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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Since the last edition of *The Cambridge Life*, a number of important events have occurred in the City that are worthy of mention. This issue highlights the various programs that serve local youth, including the good work of the City's five Youth Centers which contributed to Cambridge's selection as one of the 100 Best Communities for Youth for the second year in a row. I am pleased to report that King Open Preschool, one of six City-operated preschools operated by the Department of Human Services, recently became one of the first early childhood education programs in the nation, and the first in Cambridge, to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The City's Youth Centers and Preschool programs go a long way toward building community and supporting neighborhood vitality.

In March, the City of Cambridge, in collaboration with the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Kendall Foundation, launched the Cambridge Energy Alliance, a \$100+ million energy conservation initiative that will provide financing and technical assistance for the installation of energy efficiency improvements and water conservation measures in residential, commercial and institutional buildings. This issue of *The Cambridge Life* also highlights the City's Urban Forest – what the City is doing to preserve it, and what we are urging our residents to do. Promoting a healthy environment by adopting sound stewardship and energy efficient practices is an important goal for the City. Learn more about what we are doing to protect the environment and how you can help.

Robert C. Haas took over as Police Commissioner for the City of Cambridge in April. Commissioner Haas has distinguished himself during 30 years of law enforcement experience. Since joining the City, he has made a great deal of progress in getting to know the community and a future issue of *The Cambridge Life* will cover some of his goals and plans to continue to deliver the high quality public safety services our residents, businesses and visitors expect. In the current issue,



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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

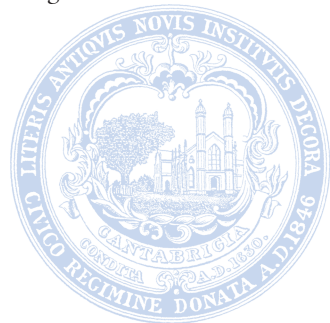
I urge you to read more about the helpful services offered through the recently revamped Cambridge Police Web site, www.cambridgepolice.org.

Affordable housing also continues to be a high priority for the Cambridge City Council and my administration. Find out how a former NSTAR switch house in Riverside was converted into 33 units of affordable housing as part of a zoning agreement in collaboration with Harvard University.

As always, we hope this biannual City magazine and resource guide is helpful to Cambridge residents, businesses, workers and visitors.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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Photos above: Teens from across the city come together to learn mediation skills (CYP staff); Learning-by-doing at the newly NAEYC-accredited King Open Preschool; A view of the former NSTAR switch house that has been redeveloped as permanently affordable housing; An Urban Forestry crew member on the job (Ellen Coppinger).

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PUTTING CAMBRIDGE YOUTH FIRST

*PROGRAMS THAT DELIVER
RESULTS FOR CAMBRIDGE
PRE-TEENS AND TEENS*

Being named one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Children is a significant honor. Receiving that recognition two years in a row is a clear indication that in Cambridge, we put our youth first.

The Cambridge Youth Programs (CYP) represents five reasons Cambridge youth are so well-served. CYP incorporates five fully-equipped Youth Centers that offer diverse, high quality programs for young people, families and the entire community. The programs promote leadership and youth development through enrichment activities, unique experiences and opportunities to develop relationships with adults and peers.

PUTTING PRE-TEENS AT CENTER STAGE

Imagine an inspiring alternative to after-school television. What would it look like? Picture pre-teens learning the art of animation or debating community issues, and you'll begin to get the idea behind the CYP Pre-Teen After School Program.

While each Youth Center offers distinct programming, all offer homework assistance, healthy snacks, leadership development opportunities, sports leagues, arts, community service and enrichment activities. Some of the enriching opportunities include:

- **Community Meetings:** Youth and staff discuss upcoming events and community issues, providing an opportunity to share stories, ask questions, and provide entertainment
- **Knowledge Bowl:** City-wide trivia competitions

“The Youth Centers... have been a place for me to go to meet new people, get assistance with my school work, and a place to learn and do all sorts of new activities that I know will be beneficial to my future.”

