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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

and the recently released report by the Women's Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge.

I encourage you to look through this magazine and refer to the back for information on City resources and services, including a newcomer's section. For more City news and information, visit our Web site, www.cambridgema.gov and also sign up for Cambridge E-Line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert W. Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Since our last edition of *The Cambridge Life*, I am pleased to report that Cambridge was named the Best Walking City in America by *Prevention* magazine and the American Podiatric Medical Association. This special recognition further supports the City's many programs and initiatives that promote climate protection, including the use of alternative modes of transportation.

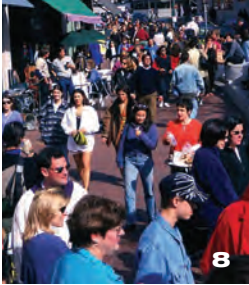
In addition to promoting environmentally friendly practices to Cambridge residents and businesses, the City recently created an internal energy task force to examine its own energy use and learn where improvements could be made. Learn more about our progress on pages 4 - 5 of this publication. In addition to the Best Walking City Award, Cambridge also received other local and national awards that we are quite proud of and have highlighted them in a special section on pages 8 - 9.

New parks and playground opened this summer, including Father Callanan Playground at Tobin School, Jill Brown-Rhone Park at Lafayette Square in Central Square and Greene-Rose Heritage Park in Area IV. Read more about these and other new parks in the works on pages 10 - 11.

As is our practice with this publication, we normally feature new City programs and initiatives, as well as the year-round work of City departments, as a way to inform residents of the helpful and important services they provide. In this issue, we highlight the work of the Weights & Measures Department to ensure equity in the marketplace related to everyday goods and services; the array of programs and services available from the Cambridge Public Library;



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Photos above: Participants in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program learn about some of the initiatives to "green-up" the city; Awards and recognition bestowed on the City in the past year include "Best Walking City in America"; Several new parks and playgrounds opened in Summer 2008; A library member proudly displays his first library card.

Cover photo: This glass tile mosaic by Heidi Whitman represents Cambridge's most recent immigrant populations by juxtaposing symbols of the United States and Cambridge with images representing Haiti, China, India and Portugal. This public artwork, commissioned by the Cambridge Arts Council, can be viewed in Jill Brown-Rhone Park in Central Square.

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“GREENING UP” CITY OPERATIONS

Earlier this year, Cambridge was ranked #6 of the 50 Greenest Cities in America by *Popular Science* magazine. Achieving and maintaining green standards has become an important priority over the years, and the City recently launched a number of new initiatives to reduce energy consumption in municipal buildings. Additionally, the City has partnered with external agencies to educate and assist residents and businesses on steps they can take to save energy.

SAVING ENERGY SAVES \$\$\$\$

An internal energy task force led by the Department of Public Works collaborated with the state to develop a software system that could track energy use and costs for the City’s buildings. The newly summarized information enabled the City administration to identify areas for improvement. Measures have included:

- Developing a purchasing policy calling for ENERGY STAR® products
- Replacing outmoded heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with high efficiency units
- Replacing parking garage lights with high efficiency lighting
- Implementing a MotorUp program to install premium efficiency motors in HVAC systems
- Beginning attic and roof insulation projects
- Identifying lighting, motor and HVAC improvements for the Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility

These and other City projects, including the installation of energy-saving LED traffic lights, are saving 1.6 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and 40,000 therms of natural gas per year. This represents

a savings of \$350,000 in energy costs and a reduction of 1,000 tons of carbon dioxide.

GREEN FLEETS

In the area of transportation, the City has a green fleets policy, which requires departments to identify and evaluate three options based on fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions when buying vehicles. As a result, the City now has several hybrid vehicles and a more fuel-efficient fleet overall.

GREEN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

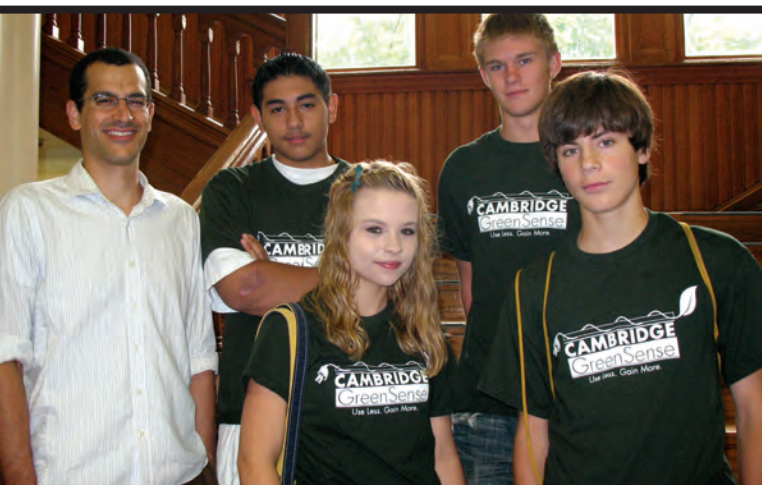
New construction offers a tremendous opportunity for deep energy savings. The

Cambridge City Council has mandated that all new City construction projects and major renovations meet US Green Building Council standards. The City Hall Annex at 344 Broadway was the first City building to be renovated under these standards. Other construction projects designed with green building features include the addition to the Main Library, the Robert W. Healy public safety facility in East Cambridge, the War Memorial recreational facility, Russell Field field-house, West Cambridge Youth Center, and the planned high school renovations.

While making buildings more energy efficient is important, how we function within those buildings also matters.

GREENSENSE ENERGY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

While making buildings more energy efficient is important, how we function within those buildings also matters. Do we turn the lights off when we leave the room? Do we shut off computers and printers at the end of the day? This fall, the City will introduce **GreenSense**, an energy awareness campaign to promote energy efficient practices among City employees.



Participants in the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program learn about some of the initiatives to “green up” the city.



Following an extensive renovation, the City Hall Annex became the first municipal building in Massachusetts, and one of the oldest in the country, to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification.

UTILIZING RENEWABLE ENERGY

Renewable energy is another priority. A recent study, funded by a grant from the Center for a New American Dream, examined possibilities for renewable energy in City buildings. There are solar panels providing electricity on the roof of the City Hall Annex, and more will be installed at the Frisoli Youth Center, the DPW facility and the high school. The Water Department has a grant to explore installing a small hydro power facility. Additionally, the City has pledged that by 2010, 20% of the electricity it purchases for municipal operations will be renewable energy credits or from renewable energy sources. This kind of pledge can help ensure a steady market for renewable energy, which helps make it possible for new renewable energy installations to be built.

HELPING BUSINESSES & RESIDENTS REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The new **NSTAR Green** program offers an opportunity for customers to support renewable energy. Visit www.NSTAR.com to learn more and sign up for wind power. This option came about in part because Cambridge residents, the City Council and the Cambridge Climate Action Committee expressed their strong support.

In 2007, the City partnered with other agencies to help create the **Cambridge Energy Alliance** (CEA), a non-profit that will help residents and businesses lower their electricity, heating and water bills. CEA offers energy conservation services for property owners and tenants; its goal is to reduce energy use in Cambridge by 15 percent. To learn more, visit: www.cambridgeenergyalliance.org.

The City's transportation programs are also designed to reduce vehicle emissions. Earlier this year, the Cambridge License Commission launched the **Cambridge Clean Air Cab** program, in collaboration with Ambassador Brattle Cabs. Participating taxi owners can receive a \$10,000 rebate from the City if they switch to a hybrid vehicle. Funding for the rebates came from the sale of a new taxi medallion, with another one anticipated for the fall. Whole Foods Market helped sponsor the first six new Toyota Camry hybrid taxicabs with a \$30,000 donation.

Bicycle lanes, bike racks, pedestrian-friendly traffic signals and traffic calming projects are among the most visible ways that Cambridge makes it easier for people to walk or bike. The American Podiatric Medical Association and *Prevention* magazine named **Cambridge the Best Walking City in America** for



Launching the Cambridge Clean Air Cab program are, from left to right: Lee Kane, Eco Czar at Whole Foods Market; Richard Scali, License Commission Chair; George Fiorenza, Ambassador/Brattle Taxicab.

2008. A new state grant will enable the City to go neighborhood by neighborhood, providing residents with individualized information about transit, walking and biking. The program will roll out next spring.

Reducing and reusing waste is another key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City has expanded its recycling program to include food waste. Residents can buy compost bins at a discount to compost fruit and vegetable scraps and yard waste. Other food waste—including meat, dairy, and grains—can be dropped off at DPW or Whole Foods on Prospect St. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/theworks for details. Businesses can also use the food composting services of Save that Stuff. Call 617-241-9998.

Combating global warming is up to all of us. As the City undertakes actions to “green up” municipal operations, we encourage everyone who lives and works in Cambridge to join a campaign that will save energy, save money and ultimately, help save the planet. ■



Women's
Commission
Reports on the

STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women recently published *A Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge* that examines the well-being of women and girls in the city. In June, Mayor E. Denise Simmons hosted a well-attended public forum that offered the community an opportunity to hear highlights from the report as well as share in preliminary discussions of its findings.

The report covers demographics, economics, housing, education, physical and mental health, safety, violence, criminal justice and elder women. Prior to its publication, the City gathered information about income, health, housing and other issues through the US Census and other methods. The Women's Commission developed the status report to provide gender-specific information for City service providers, community leaders, and policy makers to improve their understanding of community needs and their ability to respond.

PUTTING THE NUMBERS TO WORK

Analyzing the data using gender as a major category helps put forward a clearer picture of the lives of women and girls living in Cambridge and allows for solutions to be proposed. One example is the national wage gap between men and women. Women earn 75 percent of what men earn in similar occupations. By including data on such inequalities, *A Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge* can help the City tailor job training and education programs toward women to continue to reduce wage discrimination.

