridge Police Professional Standards Unit at 617-349-3384.

Cambridge Population is 105,162

The first results from the 2010 Census are in and the population of Cambridge is now 105,162, a 3.8% increase over the 2000 Census. For more information, visit the City's website, **www.cambridgema.gov** and go to Departments link, then click on Community Development.

Award Winning City Buildings

The City of Cambridge is proud to announce that four recently renovated or reconstructed municipal buildings have earned LEED® Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The award winning buildings include the Mayor Sheila Doyle Russell West Cambridge Youth and Community Center, the renovated Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center, the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility and the Cambridge Public Library. As of January, Cambridge Public Library had received 11 awards, the most recent being a Citation from the 2010 Sustainable Buildings Industry Council's Beyond Green High-Performance Building Awards program. The project was recognized specifically for its "Innovative Envelope System." The Library also received the 2010 Harleston Parker Medal for the "Single Most Beautiful Building" built in the metropolitan Boston area in the past 10 years, from the Boston Society of Architects.

Photo: Bob Coe

Health Beat

Safely Dispose of Unused Medications

When over-the-counter medications and prescription drugs are no longer needed, it is important to dispose of them properly to avoid harm to people and the environment. Cambridge residents have several options for disposing of medications in a safe and environmentally-friendly manner.

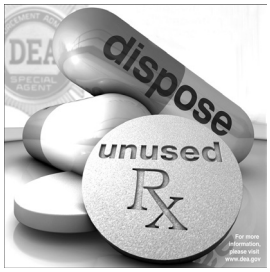
Residents can:

- Deposit unused medications 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the permanent drop box at the Cambridge Police Department, 125 Sixth Street. The drop box is located in the first floor lobby, near the Records Unit. For details, visit the Police Department website, **www.cambridgepolice.org.**
- Request a free, postage-paid mailer from the Cambridge Prevention Coalition (617-349-6283) or the Cambridge Public Health Department (617-665-3848). The mailers are delivered to a company that properly disposes of the medications in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- Drop off unused medications at the Department of Public Works' three annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. For more information, visit the DPW Website, **www.cambridgema.gov/theworks.**

The City's medication take back initiative is a partnership of the Cambridge Police Department, the Cambridge Prevention Coalition and the Cambridge Public Health Department.

Volunteers Needed for Medical Reserve Corps

The Public Health Department is seeking volunteers for a regional Medical Reserve Corps that would help out during major emergencies and assist with routine public health activities. Nurses, doctors, pharmacists, public health workers, allied health professionals, social workers and interpreters are currently being recruited. People without medical training are also needed for a variety of tasks. Volunteers receive free training on topics such as first aid, CPR and preparing your family for emergencies. The regional Medical Reserve Corps serves Cambridge and 26 other Boston-area communities. For more information, contact Alison Minkoff at **region4bmrc@challiance.org** or 617-665-3702.



For more information, contact the Cambridge Public Health Department at 617-665-3800 or visit **www.cambridgepublichealth.org.**

***Celebrate CRLS Project* continued from cover**

in, teach at, went to and come to Cambridge Rindge and Latin School."

Activities will honor current and former students and staff, welcome back alumni for both social and supportive events, recognize the critical role that parents play in school life, and invite the Cambridge community into the school for an "up close and personal" introduction to CRLS.

CRLS is the second oldest public high school in the U.S. and was ranked 16th in 2009 of 161 schools profiled by Boston Magazine and Babson College. It was ranked first in that year for its arts programs. The graduation rate is over 97%, with a college acceptance rate of 89%.

CRLS offers an outstanding occupational curriculum in the Rindge School of Technical Arts, as well as a broad range of Advanced Placement, college preparatory and honors classes. The school additionally supports over 30 clubs and extracurricular activities.

For more information, including volunteer opportunities and a calendar of events, visit **www.celebratecrls.org.** Also visit them on Facebook. The group can be reached by e-mail at **celebratecrls@celebratecrls.org,** or by calling Ruby Pierce Donohue at 617-492-4712.