**Christina Chatelain,
Youth Center Member**

with topics ranging from sports to geography and everything in between

- **Babysitter's Club:** Training in first aid, basic childcare skills, sanitation procedures and more – culminating in a babysitter's certificate
- **Karate:** Youth learn the basics of karate blocks, kicks, mental strength, self-control and basic sparring
- **Animation:** Youth develop a flip book, photograph it and use movie-making software to edit the resulting film into animated short films
- **Lego Robots:** Youth learn the basics of engineering by building robotic Lego projects

Serves: Ages 9 to 13

Schedule: Monday to Friday,
2 - 6 p.m., during the school year

Fee: only \$100 for the school year!
Licensed by the MA Department of
Early Education and Care (EEC)

FOCUS ON TEENS

The CYP Teen Program has been redesigned with the input of Youth Center staff, program participants, community members and government representatives. The reinvigorated programs have been developed around three models of youth development: Comprehensive, Enrichment and Social Development.

Comprehensive programs are small groups of youth working with adults and are focused on skill-building and developmental outcomes for youth.

The programs are often

Teens from across the city work together to learn mediation skills (CYP Staff).



work-based, but also include Youth Councils, service-learning or other project-based experiences. Enrichment programs introduce young people to new experiences, broadening their vision of themselves and the world through classes, workshops, field trips and guest speakers. Social Development offerings include activities that support positive peer/peer and peer/adult relationships and promote healthy lifestyles.

Examples of program activities include:

- **City Peace:** Internships guide teens to explore issues of violence prevention, conflict resolution and mediation. Participants create a legacy project that speaks to violence prevention in Cambridge.
- **SHYNE:** Professional instructors offer 8-week courses identified by young people. Classes - including belly dancing, the art of DJing, Driver's Education, cooking, boxing and creative writing - introduce youth to hobbies, skills, or potential careers.
- **Athletic Leagues:** Teens compete in various athletic leagues between centers and with other community-based organizations.

Serves: Ages 14 to 18

Schedule: Monday to Friday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 for the year

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

CYP offers something for everyone. In addition to afterschool care for preteens and programming teens, they also deliver top-notch community events for families - designed to encourage youth and families to participate in activities together. Ongoing activities include:

- Family and Teen Movies in the park
- Family trips
- Community dinners
- Parent groups
- Block parties
- Speaker panels
- Athletic tournaments

These safe, fun activities enable Cambridge youth to thrive and feel a sense of belonging - resulting in young adults who are ready for future employment, higher education, citizenship and adult life.

HIDDEN GEMS

As you can see, the five Youth Centers that make up CYP are truly among Cambridge's hidden gems. If you have not yet taken advantage of Cambridge Youth Programs, you should!

WELCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

The Middle School Partnership Program at the Gately Youth Center is a new initiative of the Department of Human Service Programs. The program (a collaboration between CYP, Community

CAMBRIDGE YOUTH CENTERS

Area IV Youth Center

243 Harvard Street (617) 349-6262

Frisoli Youth Center

61 Willow Street (617) 349-6312

Gately Youth Center

70R Rindge Avenue (617) 349-6277

Moore Youth Center

12 Gilmore Street (617) 349-6273

West Cambridge Youth Center

110 Cushing Street (617) 349-6314

COMING IN FALL 2008!

The much anticipated arrival of the new West Cambridge Youth and Community Center. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/westyouth.cfm for updated information and to see building plans.

Schools, Child Care and the Peabody School) engages 6th to 8th graders in creating and implementing their own after school and summer opportunities. From designing the space to planning events to hiring teachers, the youth have a strong voice in the program. The youth have many adults working with them to ensure their academic, social and emotional needs are fulfilled. The Middle School Clubhouse is a space that is welcoming, safe and fun for middle schoolers and their friends to socialize, learn and grow.

This year, more than 60 young people participated in the program! ■



Don Kim shows his results at a Biogen science lab (CYP Staff).