A BASELINE FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

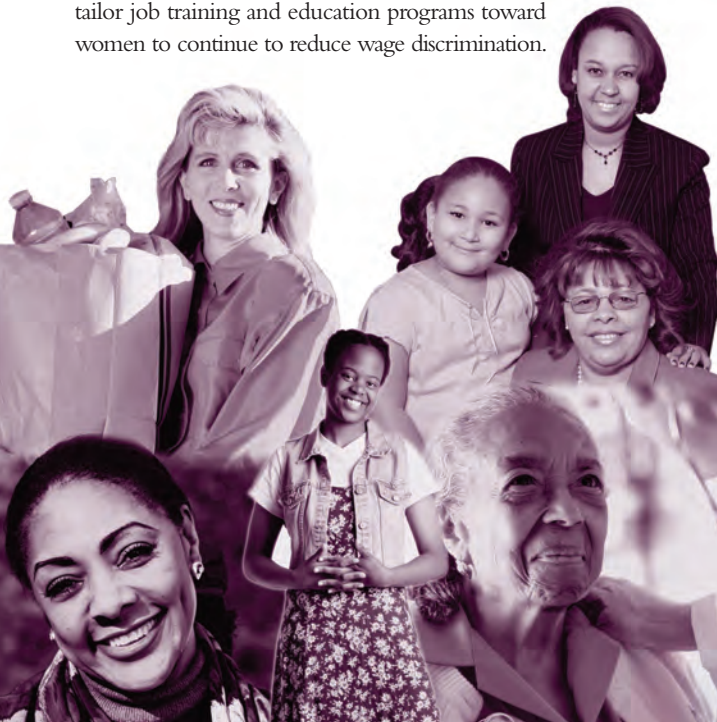
The Women's Commission is excited to offer this data in one, easily accessible resource. The intent is to provide the community with a baseline of information, a snapshot in time, on women and girls as well as a means to monitor their future progress. The report should stimulate discussion among service providers, community leaders and policy makers and help inform their decisions regarding public policy, funding priorities and programming as they relate to the needs of our City's women and girls. Analysis of the data should inspire further research and identify gender in future data collection to better ensure that Cambridge is able to adequately assess the gaps in services and access for women and girls. The report also offers data on women's level of equality and any barriers to achieving opportunities. By providing a useful measure of the various levels of inequalities and barriers that persist, progress in achieving increased opportunities can be marked.

DELVING FURTHER

The Women's Commission, along with its report partners, Cambridge Public Health Department and the Institute for Community Health, will hold a symposium on October 30. To register for the symposium or learn more about *A Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge*, please contact Kimberly Sansoucy at the Cambridge Women's Commission at 617-349-4697 or ksansoucy@cambridgema.gov.

The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women works throughout the year to promote and advance opportunities for women and girls through a variety of projects, programming and policy initiatives including 5th Grade Girls' Sports Day, Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities, the Cambridge Women's Heritage Project and Girls Preparing to Succeed. For more information or to become involved, please refer to contact above. ■

The original design for the cover of *A Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge*, which is used as an illustration on this page, was created by Ise Snyewski.





ENSURING EQUITY IN THE MARKETPLACE

Cambridge Weights & Measures Gets the Job Done

With the ever increasing costs of gas and other commodities in the marketplace, consumers are relying more than ever before that they are getting exactly what they're paying for. As the City's Sealer of Weights & Measures, James Cassidy, Jr. spends his days visiting gas stations to check pumps, meeting with food retailers to verify scales and riding in taxi cabs to test meters. It is his job to ensure that equity prevails in the marketplace.

NOW, MORE THAN EVER

"With gas prices going through the roof, we've gotten an increase in complaints from consumers who will question the accuracy of a pump," said Cassidy, who follows up with any complaint to confirm that there is no problem. If there is ever any concern on the accuracy of equipment, he works with the business in question to rectify the situation. In some cases, fines may be levied.

Food prices have also seen an increase. An average grocery store can have 35-45 scales. Cassidy inspects every single one of them at least once a year. Food items, for example, are measured by net weight, which excludes the weight of the packaging or container it is in. It is Cassidy's job to ensure that consumers aren't paying for something they shouldn't be.

CHECKS AND BALANCES

"It's all about checks and balances," he explains. "We are like the middleman working to ensure the accuracy of scales, pricing, net food product weight and product signage." Occasionally, problems or errors are identified but Cassidy works with the retailers to immediately pull inaccurately priced items off the shelves until the situation is corrected.

Another big part of his job, in addition to working with food and gas retailers, is to ride in taxicabs to check meters, measuring devices and timing mechanisms. There are currently 257 cabs in Cambridge that undergo an annual inspection, in addition to about 120 more related inspections Cassidy will conduct as a result of vehicle changes or meter

Sealer of Weights & Measures, James Cassidy, Jr., on the job testing supermarket scales (above) and gas pumps (right).

replacements. Cassidy also advises for consumers who may not be aware, that Cambridge taxicabs are required to provide a printed receipt upon request.

A ONE-MAN SHOW

Being a one-person office definitely keeps Cassidy quite busy with all the scales, pumps and scanners that need to be checked at least once annually, and again if they are repaired or replaced. He loves his job and is committed to the importance of his work. The good thing is that Cambridge consumers can rest easy knowing that, as far as accuracy is concerned, they are getting exactly what they paid for. ■

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- James Cassidy, Jr.



A CUT ABOVE

CAMBRIDGE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION IN 2007 - 2008

During the past year, the City of Cambridge has received a number of regional and national awards that recognize its innovative practices and efforts to provide the highest quality of services to its citizens and also make Cambridge such a great place to live, work and visit. We wanted to share this good news with *The Cambridge Life* readers.

CAMBRIDGE NAMED A 100 BEST COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth presented Cambridge with this award for the third time. The award recognizes communities for a commitment to providing healthy, safe and caring environments for young people.

“Cambridge’s selection for the third year in a row as one of **America’s 100 Best Communities for Young People** reflects the deep commitment this City has shown to the needs of its children and youth,” said Mayor

E. Denise Simmons. “We are fortunate in Cambridge to have a wealth of services for children and youth and we are working to ensure that these services reach everyone who could benefit from them.”

“We were very pleased that Cambridge was once again recognized for the extraordinary level of collaboration among City agencies and between City and community agencies in supporting the healthy development of our children,” said City Manager Robert W. Healy. “The Agenda for Children program, through its Literacy and Out of School Time Initiatives, is helping launch children for success.”

NATIONAL PRESCHOOL ACCREDITATION

King Open Preschool became one of the first early childhood programs in the nation, and the first

in Cambridge, to earn accreditation from the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals. Recently, the East Cambridge, Martin Luther King and Morse Preschools also attained accreditation. The remaining two preschools, under the Dept. of Human Service Programs, are in the process of obtaining accreditation.



King Preschool Teacher Saida Delgado works with Rina and Mana Sugimoto on the concept of reflection as they stack foam blocks on a mirror.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Municipal Leadership Award - Citizens'

Housing and Planning Association presented this award to Cambridge in recognition of its commitment to providing affordable housing for low and moderate income residents and leadership in developing housing programs and services which have become models for other communities.



Trolley Square, which opened in fall 2007 in North Cambridge, includes 8 affordable home-ownership units and 32 affordable rental units.

Excellence in Affordable Housing Built Responsibly -

The Home Depot Foundation presented this award to the City for its mixed-income, mixed use, sustainable development.

INNOVATION

Library Innovation

Award - The Cambridge Public Library (CPL) was honored by the Mass. Library Association with the association's very first Innovation Award, which recognizes exceptional, cutting-edge programs, services or projects that show innovation, leadership and make a significant impact on the community. CPL was lauded for its newly created YouTube commercials produced in collaboration with Cambridge Rindge and Latin Media Center. City staff wanted to promote the many free resources and services the library provides, so they created a campaign and slogan "Life is expensive. Information shouldn't be. Check it out at the Cambridge Public Library!"



Climate Champion - Clean Air-Cool Planet, the region's leading organization dedicated to finding and promoting solutions to global warming, named Cambridge a Climate Champion.

Innovation Award - Mass. Municipal Association presented this award to Cambridge for its partnership to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions through the creation of the Cambridge Energy Alliance.

Tree City USA - For the 16th year, Cambridge was recognized by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation as a Tree City USA.



CAMBRIDGE ONLINE

E-Government Award -

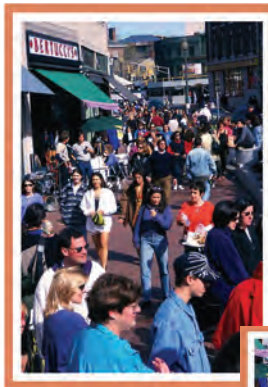
Common Cause Massachusetts presented Cambridge this award in recognition of its commitment to open government by posting all key government records on its Web site. Common Cause is a non-partisan citizen's organization whose goal is to ensure open, honest, accountable and effective government at the federal, state and local levels.

Top City Web Site - *Computer World* magazine listed Cambridge as one of the Top City Web Sites (for population 50,001 - 250,000) with an "A" grade in its report cards for E-government.

THREE AAA RATINGS FOR FISCAL STABILITY

For the ninth straight year, Cambridge maintained its rare status of earning three **Triple A ratings** from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. Only a handful of cities across the nation have attained this honor, which is the highest rating that can be awarded to a municipality and continues to affirm the sound financial policies of the administration and the Cambridge City Council. The ratings were issued this year in conjunction with the City's sale of \$69.9 million in bonds to help finance such capital projects as the Main Library, West Cambridge Youth and Community Center, the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility, the War Memorial and CRLS Renovations.

"These ratings are very important to us as they enable the City to finance major capital projects at significantly lower interest rates, which will ultimately provide substantial savings to taxpayers for many years to come," said City Manager Robert W. Healy. ■



Innovation in Prevention Award -

Cambridge's Healthy Children Task Force was honored by the US Department of Health and Human Services for its success in addressing childhood obesity in Cambridge schools. The Task Force works to promote healthy eating and physical activity in kids.

Innovative Substance Abuse Program -

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors presented Cambridge this award for its 21 Proof Server/Seller training program developed by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, Cambridge License Commission and Cambridge Licensee Advisory Board.

GREEN INITIATIVES

Best Walking City in America -

The American Podiatric Medical Association and *Prevention* magazine named Cambridge the Best Walking City in America. *Popular Science* magazine also ranked Cambridge the sixth greenest city in the U.S.

New Neighborhood Parks

**Building
Community &
Preserving
Precious
Open Space**

This spring and summer, the City opened several new and refurbished parks that have created more places for people to come together as a community.

BELOVED PLAYGROUND REVISITED

Comprehensive renovations to the Father Callanan Playground at the John M. Tobin School were completed in the spring. The refurbished park features a new play structure and swings for school age children, a separate enclosed play area for children 5 years old and under, a new hard surface play area featuring a full basketball court and two half courts, and a new lighted walkway. Both the older and younger children's play areas have water play features.