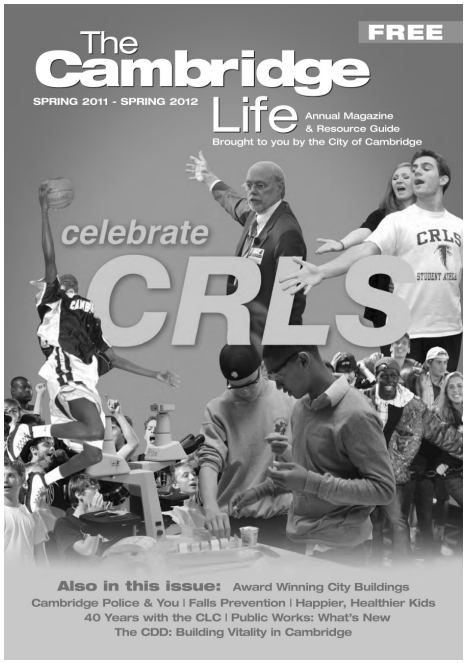
***Community Learning Center* continued from cover**

The need for English classes for immigrants has dramatically increased, with waiting lists exceeding 550. In addition to the core classes, CLC provides a transition to college program for students who have earned a high school diploma, workplace education at three Cambridge Hospitals, citizenship classes, computer classes, job readiness services and family literacy activities.

The mission and core values of the CLC have always remained consistent, with an emphasis on collaboration and group decision making among staff and with other community agencies, respect for students' voices in the program, and development of intercultural understanding. The CLC is known for its student leadership programs which train adult students and community members to work as community outreach workers, literacy ambassadors or job mentors.

Currently located at 19 Brookline Street, the CLC looks forward to eventually moving into its future home at the site of the former police station in Central Square.

For more information about the program, see www2.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm. Visit www.friendsofclc.org for stories of CLC students and graduates and news about upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering as a tutor or classroom aide, call 617-349-6363.



The Cambridge Life 2011-12 Edition Now Available

This free publication includes articles on City programs, a helpful City resources section, a newcomers' section and a calendar of upcoming events. The Cambridge Life can be picked up at Cambridge City Hall (brochure racks) and at library branches and can be viewed online at **www.cambridgema.gov.** To request copies, contact Ini Tomeu, Public Information Officer at **itomeu@cambridgema.gov** or 617-349-4339.

Ellen Semonoff Named to Key Obama Administration Advisory Post on Health Promotion and Wellness

President Barack Obama this spring announced the appointment of Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services for the City of Cambridge, to the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health.

Comprised of 25 members who represent a diverse group of health professionals and expertise, the Advisory Group offers policy and program recommendations to the National Prevention Council and advises them on effective, science-based prevention and health promotion practices.

In an April White House press release, President Obama said, "Our nation will be greatly served by the talent and expertise these individuals bring to their new roles. I am grateful they have agreed to serve in this Administration, and I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

In addition to her position with the City of Cambridge, Ms. Semonoff also serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of the Cambridge Health Alliance, a Harvard-affiliated public healthcare system that serves Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north region. Previously, she served the City of Cambridge in various key management roles, including Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services and Assistant to the City Manager. Ms. Semonoff also served the State of Massachusetts as Coordinator of Employment Services in the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training. Earlier in her career, she practiced law at the firm Hill & Barlow. Ms. Semonoff clerked for Chief Judge Frank Kaufman in the U.S. District Court in Maryland, Judge Spottswood Robinson III in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. She holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Surgeon General Dr. Regina M. Benjamin, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, City of Cambridge, Ellen Semonoff, and Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh, M.D., M.P.H.

Reflecting on Ms. Semonoff's appointment, Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy said, "Ellen has been a valued member of my team for many years. Her work promoting health and human services in the local community will be further enhanced by her participation in this very important federal health initiative."

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