CAMBRIDGE ENERGY ALLIANCE

AN INNOVATIVE MODEL FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

On March 29, 2007, City Manager Robert W. Healy and Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves welcomed Governor Deval Patrick to Cambridge to officially launch a new, \$100 million energy efficiency initiative called the Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA). This new non-profit organization, a collaboration between the City, the Henry P. Kendall Foundation and the Cambridge Health Alliance, will design, market, install and finance an unprecedented number of energy efficiency and water conservation measures in residential, commercial and institutional buildings, with the goal of substantially reducing local greenhouse gas emissions, peak hour electricity demand and use of fossil fuels.

INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

Many aspects of the CEA are innovative: the collaboration between private foundations and city government; the opportunity to have direct impacts in the commercial, residential and institutional (university) sectors; the very substantial level of funding commitment – 80% – by the private sector, with the other 20% coming from electrical utility incentive programs; the widespread opportunities to “save money and the planet,” in the program’s tag line.

No City funds will be used to implement the program. In addition to raising funds from private investors, the program will take advantage of newly created funding sources for energy efficiency, including incentive payments for large-scale reduction in energy demand.

Also, by working with NSTAR, CEA can build upon and greatly expand the utility’s existing conservation efforts, so more people can be served and greater energy savings obtained by each customer.

MEETING A NEED

The Alliance will perform several important functions including assisting businesses, residents and institutions in identifying energy efficiency opportunities; identifying qualified contractors to carry out the work;

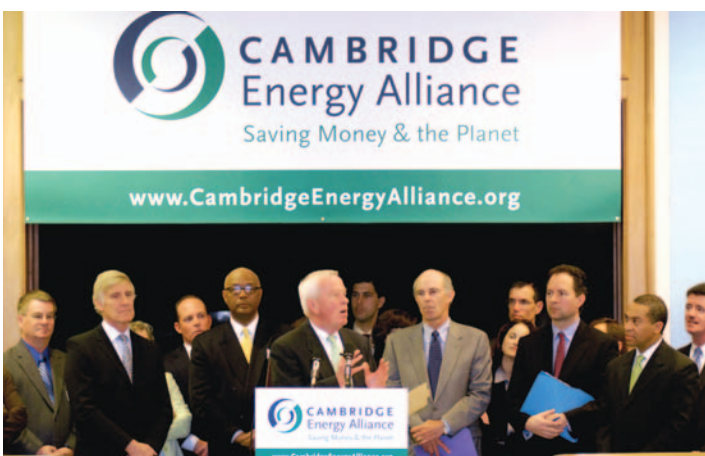
and providing funding to pay for the improvements. Low interest loans will be available to fund some improvements, with repayment to come from documented energy savings.

A CITY AT THE FOREFRONT

Representatives from the Kendall Foundation noted that Cambridge is the ideal city for this first-of-a-kind energy alliance, a large-scale, cross-sector efficiency initiative. The City of Cambridge recognizes that climate change poses significant potential impacts and has already taken important steps to reduce emissions, including adopting an innovative Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance, creating the Climate Leaders Initiative, and making a commitment to build “green” public buildings, among other things.

At the kick-off event, City Manager Robert W. Healy also commented on the importance of the CEA by thanking the City’s partners. “The Cambridge Energy Alliance will make the community a better place economically and environmentally,” Healy said. “This is a very innovative approach that brings together unique financing, the latest in energy and building technology, and a broad outreach program that will allow us to reach a much larger number of households and businesses than past efforts.”

According to Healy, this approach will enable the City to make big strides toward its goal to reduce global warming pollution and at the same time make Cambridge households, businesses and institutions more resilient against rising energy prices.



Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy, shown with Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves on the left and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick on the far right, along with several project collaborators, launches the Cambridge Energy Alliance, which brings public and private resources together to implement energy efficiency measures.