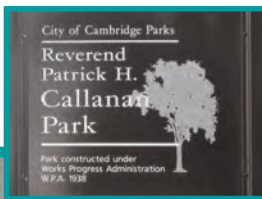
A NEW EXPERIENCE AT A CROSSROAD

The dedication of the Jill Brown-Rhone Park at Lafayette Square was held in June. The roads through Lafayette Square (the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street) were realigned to create an inviting gateway to Central Square and University Park, and a new public

gathering place. The plaza includes trees, a serpentine seating wall, pedestrian lighting, and space for community events. The plaza has already become a popular place for neighbors and visitors to enjoy summer evenings.

ONE SPACE - MANY USES

After many years of work with the Area IV, community the Greene-Rose Heritage Park also opened in June. The expanded neighborhood park, located between Broadway and Harvard Streets, includes a children's playground, water play area, a large open field for informal play, and quieter landscaped areas with benches for neighbors to observe and enjoy the park activity. The existing community garden and tennis court on the site were renovated to retain gardening and sport activities.



Good times at Father Callanan Playground at Tobin School.

Jill Brown-Rhone Park at Lafayette Square in Central Square has become a popular gathering place.





Greene-Rose Heritage Park provides various places for relaxing and playing.



QUIET CONTEMPLATION

As part of the 2003 rezoning in the Riverside neighborhood, Harvard University agreed to deed three-quarters of an acre to the City for a new park at the former Mahoney's Garden Center site at the corner of Western Ave and Memorial Drive. While many parks nearby have active recreation areas, the new Riverside park will be a place for quieter activity. The City has worked with Riverside neighbors to design this new open space opportunity. The park will also include a small children's play space and a decorative pergola. The park should be a popular gathering place, especially when Memorial Drive is closed on Sundays during the spring, summer and fall. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

features, and 37 community gardening plots in raised planting beds.

Design processes have also begun for reconstruction of the Cambridge Common playground and Clement Morgan Park. Community meetings to discuss these parks were held in June and will continue in the fall.

LEARN MORE

Visit www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cp/parks for more information on all of these parks. ■

IN THE WORKS

Several new parks are also in the works. Construction began this summer in East Cambridge on Costa Lopez Taylor Park which will be renovated and expanded by incorporating a parcel of land donated to the City. The new space was designed with input from area residents and the East Cambridge Planning Team. It will include a sitting area with tables, chairs, benches, plantings and other

The concept plan for Costa Lopez Taylor Park incorporates input from area residents.





NOT YOUR AVERAGE

Earlier this year, the Cambridge Public Library (CPL) received the Massachusetts Library Association’s first Innovation Award, which recognizes exceptional, cutting-edge programs, services, or projects that show innovation and leadership, while making a significant impact on the community. Here is a sampling of some of the programs and services that make CPL shine.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Cambridge is truly an international city with over 25 percent of its residents being foreign born and over a third of them speaking a primary language other than English in the home. In response, CPL has developed or expanded services to new immigrants including English conversation groups to give foreign born residents the opportunity to practice and improve their English. The popular program, which started in Central Square, has expanded to the Valente, O’Connell, O’Neill and Main libraries to meet demand.

“Come and see how beautiful it is people from different nations of the world united around one table to learn one language.”

Luiza A. Costa, English conversation group participant

TUTORING & BOOK GROUPS FOR KIDS

CPL’s After School Tutoring and Adult Literacy programs offer one-on-one informal help. Literacy tutors often form social relationships with their students as they help them navigate through the English language and American culture. Citizenship classes are also very popular.

The library recently started book discussion groups for kids and another one for parents and children. They are also launching a new program

this fall, “Making it Up as We Go Along,” allowing parents to share ideas about child rearing. These programs inevitably become social networks for our participants, explains Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries.

A NIGHT AT HOGWARTS

And in the area of shared experiences earlier this year, The Main Children’s Room hosted “A Night at Hogwarts: A Library Lock-In” to celebrate the final Harry Potter book release. The event included indoor quiddich, exploding potions, wand making, and a trip to the owlery where mail arrived via owl post. As midnight approached, kids embarked on a scavenger hunt leading to an old trunk. And when that trunk opened, each child received a surprise copy of the final book complete with a personalized bookplate. All settled in to find out what happened to Harry and his friends. The next morning, parents picked up their tired wizards.

HOME DELIVERY

CPL offers book delivery services for residents who are home-bound or physically unable to visit the library. Requests for materials (books, recordings, etc.) can be delivered to a card-holder’s home for a three week period.



LIBRARY...

“My every visit to the Cambridge Public Library reassures me that part of the world is still sane, wonderful, civil, efficient, beautiful, intelligent, knowledgeable and helpful.” – Elena Castedo

Library staff can select items by title or provide a selection based on a patron's reading interests and preferences. Children's Thematic Kit Delivery is a service offered to licensed individuals who provide daycare to children in their home. Kits include books, games, activities and props. For more information or to schedule deliveries, call (617) 349-4035.

WELCOME BABY PACKAGES

Three months after a Cambridge baby is born, the CPL, in collaboration with the Agenda for Children, delivers a welcome packet consisting of first books, information on the importance of reading to children at a very early age, a library card application and a coupon for a free book when the family visits the library.

CAMBRIDGE READS

Among the most popular programs is the

citywide book club, Cambridge READS. This fall, the selected book is *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez. The book is available at the library and book discussions will be held at several locations. For related events, see the calendar on page 30.

Cambridge READS will also be conducting videotaped interviews of Cambridge immigrants. Participants will tell their stories and share their impressions of Cambridge. The final piece will highlight as many stories as there are nationalities of people who live and work in Cambridge. To be a part of this endeavor, call Carole Withrow at 617-349-4035. This program is a collaboration of the Cambridge Public Library and CCTV. For more information, visit www.cambridgereads.org.

AND MUCH MORE

The Library offers so many more wonderful programs that we did not have room to include, but we did want to leave you with these final two thoughts: Cambridge Public Library and its six branches are open more hours (320 in the winter, 312 in the summer) than any other library in the Commonwealth, except Boston, which has 26 branches. Visit www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org and then visit your neighborhood branch. ■

Photos, left to right: CPL offers a variety of programs for kids, including a new book club; A library member proudly displays his first library card; After School Tutoring delivers one-on-one informal help; Citizenship programs help foreign born residents navigate through American culture.

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN - FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

▶ **Adult Education and Employment Programs**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **CITY TV-8 (Municipal Channel)** For calendar information, community programs and City Council meetings on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

▶ **County** The City of Cambridge is in Middlesex County.

▶ **Driver's License/Vehicle Registration** Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, 866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

▶ **Excise Tax (automobile tax)** Bills are issued annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220. To pay online: www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **Families, Youth and Seniors** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4721 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

▶ **Postal Service** Call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com

▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Call 617-349-4376 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html

▶ **Property Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Call the Finance Department at 617-349-4220.

▶ **Public Transportation**

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), 800-392-6100 or visit www.mbta.com. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.

▶ **Recreation**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.

▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.

▶ **School Information / Registration** See page 23.

▶ **School Closings and Information** Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**

If the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on certain streets. See page 19.

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance**

Property owners are required to remove snow/ice from sidewalks next to their home/business. See page 19.

▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month from April through December. During designated street cleaning days, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. See page 19.

▶ **Voter Registration** Call the Cambridge Election Commission, 617-349-4361 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Election. See page 17.

UTILITIES

▶ **Cable Television**

Comcast

800-COMCAST www.comcast.com

▶ **Electricity/Gas**

NSTAR 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242
www.nstaronline.com Dig Safe 888-344-7233

Provides electric and gas service in Cambridge.

▶ **Internet Access**

AT&T 800-967-5363

Comcast 800-COMCAST

Verizon 877-483-5898



Sign up for Cambridge Alert Network, a new interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through optional e-mail or text message public safety alerts. Suspicious activities can easily be reported to the Police through the Text-A-Tip program. www.cambridgema.gov/cpd

▶ **Sewer** 617-349-4851

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

The Sewer Division of the Dept of Public Works maintains the Cambridge sewer collection system.

▶ **Telephone** Cambridge area codes are 617 and 857. Dial 1 plus the area code for long distance calls.

Local & Long Distance Service

AT&T 800-501-3045 www.att.com

Comcast 800-COMCAST

www.comcast.com

Verizon 800-870-9999

www.verizon.com

▶ **Water** 617-349-4770

www.cambridgema.gov/CWD

Cambridge operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.

▶ **Important Numbers**

Emergency: Police, Fire and Ambulance (including TTY) 911
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-3300
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4900
 Public Health Dept. 617-665-3800
 Public Schools 617-349-6400
 Public Works 617-349-4800

▶ **Cambridge City Hall**

795 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02139*
 617-349-4000 TTY 617-349-4242**
www.cambridgema.gov

* Address for all departments in City Hall
 **TTY number for all departments in City Hall
 Mon., 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tues.- Thurs.,
 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

▶ **City Manager's Office**

617-349-4300
www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager.cfm
 Robert W. Healy, City Manager
 Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Mgr.
 The City Manager is appointed by the City Council as the City's Chief Executive Officer.
 E-mail: citymanager@cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Council Office**

617-349-4280
www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil.cfm
 The City Council is the City's elected legislature. City Council meetings are held Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber of City Hall. Meetings are broadcast live on CITY TV-8 and via Webcast at www.cambridgema.gov
 E-mail: council@cambridgema.gov

▶ **Mayor's Office**

617-349-4321
www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.cfm
 E. Denise Simmons, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School Committee meetings and serves as the City's political leader. E-mail: mayor@cambridgema.gov

Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information:



- Sign up for Cambridge E-Line
- View City Council meetings via Webcast
- Pay Bills Online
- Download Permit Applications

www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Information Lines**

Construction Information 617-349-6948
 Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955
 Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.) 617-349-4044
 Parks and Urban Forestry 617-349-6434
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854
 Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
 Recycling/Hazardous Waste 617-349-4005
 Rodent Control 617-349-4899
 School Closings/Information Line 617-349-6513
 Snow Emergency Parking Bans 617-349-4700
 Snow Hotline (unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903

▶ **City Departments**

Affirmative Action (pg. 17) 617-349-4331
 Animal Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-4376
 Arts Council (pg. 28) 617-349-4380
 Assessing (pg. 18) 617-349-4343
 Auditing 617-349-4240
 Budget 617-349-4270
 City Clerk (pg. 18) 617-349-4260
 City Council Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4300
 CITY TV-8 (pg. 28) 617-349-4296
 Community Development (pg. 20) 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons w/ Disabilities (pg. 21) 617-349-4692

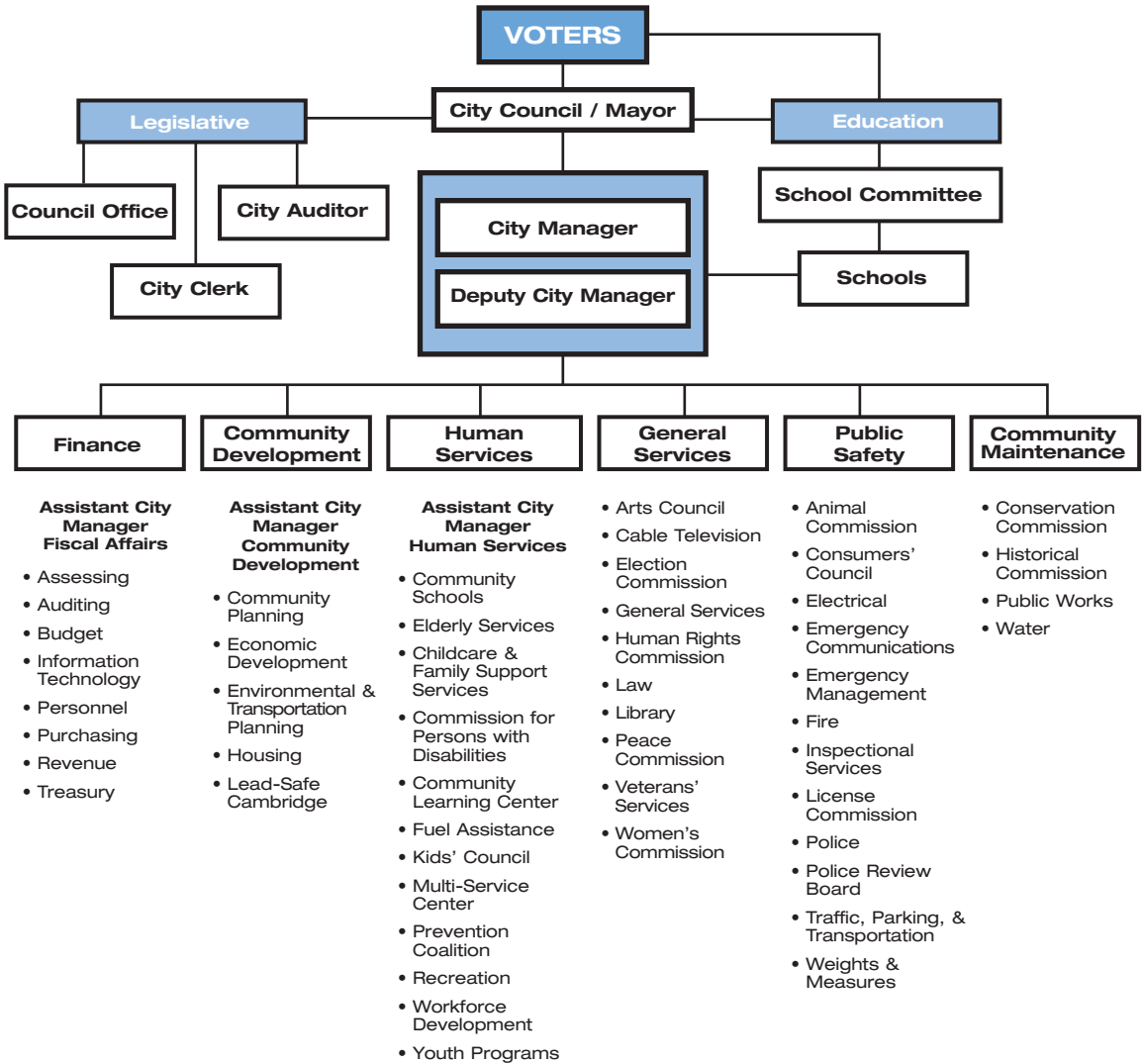
TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission (pg. 25) 617-349-4680
 Consumers' Council (pg. 17) 617-349-6150
 Election Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4361
 Electrical 617-349-4925
 Emergency Communications (pg. 25) 617-349-6911
 Emergency Management (pg. 25) 617-349-4842
 Finance (pg. 18) 617-349-4220
 Fire (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-4900
 Historical Commission (pg. 28) 617-349-4683
 Human Rights Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4396
 Human Services (pg. 21) 617-349-6200
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140
 Inspectional Services (pg. 18) 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library (pg. 27) 617-349-4040
 License Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-6140
 Mayor's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4321
 Peace Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4694
 Personnel (pg. 17) 617-349-4332
 Police (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-3300
 Police Review & Advisory Board (pg. 17) 617-349-6155
 Public Health Department (pg. 24) 617-665-3800
 Public Works (pg. 19) 617-349-4800
 Purchasing (pg. 20) 617-349-4310
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 Traffic, Parking and Transportation (pg. 19) 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services (pg. 17) 617-349-4761
 Water (pg. 14) 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures (pg. 17) 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4697

▶ **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

► Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government – Proportional Representation

The City of Cambridge is governed by the Plan E form of Government. Nine City Councillors and six School Committee members are elected at large every two years under the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which allows voters to vote for as many candidates as they wish, but they must indicate their order of preference among those candidates by numbering each choice. Once elected, the City Council then elects a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

The Mayor chairs the City Council and School Committee and serves as the City's political leader. The City Council appoints a City Manager to serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer.

For more information on voting and the election process, call the Cambridge Election Commission at 617-349-4361 or visit their Web site, www.cambridgema.gov/Election.

CITY ORDINANCES

► Cambridge Municipal Code City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260

Cambridge Municipal Code, organized by subject matter and updated biannually, can be viewed online. Visit the City's Web site, www.cambridgema.gov, and click on "Cambridge Municipal Code" located in the lower left corner. The most recent and official version of the Code is on file at the City Clerk's Office.

▶ **Cambridge Election Commission**
 51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361
www.cambridgema.gov/Election

▶ **Upcoming Elections**

- State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008
- State/Presidential Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008

▶ **Voter Registration**

Call or visit the Cambridge Election Commission for registration, polling locations and absentee ballots. Alternatively, you can now register to vote when you make a transaction at a Registry of Motor Vehicles branch

or License Express location. You must be a U.S. citizen, a Massachusetts resident and at least 18 years old by election day to register. Election mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses and at the City Clerk's office.

▶ **Absentee Voting**

Any voter unable to go to the polls on Election Day due to physical disability, religious belief or absence from the City may request an absentee ballot from the Election Commission.

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

▶ **Affirmative Action Office** 617-349-4331
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/aff

Works to ensure compliance of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in accordance with the intent of the regulations and guidelines of federal and state agencies.

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**
 617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm

Addresses disability and access issues. See full listing on page 21.

▶ **Consumers' Council**
 617-349-6150 www.cambridgema.gov/consumer

For information on consumer rights and assistance in resolution of the full range of consumer disputes, including auto sales, home repair, debt collection and landlord/tenant issues.

▶ **Human Rights Commission**
 617-349-4396 www.cambridgema.gov/HRC

Investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination in Cambridge in housing, employment, education and public accommodations.

▶ **Personnel Department**
 617-349-4332
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/personnel.html

City job openings are posted in City Hall, in libraries and on the Web site. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

▶ **Peace Commission**
 617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html

Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood and citywide level.

▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**
 617-349-6155
www.cambridgema.gov/PRAB

Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.

▶ **Weights & Measures**
 617-349-6133
www.cambridgema.gov/weight

Provides equity in the marketplace for consumers and businesses by providing quality inspections of weight, measure or pricing issues.

▶ **Women's Commission**
 617-349-4697
www.cambridgema.gov/Women

Advances the equal status of women and girls through programming, policy and legislation; provides technical assistance, advocacy and consultation to government, local agencies and individuals.

▶ **Veterans' Services Department**
 617-349-4761
www.cambridgema.gov/vet

Provides financial assistance to needy veterans and/or their dependents. Assists veterans and their families in applying for federal VA benefits, as well as state and local veterans' programs and services.



Don't be an "inactive voter"

Did you know that if you haven't returned your Census / Confirmation Card, you become "Inactive"? When you go to the polls you will have to prove you still live at your Cambridge address, fill out a form and show identification. Don't wait! Return your Census / Confirmation Card now! You

can check your registration status by calling 617-349-4361 or emailing Elections2@cambridgema.gov.

Voter Registration Events Before November Election

The Cambridge Election Commission will be conducting Voter Registration events at Danehy Park Family Day on Sept. 20 and Oktoberfest on Oct. 12. There is also a Voter Registration table near the food court at the Galleria Mall every Saturday from Noon - 4 p.m. Deadline to register: Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.

▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
 Annual dog registration/licensing, rabies vaccination clinics and animal-related issues.

▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
 Issues Street Performer Permits.

▶ **Assessing Dept** 617-349-4343
www.cambridgema.gov/Assessor
 Manages commercial and residential property values and the property database, including changes of title and subdivisions, and personal property (business) tax. Administers residential exemption tax relief programs, including community outreach for taxpayer assistance. Processes commitments of motor vehicle excise tax. Grants abatements/personal exemptions of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax.

▶ **City Clerk's Office** 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk
 Official record keeper for the City. Issues: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates; Domestic Partnership Registration and Termination; and assorted Business Certificates.

▶ **Community Development Department** 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd
 Planning Board special permits and sign certificates as may be required by zoning.

▶ **Conservation Commission** 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
 Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.

▶ **Finance Dept** 617-349-4220
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes; water and sewer charges; municipal lien certificates.

▶ **Fire Dept** 617-349-4918
www.cambridgefire.org Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, fuel storage and use.

▶ **Health Dept** 617-665-3800
www.cambridgepublichealth.org
 Regulates massage therapists, body art establishments, indoor ice rinks, and tanning salons. Oversees care and use of laboratory research animals and issues recombinant DNA permits to biotech firms.

▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4683
www.cambridgema.gov/Historic
 Permits to alter a designated building or to demolish a building over 50 years old.

▶ **Inspectional Services** 617-349-6100 www.cambridgema.gov/Inspection
 Administers state building codes; building, demolition, asbestos removal, and sign permits; electrical, gas, plumbing and sprinkler permits; certificates of occupancy/inspection; curb cut applications; sanitary code inspections; permitting for restaurants/day camps/pools/tobacco sale; enforcement of zoning ordinance. Call for construction-related noise complaints.