“I’m very pleased that the Kendall Foundation has chosen the City of Cambridge to be its partner in pioneering this new approach that we can share with other communities throughout the region and beyond,” Healy concluded. ■

For more information, visit www.cambridgeenergyalliance.org.

CITY TAKES STEPS TO SAVE MONEY AND THE PLANET

Taking to heart the theme of the Cambridge Energy Alliance, “Saving Money & the Planet,” the City is taking a variety of steps to reduce its own energy use. The most visible is switching all the traffic signals from the old-style incandescent bulbs, with colored plastic covers, to bulbs that use LED (light emitting diode) technology. If you look carefully at a traffic signal you can see that each new light is actually a lot of separate tiny lights clustered together. LED signals have many advantages. Because they use much less electricity than the old incandescent lights, they save the City close to \$300,000 in electricity bills every year. They are brighter and last many times longer, saving additional funds in replacement costs. LED signals are also safer because they burn out slowly, one diode at a time.

CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS DO THEIR PART

Cambridge residents are doing their part to address climate change as well. Cycling in the city increased by 70% between 2002 and 2006. Walking continues to be popular. In fact, Cambridge has the highest percentage of residents who walk to work of any city over 40,000 in the United States, at 26%. Only New York City comes out ahead in the percentage of people who commute by means other than driving alone. Driving is a major cause of climate change, and every time we choose to go someplace by walking, cycling, or taking transit, we are taking a step away from global warming.



YOUR CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY



- Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail Link - Neighborhood Alerts - Juststolen.net

The Cambridge Police Department (CPD) has always been committed to “providing the highest quality of police service and impacting crime.” The department recently stepped up those efforts by unveiling a Web site designed to bring the power of “new crime prevention strategies” and “problem-solving partnerships” to the fight to keep Cambridge safe.

The new site is informative, easy to navigate, and – most significantly – interactive, giving Cantabrigians the opportunity to contribute to their own safety.



www.cambridgepolice.org

ON THE LOOKOUT

There are now two ways for Cambridge citizens to stay abreast of police alerts online. A link to active alerts is prominently listed in the “News & Events” section. These notices provide detailed information about incidents of note, including the neighborhood, methodology for the crime (as well as usual timeframe and a description of the activity), and any information available about suspects. The alerts also include suggestions for steps to

take to avoid the crime and steps to take should you witness suspicious activity matching the alert description. If you prefer to receive alerts via e-mail, click on the “Community Quick Links” section to register.

HELPFUL TIPS

Alert community members can be important allies in crime fighting. The CPD Web site offers an opportunity to report crime tips and suspicious activity via e-mail with the new “Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail” link. In just a few short months, the link has already provided valuable leads which have received prompt follow-through from the department. The drug tip phone line, (617) 349-3359, has also been an effective crime fighting tool for some time. It’s important to note that for a crime or suspicious activity in progress, the police request that you call 911 from telephones located in Cambridge or dial (617) 349-3300 from outside of the city.

A SAFE, SECURE WAY TO GET VALUABLES BACK

The CPD Web site hosts a link to Juststolen.net. This innovative tool was designed to easily register stolen assets in order to facilitate their recovery. Once an item is recovered, law enforcement agencies worldwide can search a database to identify the rightful owner. If your property is lost or stolen, visit the Web site, click on the “Juststolen.net” link, and submit your information via the user-friendly interface. There is even an option to browse recently recovered property that is currently in police custody or register your laptop so that authorities know how to contact you should they recover it in the future.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Interested in helping your community every day? Have you considered a career with the Cambridge Police Department? Civil service tests for police officers are provided once a year in early spring (residency is required). While the department does not fill specific specialty positions from the new recruit officers, it is not unusual for new officers to be assigned to a variety of different functions – from Special Investigations to the Bomb Squad or Special Response Team. For more information about a career with the CPD, contact the Community Relations Unit at (617) 349-3236. This could be your opportunity to make a difference. ■

King Open Preschool

*recognized for
high quality and
professionalism*



Developing skills and learning-by-doing at the NAEYC-accredited King Open Preschool.