▶ **License Commission** 617-349-6140 www.cambridgema.gov/License
 Administers licenses and enforces regulations governing: alcohol, antique stores, auctions, entertainment, festivals, garage and gasoline, hackney, innholder, jitney, livery/limousine, lodging, open air parking, package goods, palm readers, peddlers/vendors, and restaurants. Call for repetitive noise complaints.

▶ **Police Department** 617-349-3337
www.cambridgepolice.org Permits to carry firearms.

▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
 Issues permits for:

- Special events and using parks for non-athletic use 617-349-4846
- Filming or photographing on City property 617-349-4846
- Newsrack vendors 617-349-4869
- Construction-related permits (sidewalk obstruction and excavation, boom/concrete trucks, cranes) 617-349-4833

▶ **Recreation Division** 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm
 Reserving a field for athletic use.

▶ **Traffic & Parking** 617-349-4721 www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
 Permits for residential street parking, visitor parking, street obstruction/closure, construction truck/traffic clearance, moving vans, moving containers or crates, media vans, dumpsters, military personnel parking, traffic special permit (VIP reserved areas, parades, road races), and changes in quantity, use, or location of off-street parking spaces. Available forms include those for parking ticket and tow disputes, traffic sign and signal inquiries and complaints.

▶ **Water Department** 617-349-4770 www.cambridgema.gov/CWD
 Permits for: water-related construction, hydrant use and special events at Fresh Pond Reservation.

Issues and Concerns

This partial listing will provide a starting-point for raising issues and concerns to the appropriate City department:

- Consumer disputes 617-349-6152
- Discrimination in housing, employment, other 617-349-4396
- Graffiti hotline 617-349-6955
- Noise complaints (construction-related) 617-349-6100
- Noise complaints (both repetitive and immediate) 617-349-3300
- Parking ticket issues 617-349-4700
- Potholes / sidewalks / street repairs 617-349-4854
- Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
- Rodent control 617-349-4899
- Snow hotline (report unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903
- Street light repair 617-349-4925

▶ **Department of Public Works (DPW)**

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

Cambridge Cemetery 617-349-4890
 Engineering 617-349-4845
 Service Requests 617-349-4846
 Sewer Maintenance 617-349-4851
 Street Maintenance 617-349-4851
 24-Hour Emergency 617-349-4860

▶ **Street Cleaning 617-349-4800**

On designated street cleaning days, once a month from April through December, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. Check neighborhood signs for schedules or visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Street Cleaning.

▶ **Trash Collection 617-349-4849**

Provides weekly curbside pickup and pre-arranged pick-up of large appliances. Trash placed at the curb the night before collection must be in rodent-resistant barrels with tight-fitting lids, no earlier than 6 p.m. For exemptions, call the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692. Trash in plastic bags can only be placed at the curb on the day of collection, no later than 7 a.m. Only heavy duty plastic bags will be collected. Hazardous waste drop-off is held three times per year; upcoming dates are listed on pgs 30 - 31. For a full schedule, visit the DPW Web site above.

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4879**

The City has a mandatory recycling ordinance requiring residents, businesses and institutions to recycle. Recycling containers and weekly

▶ **Traffic Parking & Transportation Department**

344 Broadway 617-349-4700
www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

For information on resident and disability parking, parking tickets, off-street parking, moving vans, street signs, traffic signals and more.

▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits 617-349-4700**

Resident permits are required to park on residential streets. Your vehicle must be principally garaged in Cambridge and you must have proof of your residency (a utility bill dated within the last 30 days, indicating your Cambridge residence and in the same name as the vehicle registration). Visitor passes are also available and restricted to one per household. Visitors to a residential household should use the visitor pass.

▶ **Parking Ticket Payment/Disputes 617-349-4700**

Tickets can be paid online at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic; by phone at 617-491-7277; by mail at P.O. Box 399113, Cambridge, MA 02139; and in person at 344 Broadway, Cambridge. Tickets can be disputed by using the online dispute form on the department's Web site. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban 617-349-4700**

When a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets. Check posted signs carefully. To find out if a ban is in effect, call, visit www.cambridgema.gov or check CITY TV-8. For a list and map of parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm.

curbside pick-up (on the same day that trash is collected) are provided free. For a list of how and what to recycle, call 617-349-4005 or visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Recycling.

▶ **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4879
 Tuesday & Thursday, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside. Visit the DPW Web site for a full list.

▶ **Yard Waste 617-349-4800**

Separate yard waste is collected from April 3 through December 15. Call or visit the DPW Web site for a schedule.

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance 617-349-4800**

Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their property within 12 hours after snow stops falling in the daytime and before 1 p.m. if it has fallen during the night. Treat ice with an ice melting substance within six hours of the time it forms. For exemptions, call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220.

▶ **Street Lights 617-349-4925**

To report a streetlight that is not working, call the electrical dept. at the number listed above (24 hrs.) or e-mail streetlightrepair@cambridgema.gov.

TRAFFIC & PARKING

▶ **Moving Van Permits 617-349-4721**

Residents can reserve a space in front of their buildings for moving vans. The online permit application must be submitted 4 days prior to the move date.

▶ **Permits 617-349-4721**

The Traffic Parking & Transportation Department issues permits for: block parties, street obstruction, moving vans, dumpsters and contractor parking. All applications are available online.

▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

Call number above with your license plate or check directly with these towing companies:
 B&B 617-492-5781
 Pat's 617-354-4000
 Phil's 617-547-3701

▶ **Signed Disability Parking Space 617-349-4700 (TTY) 617-349-4621**

If you have a disability plate or placard, you may file an application for a residential disability parking space. Requirements are stated on the application, which is available on the Traffic Parking & Transportation Web site or at the department.

▶ **Community Development Department (CDD)**
 344 Broadway 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD

The mission of the Community Development Department is to enhance the physical environment and quality of life for Cambridge's highly diverse population. This is accomplished by planning and managing physical change and encouraging economic growth to strengthen the City's tax base, produce affordable housing and employment opportunities, and provide services to residents.

▶ **Community Planning Division (CDD) 617-349-4651**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/cp

Information and technical assistance on zoning, land use, urban design, demographic and geographic analysis, neighborhood planning, and development and renovation of parks and open space.

▶ **Economic Development (CDD) 617-349-4637**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

Offers assistance to businesses, works to promote an environment for business growth and helps

maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs include business counseling, façade improvement and retail best practices programs, real estate site search, support for job training and production of a development log.

▶ **Environmental & Transportation Planning (CDD) 617-349-4604** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/et

Provides information and assistance on streetscape improvements, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle programs, vehicle trip reduction, climate protection and preventing childhood lead poisoning.

▶ **Housing Division (CDD) 617-349-4622** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/hsg

Provides information and support for affordable rental housing production, homeownership opportunities, home improvement loans, and education and financial assistance for first time homebuyers.

▶ **Lead Safe Cambridge (CDD) 617-349-5323** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/lead

Provides information and support to prevent childhood lead poisoning and financial assistance for deleading.

▶ **Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020** www.cambridge-housing.org

Develops and manages affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Call for information on public housing or Section 8.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

▶ **Biotech Resources**
www.cambridgebiotech.org

Administered by the Economic Development Division, this Web site provides listings helpful to the biotech industry, including business resources, academic and research institutes, City agencies and resources, and commercial real estate ventures.

▶ **Business Certificates**
 City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk

A person, partnership or corporation conducting business in Cambridge under a name other than their own or corporate name must file a business certificate with the City Clerk's Office.

▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce 617-876-4100**
www.cambridgechamber.org

▶ **Central Square Business Assoc. 617-441-7707**
www.centralsquarecambridge.com

▶ **Economic Development Division 617-349-4637**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

Programs aimed at revitalizing commercial districts, supporting entrepreneurship and preserving a

strong employment base. Offers individual business development assistance, commercial façade and interior improvement assistance (matching grants available), site selection assistance, and training for entry level biotech and health care employment.

▶ **Harvard Square Business Association 617-491-3434** www.harvardsquare.com

▶ **Inman Square Business Association**
www.inmansquare.com

▶ **Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234** www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm

Helps employers meet their hiring needs by connecting them to adult and teen Cambridge residents looking for jobs. Businesses interested in hosting site visits for teens, or in conducting mock interviews to help adults and teens improve their interview skills, are encouraged to call.

▶ **Purchasing Department 617-349-4310** www.cambridgema.gov/purchasing

Administers purchasing for the City, ensuring that purchases are made in accordance with the law, are fair and competitive, and are obtained at the lowest possible cost. Visit the Web site for a list of open bids, solicitation documents and information on doing business with the City.

▶ **Women in Business Connection 617-661-WIBC** www.wibconnection.org

▶ **Dept. of Human Service Programs (DHSP)**

51 Inman Street 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

Provides a wide range of services that enhance the quality of life of Cambridge residents.

▶ **Adult Basic Education**

Provides basic literacy instruction, high school diploma and GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages. Special programs include computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents and homeless adults, a transition to college program, family literacy, citizenship preparation, and workplace education for local businesses.

Community Learning Center 617-349-6363
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

Assists with advocacy/policy, afterschool programs, community schools, family and senior events, literacy support, preschool childcare, youth programs, youth centers, teams and organizations.

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283

The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

Center for Families 617-349-6385

Child-Care and Family Support Services 617-349-6200

Community Schools 617-349-6200

Kids' Council 617-349-6239

Youth and Teen Programs 617-349-6200

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm

617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235

Provides information on disability and access issues, promotes equal opportunity for people with physical, mental or sensory disabilities, ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Call for information on:

Temporary Disability Parking Permits 617-349-4692

Taxi Discount Coupons 617-349-4692

Trash/Recycling Exemptions 617-349-4692

▶ **Employment Assistance**

Provides job search assistance to adults, including resume preparation, career counseling, interview skills training and job-readiness workshops. Services for teens include career exploration and work opportunities, including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

The Multi-Service center provides services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals, including housing search assistance, counseling as appropriate, advocacy for elders and persons with disabilities, and referral to food programs. Services are available to the Haitian population regardless of homeless status. The Fuel Assistance Program provides winter heating assistance to residents based on need.

Fuel Assistance Program 617-349-6252
Multi-Service Center 617-349-6340

▶ **Recreation**

Provides year-round affordable and accessible recreation opportunities for residents of all ages. The Recreation Division also manages City-wide and neighborhood-based programs and facilities.

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **Seniors**

The Senior Centers offer enrichment, recreational and social activities. Social services, meal programs, food pantry, counseling and support groups, transportation services, home-based services, volunteer opportunities, taxi coupons, and other discounts are available for seniors age 60 and up.

Council on Aging 617-349-6220

Citywide Senior Ctr. 617-349-6060

806 Massachusetts Ave.

No. Cambridge Senior Ctr. 617-349-6320

2050 Massachusetts Ave.

▶ **www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org** 617-349-6966

An online guide to health and human service resources including 26 different service areas such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program

The Teen Media Program at the Cambridge Art Center was a work site for participants of the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, which enables about 800 Cambridge youth to have an early work experience.

The youth in this program worked on a movie about Cambridge neighborhoods. MYSEP is coordinated through the Office of Workforce Development, a division of the City's Department of Human Service Programs.

For more information, call 617-349-6200 or visit: www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/index.cfm.



▶ **Childcare Programs (DHSP)**
617-349-6200 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/childcare.cfm

Licensed pre-school and afterschool childcare programs offer appropriate curriculum, for children 2 years and 9 months to 10 years.

Preschool Programs (ages 2.9 - 5 years)
617-349-6200

- East Cambridge Preschool
(at Kennedy/Longfellow)
- Haggerty Preschool
- King Open Preschool
- Martin Luther King Preschool
- Morse Preschool
- Peabody Preschool

Afterschool Childcare Programs (ages 4.5 - 10 years)
617-349-6200

- Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool
- King Afterschool
- King Open Extended Day
- Morse Afterschool
- Peabody Afterschool

▶ **Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools** 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/commschools.cfm

Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools offer educational, recreational and social programs for all ages, including afterschool enrichment classes, school vacation programs and summer camps.

- Agassiz (at Baldwin School) 617-349-6287
- Cambridgeport 617-349-6307
- Fitzgerald (at Peabody School) 617-349-6302
- Fletcher/Maynard 617-349-6295
- Haggerty 617-349-6264
- Harrington (at King Open) 617-349-6305
- Kennedy 617-349-6308
- Linnaean (at Graham & Parks) 617-349-6267
- Longfellow 617-349-6260
- King (at MLK School) 617-349-6269
- Morse 617-349-6291
- Tobin 617-349-6300

▶ **Programs for Individuals with Special Needs** 617-349-6200

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. Summer programs are located in the Morse School, 14 Granite St., Cambridge. All other programs are located at Gately Youth Center, 70R Rindge Ave., Cambridge.

▶ **Youth Centers** 617-349-6200

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm

Serves youth ages 9 - 19, developing social, recreational, leadership, and academic skills at five City youth centers throughout the city. Four licensed afterschool programs and one specialized middle school program for 9-13 years olds, while five teen programs offer work-based learning and enrichment activities, plus sports and leisure activities for teens, 14-19 years old.

- Area 4 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262
 - Frisoli 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312
 - Gately* 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277
 - Moore 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273
 - West Cambridge 110 Cushing Street 617-349-6314
- * Middle School Partnership at Gately 617-349-3004

▶ **Center for Families**

617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

City-wide parent/child activities and family education/support programs.

▶ **Kids' Council** 617-349-6239

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidscouncil.cfm

Advocates for the well-being of children, youth and families; makes policy recommendations concerning programs and services.

▶ **Summer Food Program** 617-349-6252

Provides nutritious meals to any child under 19 in the summer.

▶ **Cambridge Family & Children's Services**
617-876-4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Promotes conditions that provide children and adolescents with stable home environments. CFCS secures adoptive and foster families for children of all ages, provides transitional homes for adolescents aging out of state care eligibility, offers services to families caring for a developmentally disabled child, and operates a mentor program for at-risk students.

▶ **City Scholarship Fund** 617-349-4220

www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html

Administered by the Finance Department, this fund provides financial assistance opportunities for eligible Cambridge residents wishing to pursue post secondary education. Each year, the City awards 20-30 scholarships of approximately \$2,500 each, supported by donations from Cambridge residents and businesses.



Curious Creatures from the Museum of Science visit Peabody Pre-School.

▶ **Cambridge Public Schools**
159 Thorndike Street 617-349-6400 www.cpsd.us
School Closings & Events 617-349-6513
Office of Public Information 617-349-6512

Cambridge has 12 elementary schools (most of which are K-8), and one comprehensive high school (9-12). The Schools at a Glance booklet and the Family Resource Map of Cambridge are available through the Office of Public Information, the Family Resource Center, and online.

▶ **School Registration**
Cambridge Family Resource Center
459 Broadway (at the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School)
617-349-6551 www.cpsd.us/frc/CambFamRes.cfm

Kindergarten entry for Sept 2008 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2008
Kindergarten entry for Sept 2009 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2009
The Family Resource Center, open year-round, registers students for school and connects families with local services, including pre-school and afterschool programs. Call schools to arrange tours.

▶ **School Committee** 617-349-6620 www.cpsd.us

Six members of the board are elected at large, while the Mayor serves as Chair. The committee determines overall School Department policy and budget. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except July and August). They are open to the public and are telecast and rebroadcast on Cable Ch. 99.

▶ **Public Elementary Schools**

- Amigos School** (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6567
- Maria L. Baldwin School** (Grades K - 8)
28 Sacramento Street 617-349-6525
- Cambridgeport School** (Grades K - 8)
89 Elm Street 617-349-6587
- Fletcher / Maynard Academy** (Grades K - 8)
225 Windsor Street 617-349-6588
- Graham & Parks** (Grades K - 8)
44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577
- Haggerty School** (Grades K - 6)
110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555
- Kennedy / Longfellow School** (Grades K - 8)
158 Spring Street 617-349-6841
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School** (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6562
- King Open School** (Grades K - 8)
850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540
- Morse School** (Grades K - 8)
40 Granite Street 617-349-6575
- Peabody School** (Grades K - 8)
70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530
- Tobin School*** (Grades K - 8)
197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

* The Montessori program is available to children between the ages of 3 and 6.

▶ **Public High School**
Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
459 Broadway (Grades 9 - 12)
www.cpsd.us/crls 617-349-6630

Rindge School of Technical Arts
www.rindgetech.com 617-349-7782

High School Extension Program
359 Broadway 617-349-6880
www.cpsd.us/hsep

▶ **Charter Schools**
Benjamin Banneker Charter School (K-8)
21 Notre Dame Avenue 617-497-7771

Community Charter School (Grades 7 - 10)
245 Bent Street 617-354-0047

▶ **Special Education Schools**
Castle School
298 Harvard Street 617-354-5410

Farr Academy
71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922

▶ **Private Schools**
Boston Archdiocesan Choir School
29 Mt Auburn Street
(Grades 5 - 8, Boys) 617-868-8658

Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School
Gerrys Landing Road
(Grades PK - 12) 617-547-6100

Cambridge Friends School (Grades PK - 8)
5 Cadbury Road 617-354-3880

Cambridge Montessori School
161 Garden Street
(Toddler - Grade 6) 617-492-3410

Fayerweather Street School (Grades PK - 8)
765 Concord Avenue 617-876-4746

German School Boston (Grades PK - 5)
54 Essex Street 617-497-8454

International School of Boston (PK - 12)
45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451

Matignon High School (Grades 9-12)
1 Matignon Road 617-876-1212

North Cambridge Catholic High School
40 Norris Street
(Grades 9 - 12) 617-876-6068

Shady Hill School (Grades PK - 8)
178 Coolidge Hill 617-868-1260

St Peter Elementary School (Grades PK - 8)
96 Concord Avenue 617-547-0101

▶ **Volunteering**
Cambridge School Volunteers
www.csvinc.org 617-349-6794

▶ **Hospitals****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Mount Auburn Hospital

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-492-3500

Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

1575 Cambridge Street 617-876-4344

▶ **Cambridge Health Alliance****1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2300****www.challiance.org**

This innovative healthcare system provides high quality care throughout Cambridge. It includes three hospitals, more than 20 primary care practices, the Cambridge Public Health Department and Network Health. The Alliance offers comprehensive health services including 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties, mental health and primary care.

CHA Connections Line 877-637-2273**Mental Health Referral Line 617-665-1560**▶ **Cambridge Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Cambridge Pediatrics

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1264

Primary Care Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1068

Cambridge Women's Health Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2800

Riverside Health Center

205 Western Avenue 617-575-5620

Cambridge Birth Center

10 Camelia Avenue 617-665-2229

Windsor Street Health Center

119 Windsor Street 617-665-3600

Cambridge Family Health

237 Hampshire Street 617-575-5570

Senior Health Center

806 Massachusetts Avenue 617-595-5630

East Cambridge Health Center

163 Gore Street 617-665-3000

Cambridge Family Health North

2067 Massachusetts Avenue 617-575-5550

Teen Health Center

Cambridge Rindge & Latin, 459 Broadway 617-665-1548

North Cambridge Health Center

266 Rindge Avenue 617-665-3340

▶ **Cambridge Public Health Department****(CPHD) 119 Windsor Street 617-665-3800****www.cambridgepublichealth.org**

Responsible for protecting the health of Cambridge residents, workers and visitors. Services include communicable disease prevention and control, school health, indoor air quality inspections, hazardous waste site

review, emergency preparedness, violence prevention, West Nile virus response, childhood asthma prevention, tobacco control, children's dental health, data analysis, health advocacy, and regulatory enforcement (see City Licensing). CPHD is part of the Cambridge Health Alliance.

▶ **Some CPHD Programs:****Environmental Health Unit****617-665-3838**

Offers air quality investigations to residents, workers and businesses and addresses concerns about potential toxic exposures. Asthma counseling and home assessments are available to families of children (age 12 or younger) with asthma. Lead poisoning prevention information and home assessments are available to families with children under age 6.

Public Health Nursing**617-665-3800**

Offers free flu clinics, a tuberculosis program, vaccine distribution and health education for individuals and businesses.

Community Health Programs**617-665-3655**

Oversees an early literacy initiative, a newborn home visiting program, a healthy eating and physical activity campaign, and dental screenings in the elementary schools. The division also coordinates a citywide domestic violence prevention program.

▶ **CambridgeSomerville****ResourceGuide.org****www.CambridgeSomerville****ResourceGuide.org 617-349-6966**

An online guide to health and human service resources made possible by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville, the Cambridge Health Alliance, the Agenda for Children, and the Somerville Community Health Foundation. The database covers 26 different service areas, such as legal, family support, employment and immigration.

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center****99 Bishop Allen Drive****617-841-8371 www.barcc.org**

Comprehensive sexual assault services.

▶ **RESPOND, Inc.****P.O.Box 555, Somerville****617-623-5900 www.respondinc.org**

Domestic violence services, including shelter.

▶ **Transition House 617-868-1650****Crisis: 617-661-7203 649 Mass. Ave.****www.transitionhouse.org**

Domestic violence outreach and intervention.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ▶ **Police Department**
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-3300
www.cambridgepolice.org
CPD uses modern approaches and techniques to decrease crime and improve delivery of services to the community. The department also issues permits to carry firearms. Call the non-emergency line for immediate noise disturbances, including car or house alarms.
- ▶ **Police Community Relations Unit/ Crime Prevention** 617-349-3236
www.cambridgepolice.org/prevention.html
Provides crime prevention tips, neighborhood meetings (scheduled as needed), block parties (and a limited number of funding grants), residential security surveys, rape aggression defense classes, bicycle safety, and school resource officers. A Sergeant is assigned to each neighborhood.

Domestic Violence Community Liaison 617-349-3371

Drug Tip Hotline 617-349-3359
- ▶ **North Cambridge Crime Task Force**
617-349-4293 www.ncctf.nhfind.com
A neighborhood coalition working together to reduce crime.
- ▶ **Fire Department (CFD)**
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-4900 www.cambridgefire.org
CFD has a Class I rating by the Insurance Services Office, recognizing the highest level of fire protection. Provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, heavy rescue service, hazardous materials response, water and dive rescue services, confined space rescue, etc. Call for fire prevention and safety information. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Emergency Communications Department**
Emergency 911 Administration 617-349-6911
www.cambridge911.org
Operates the City's combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), linking residents with police, fire and emergency medical personnel responding to emergencies and other public safety concerns.
- ▶ **Emergency Management Department**
617-349-4842 www.cambridgema.gov/EM
Develops and coordinates the City's emergency plans. Provides the public with emergency preparedness and disaster relief information.

PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION

- ▶ **Parks and Forestry Division of Public Works**
617-349-4880
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Public Works maintains approximately 80 parks, playgrounds and tot lots throughout the city. To download a terrific listing of Cambridge parks and playgrounds, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/osmap.pdf
- ▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**
617-349-6200 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm
Reserve a field (athletic use) 617-349-6238
Reserve a park (non-athletic) 617-349-4846
The City of Cambridge also maintains basketball courts, tennis courts, softball, soccer and other athletic fields. Call for information on adult softball and basketball leagues, youth and family recreational programs, pools, special needs camps, afterschool programs, and a summer program.
- ▶ **Gold Star Pool**
Berkshire & Cambridge Streets
617-349-6310
Open July through August.
- ▶ **War Memorial Pool & Fieldhouse** 617-349-6237
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St.
Offers year-round swimming and recreational opportunities.
- ▶ **Danehy Park** 99 Sherman Street 617-349-4895
This 55-acre park includes tot lots, water play feature, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. In September, the City hosts Danehy Park Family Day, a free event featuring children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, roving performers, free hot dogs, chips and soda. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4762
Made up of a 155-acre lake and 162 acres of surrounding land, Fresh Pond is part of the reservoir system for the City of Cambridge. Water from Fresh Pond is purified at the City's Water Purification Facility, providing drinking water to residents and businesses in Cambridge. Fresh Pond is a favorite gathering place for people who enjoy walking, running, bike riding, rollerblading and bird watching.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Municipal Golf Course**
617-349-6282 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm A nine-hole course located at 691 Huron Avenue.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission**
344 Broadway 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
The Commission protects and enhances the City's natural resources through regulatory review, planning, advocacy and education. Also administers Wetlands Protection Act Permits and the Community Garden Program.

▶ **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)**
 800-392-6100, 617-222-3200
www.mbta.com

▶ **Bus Routes 617-222-3200**
 Fare is typically \$1.25 with CharlieCard. Includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to subway & express bus. A few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. Fare is \$1.50 with CharlieTicket. Includes free transfer to local bus. Does not apply to cash-on-board rides.

▶ **Subway (the “T”) 617-222-3200**
www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_subway.asp
 Cambridge is served by the red and green lines. Cambridge stations are: Alewife, Porter, Harvard, Central and Kendall on the red line, and Lechmere on the green line. With some exceptions, the fare is \$1.70 with CharlieCard (includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to express bus). Fare is \$2 with CharlieTicket.

▶ **Reusable, Rechargeable CharlieCards & Tickets**
 The MBTA recently introduced fare vending equipment and the reusable, rechargeable CharlieCards and CharlieTickets. For regular travel, the most affordable, flexible and convenient way to ride is with the CharlieCard. Load a monthly T-Pass on your CharlieCard for unlimited travel on Subway and Local Bus. Weekly passes are also available.

CharlieCard: Plastic, stored-value, online account management and auto-reload features. Riders pay standard T fare.

CharlieTicket: Paper, stored-value. Riders pay standard fare plus a surcharge. No surcharge when storing a T-Pass.

▶ **Commuter Rail 617-222-3200**
 Beginning at North Station, the Fitchburg Line connects Porter Square with stops including Belmont, Concord, and Ayer, ending in Fitchburg.

▶ **Cambridge-North Station EZRide Shuttle 617-8EZ-Info www.EZRide.info**
 A service of the Charles River Transportation Management Association (CRTMA). EZRide connects with the MBTA at North Station, Lechmere and Kendall Square, and with several Cambridge destinations such as the Galleria and University Park. It operates every 12 minutes during peak hours, Monday-Friday, except holidays. The fare is \$1.



REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

▶ **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles**
1-866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

Boston RMV (full service)

630 Washington Street, Boston

Details such as hours of operation and current wait times available at www.mass.gov/qrmv/boston.shtm.

Cambridge RMV (limited services)

Cambridgeside Galleria Mall, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge

Details such as hours of operation and current wait times available at www.mass.gov/qrmv/cambridg.shtm.

▶ **Driver's License**

If you have moved to Cambridge from out of state, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to retain driving privileges. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within Massachusetts, you must notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days.

▶ **Vehicle Registration**

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. A full description of the registration process is provided at www.mass.gov/rmv/regs/index.htm.

▶ **Vehicle Inspection**

Your vehicle must undergo a safety and emissions inspection within seven days of registration. To find an inspection station in your area, call 877-387-8234 or visit www.mass.gov/rmv/stations/index.htm, then click on "Vehicle Inspection Stations."

LIBRARIES

▶ **Libraries**

617-349-4040 www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

Offers books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, magazines, museum passes, online resources and reference help, as well as children's and adult programs. To obtain a library card, present two pieces of identification, one of which shows your name and local address. In addition to the Cambridge locations, your library card provides borrowing privileges at member libraries of the Minuteman Library Network. Collections in French/Kreyol, Spanish, Portuguese and Bengali. Free computer and wireless Internet access available at all locations. Call or check Web site to confirm branch hours of operation.

Main Library

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.,

Fri. and Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. October - April

Library Branch Locations:

Boudreau, 245 Concord Avenue 617-349-4017

Central Square, 45 Pearl Street 617-349-4010

Collins, 64 Aberdeen Avenue 617-349-4021

O'Neill, 70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-4023

O'Connell, 48 Sixth Street 617-349-4019

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

▶ **Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)**
888-872-6721 www.brattlecourier.com

The City's License Commission works with a dispatch service company that provides wheelchair-accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Cambridge-based taxicab companies participate in the ACT program.

▶ **Cambridge Taxicab Companies**

Ambassador Brattle 617-492-1100

Cambridge Cab Company 617-776-5000

Checker Cab 617-497-9000

Classic Cab 617-492-0555

Star Taxi 617-876-8888

UTS Cab 617-661-2500

Yellow Cab 617-547-3000

▶ **Taxi Discount Coupons**

Taxi coupons are available for Cambridge residents who are elderly or have disabilities. Residents who are 60+ should call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY). Residents with disabilities should call the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY).

POST OFFICE

▶ Valente, 826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015
Post Office

800-275-8777 www.usps.com

**Main Branch: Central Square,
770 Massachusetts Avenue**

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.,

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Branch Offices: Harvard Square,
Porter Square, Kendall Square, Inman Square,
East Cambridge and MIT



Citizenship classes at Cambridge Public Library are very popular.

► **Arts, Historical and Tourism Organizations**

Cambridge Art Association
617-876-0246 www.cambridgeart.org

Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)
617-349-4380 www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
For Street Performer permits, artist grants, public art commissions, cultural events and artist/performer resources.

Cambridge Artists Coop
617-868-4434 www.cambridgeartistscoop.com

Cambridge Center for Adult Education
617-547-6789 www.ccae.org

Cambridge Historical Commission
617-349-4683 www.cambridgema.gov/Historic
Administers historic districts and landmarks; provides technical assistance on historic preservation; and maintains an archive of the City's architectural and social history (researchers should call for an appointment). Grants are available for eligible low/moderate income homeowners and non-profit agencies with historic properties.

Cambridge Historical Society
617-547-4252 www.cambridgehistory.org

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center
617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org

Cambridge Office for Tourism
617-441-2884 www.cambridge-usa.org
Call for information on dining, entertainment, lodging, shopping, special events and more.

New School of Music
617-492-8105 www.cambridgemusic.org

► **Museums**

Arthur M. Sackler Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/sackler

Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/busch

Fogg Art Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/fogg

Gray Herbarium, Harvard
617-495-2365 www.huh.harvard.edu

Harvard Museum of Natural History
617-495-3045 www.hmn.harvard.edu

Longfellow National Historic Site
617-876-4491 www.nps.gov/long

MIT-List Visual Arts Center
617-253-4680 web.mit.edu/lvac

MIT Museum
617-253-9607 web.mit.edu/museum

Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology
617-496-1027 www.peabody.harvard.edu

► **Galleries**

Art Interactive
617-498-0100 www.artinteractive.org

Cambridge Arts Council Gallery
617-349-4380 344 Broadway
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center
617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org

Out of the Blue Art Gallery
617-354-5287 www.outoftheblueartgallery.com

► **Theaters**

Actors' Shakespeare Project
617-547-1982 www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

American Repertory Theatre
617-547-8300 www.amrep.org

Brattle Theatre
617-876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org

ImprovBoston Theater
617-576-1253 www.improvboston.com

Sanders Theatre
617-496-2222
www.fas.harvard.edu/~memhall/sanders.html

► **Community Television**

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) Channels 9, 10, and 22
617-661-6900 www.cctvcambridge.org
Offering three community access cable channels, CCTV is a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations.

CITY TV-8 (Municipal Channel) Channel 8 **617-349-4296**
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/cable.html
Provides both original and acquired programming drawn from and relating to the City of Cambridge. City Council meetings are broadcast live Mondays (5:30 p.m.) and repeated Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m.).

Cambridge students visit CAC Gallery exhibition *Anxiety of Beauty* and meet with the artist Mela Lyman.



▶ **Cambridge is full of wonderful resources that allow its citizens to help one another. Opportunities abound to volunteer or to receive services offered by this sampling of organizations. Consider making volunteering part of your regular routine.**

American Friends Service Committee

2161 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-6130 www.afsc.org

Cambridge At Home

1770 Massachusetts Avenue 617-864-1715
www.cambridgeathome.org

Cambridge Camping Association

99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive 617-864-0960

Cambridge Cares About AIDS

17 Sellers Street 617-661-3040 www.ccaa.org

Cambridge Community Center

5 Callender Street 617-547-6811 www.cambridgecommunitycenter.org

Cambridge Community Services 99 Bishop Allen Drive

617-876-5214 www.cambridgecommunity.org

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee

11 Inman Street 617-868-2900 www.ceoccambridge.org

Cambridge Family & Children's Service

60 Gore Street 617-876-4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Cambridge Family YMCA

820 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-9622 www.cambymca.org

Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse

56 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

Charles River Conservancy

1 Education Street 617-619-2850 www.charlesriverconservancy.org

Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-547-1063 www.cccrcinc.org

Community Dispute Settlement Center

60 Gore Street 617-876-5376 www.communitydispute.org

Community Learning Center 19 Brookline Street

617-349-6363 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

Concilio Hispano 105 Windsor Street

617-661-9406 www.conciliohispano.org

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Society

41 Hampshire Street 617-876-5160

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-6391
www.friendsoffreshpond.org

HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502
617-234-5340 www.homestart.org



The Charles River Conservancy and Revels sponsor RiverSing, a September event that gathers Boston and Cambridge residents at the Charles River to sing across the water to each other.

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

432 Columbia Street 617-494-0444
www.justastart.org

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers 1046 Cambridge Street

617-864-7600 www.maps-inc.org

Mount Auburn Hospital Volunteer Svcs.

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-499-5016

On the Rise 341 Broadway

617-497-7968 www.ontherise.org

St. James' Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Meal Program

1991 Massachusetts Avenue 617-876-4381

Salvation Army Shelter and Meals Program

402 Massachusetts Avenue 617-547-3400

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

61 Medford Street, Somerville
617-628-2601 www.eldercare.org

Summerbridge Cambridge

158 Spring Street 617-349-6647
www.summerbridgecambridge.org

Wellmet Project

675 Massachusetts Avenue 617-491-2377
www.wellmetproject.com

YWCA Cambridge

7 Temple Street 617-491-6050
www.ywcacam.org

▶ **Cambridge is a city full of vitality and flair, and that is never more evident than in our many events. Here is a sampling of upcoming happenings. For additional event updates and information, visit www.cambridgema.gov.**

▶ September

State Primary 9/16
Cambridge Election Commission 617-349-4361
Call or visit the Election Commission for registration information and polling locations or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Election.

13th Annual Danehy Park Family Day 9/20
City of Cambridge 617-349-4301
Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last! Free and open to the public from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Riversing: Bridging the Charles with Voice and Light 9/21
Charles River Conservancy and Revels www.revels.org
At 6 p.m., Boston and Cambridge residents gather at the Weeks Footbridge on the Charles River and sing across the water to each other.

Cambridge Business Assistance Programs Info. Session 9/25
Economic Development Division rholmes@cambridgema.gov
City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Free. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Call 617-349-4637.

Dominican Dance Fiesta 9/27
Cambridge READS www.cambridgereads.org
This companion program to the Citywide book club selection, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez, will take place at the Citywide Sr. Center, 806 Mass. Ave. from 2-4 p.m. Come learn how to Merengue! A collaboration of Cambridge Public Library, the Citywide Senior Center and the Morse School Mad Hot Dancers.

Bow Tie Bike Ride & Minuteman Bikeway Celebration 9/30
Cambridge Bicycle Committee www.cambridgebikes.org
Discover new places in the city with free biking tours and brief talks. The ride will end just before Noon behind Alewife station, where we will celebrate the trail being named to the rail-trail hall of fame with guest speakers, giveaways and refreshments from Noon-3 p.m.

Learn How to Sell on eBay The Right Way 9/30
Economic Development Division rholmes@cambridgema.gov
City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor, 6 - 8 p.m. Free. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Call 617-349-4637.

▶ October

First-Time Homebuyer Workshop 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, & 10/29
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
Four-week workshop covering a variety of topics, including: overview of the home buying process, credit & budgeting, obtaining a mortgage, legal issues, home inspections, and an introduction to Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Classes include presentations by Cambridge homebuyer counselors, real estate brokers, home inspectors and loan officers. Participants are expected to attend all four classes, which begin promptly at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Leaders in Prevention Awards 2008 10/2
Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283
City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor, 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Cambridge Book Fair 10/5
Cambridge Book Fair 617-497-9082
Held on Mass. Ave. in front of City Hall, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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"CAMBRIDGE READS" CITYWIDE BOOK CLUB AUTHOR EVENT



The Citywide Book Club's selection this year is *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez. A special author event will be held at Sanders Theatre on Oct 16. A sell-out crowd is expected. Tickets are free and will be available as of Noon on Saturday Oct. 4.

For additional information and related events, check www.cambridgereads.org.

13TH ANNUAL DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Saturday, Sept. 20

A fun-filled day of amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last!

This annual event is brought to you free of charge by the City of Cambridge. Hosted at Danehy Park (North Cambridge at Sherman, Garden, and New Streets): 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 617-349-4301 or visit www.cambridgema.gov.



Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 10/6
City of Cambridge 617-349-4697
Candlelight vigil on the lawn of City Hall at 6 p.m. to mourn those who have died, celebrate survivors, and commit to end the violence.

Small Business Workshop 10/7
Mass. Dept. of Revenue 617-877-5660
Held at City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd floor, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Worship is free, but space is limited and pre-registration required.

Labeled Disabled Documentary 10/7
Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities 617-349-4692
Powerful film demonstrating the importance of anti-bias education for children as a way to break down negative stereotypes about disability. Event is from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway.

Oktoberfest 10/12
Harvard Sq. Bus. Assoc. www.harvardsquare.com
Featuring live music, international food, a traditional beer garden, and excellent people watching. Held in Harvard Square from 12 - 6 p.m.

Third Annual Honk! Festival 10/12
Great Small Works www.honkfest.org
Festival of acoustic and mobile bands featuring a diverse set of folk music traditions. Kicks off in Davis Square and winds its way down Mass. Ave. to join in with Oktoberfest in Harvard Square.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10/13
Cambridge Public Works 617-349-4846
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Held at the Mass. National Guard Armory at 450 Concord Ave. from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cambridge residents only - proof of residency required.

Cambridge READS Author Event 10/16
Cambridge READS www.cambridgereads.org
A special event with Julia Alvarez, author of this year's Citywide Book Club's selection *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* will be held at Sanders Theatre. A sell-out crowd is expected. Tickets are free and will be available as of Noon on Saturday Oct. 4.

Head of the Charles Regatta 10/18-19
www.hocr.org 617-868-6200
The world's largest 2-day regatta attracts racers from around the world. The races take place along the Charles River, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning at the BU Bridge.

Men & Domestic Violence Forum 10/29
Cambridge Women's Commission 617-349-4695
A joint program by the City of Cambridge Employees' Committee on Diversity and the Women's Commission. Cambridge City Hall, Sullivan Chamber, 795 Mass. Ave., 6 p.m.

Status of Women & Girls in Cambridge Symposium 10/30
Cambridge Women's Commission 617-349-4697
A symposium on the previously released *Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge*. Lesley Univ., branch location at Porter Exchange building, 1815 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 9 a.m. to Noon.

FY 2009 Property Tax Bills Mailed October
Cambridge Finance Department 617-349-4220
FY 2009 property tax bills will be issued in October 2008. The first half is payable in November 2008 and the second half in May 2009.

► November

12th Annual Family Literacy Fun Day 11/1
Cambridge Dept. of Human Services 617-349-6200
A day of fun activities for families, including: book making, face painting, literacy games, puppet making, sing-alongs, story tellers, giveaways, and a magician. From 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.

General/Presidential Election 11/4
Voter Registration Deadline 10/15 at 8 p.m.
Cambridge Election Commission 617-349-4361
Call or visit the Election Commission for registration information and polling locations or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Election.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshop 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/24
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
Free workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. Pre-registration is required. See October listing for details.

Veterans' Day Observance 11/11
Cambridge Veteran's Services www.cambridgema.gov/veterans
Join us in the Cambridge Cemetery at 11 a.m. as we gather to honor our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country.

Cambridge Peace & Justice Awards Annual Dinner 11/16
Peace Commission 617-349-4694
This dinner will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. Location TBA. Call for more information or visit www.cambridgema.gov/peace.

► December

Sparklefest Holiday Parade/Welcome Tent in Harvard Sq. 12/14
www.harvardsquare.com 617-491-3434
A holiday parade around Harvard Square and a welcome tent that will be visited by Santa and his friends.

► January

First-Time Homebuyer Workshop 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
A free workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. Pre-registration is required. See October listing for details.

Parking Permit Renewal Required 1/31
Traffic & Parking Department www.cambridgema.gov/traffic
Resident & Visitor Parking Permits expire January 31, 2009. Applications are available online. Visit the Web site for details.

► February

FY 2009 Motor Excise Bills Mailed February
Cambridge Finance Department 617-349-4220
FY 2008 Motor Excise Bills will be mailed in February 2008. Bills can be paid online by visiting www.cambridgema.gov/paybills.cfm.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshop 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
Free workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. Pre-registration is required. See October listing for details.

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SAVE THE DATE

13th Annual Danehy Park Family Day

Saturday, September 20

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Danehy Park

(North Cambridge, adjacent to Garden and New Streets)

Rain Date: Sunday, September 21

- Roving Performers
- Amusement Rides
- Arts and Crafts
- Music
- Kites Galore
- Children's Stage
- And More

— PLUS —

- Free T-Shirts (while supplies last)
- Free Hot Dogs, Chips and Sodas (while supplies last - so get there early!)

How to Get There

- From Harvard Square - bus #74
- From Central Square - bus #83
- From Alewife MBTA Station - Shuttle buses every half hour
- Free Shuttle buses will be running **throughout Cambridge**
- Bus Schedule available at www.cambridgema.gov

More Info

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