While professionalism and high standards are always the order of the day in Cambridge education, they are particularly crucial in the arena of early childhood education. So it is with great pride that the Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) has announced that King Open Preschool recently earned accreditation under new, stringent criteria implemented in 2006 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Laura Stone, King Open Preschool Director. “NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.”

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MEETING A HIGHER STANDARD

The new, stringent accreditation criteria reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. These standards focus on:

- positive relationships for all children and staff
- development-centered curriculum
- effective teaching approaches for diverse populations
- ongoing assessments of a child’s progress
- nutrition and health
- a safe and healthy physical environment
- maintaining collaborative relationships with each child’s family

“The new NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., Executive Director of NAEYC. “King Open’s NAEYC accreditation is a sign that they are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education and to help give all children a better start.”

Since its establishment in 1985, NAEYC accreditation has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. Nationally, only 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs are accredited.

MAKING THE GRADE

To earn accreditation in the new system, involved families joined the King Open Preschool staff – including director Laura Stone and teachers Saida Delgado, Patricia Rosser and Debbie Gordon – in an extensive self-study process. They measured the program and its services against the 10 new NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The Preschool Program received NAEYC accreditation after an on-site visit by assessors. Accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

MORE GOOD NEWS

Cambridge is fortunate to have a number of early childhood programs including preschools and kindergartens accredited under an earlier process. Now DHSP’s remaining preschools and Cambridge Public Schools’ kindergartens are completing the new accreditation process and approval is anticipated in the near future. ■

KING OPEN PRESCHOOL

617-349-6261
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/
preschool.cfm

Former Switch House Becomes Home for 33 First Time Buyers

SWITCH HOUSE

On June 19, 2007 a dedication was held to mark the renovation and conversion of a former NSTAR switch house in Riverside into 33 units of affordable homeownership housing. The handsome historic building, constructed in 1922, was part of a power plant that Harvard University purchased from NSTAR in 2002. As part of a comprehensive 2003 zoning agreement with the City, Harvard redeveloped the building as permanently affordable housing, which the City will sell to income-eligible first-time homeowners. The building consists of one, two and three-bedroom units. The project includes surface parking for 33 cars and the site has been generously landscaped on the Putnam Avenue side to complete the new façade.

With its close proximity to the Charles River, many neighborhood parks, and neighborhood shopping, 33 families will be happy to call Riverside home beginning this fall. In addition, starting in September 2007, planning will begin on a new city park in Riverside, on land to be deeded to the City from Harvard. For information on the Riverside Park planning process, go to: www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cp/parks/riverside.

DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO HOUSING

Based on the strong commitment of the City Council and the City administration, the City of Cambridge, working with the Affordable Housing Trust and its non-profit housing partners, has created over 2,800 affordable housing units since the end of rent control in 1995. Another 500 units of permanently affordable housing have been created since 1998 in private housing through the Inclusionary

Housing Program. Despite these impressive numbers, demand continues to be strong for affordable ownership and rental opportunities. For example, when 50 affordable units were marketed by the City in June, over 350 applications were received. Further, in the past year, over 700 families and individuals have been added to the database of those seeking affordable housing.

To keep up with this demand, the City has the following projects under way:

COLUMBIA COURT

The non-profit Just-a-Start has converted a former commercial property and adjacent homes into 13 units of homeownership housing at 199 - 209 Columbia Street in the Area IV neighborhood. The existing historic homes were completely rehabilitated, along with the new construction component.

The project consists of six two-bedroom and seven three-bedroom units, all affordable to first-time homebuyers earning below 80% of area median income. Just-a-Start received over 100 applications for the 13 units. New owners should be moving in this fall.

NORTH CAMBRIDGE VFW

Construction is nearly complete on CASCAP Inc.'s Webster 5 Condominiums,



a nine-unit homeownership project on Massachusetts Avenue in North Cambridge. Built in the 1800's as a fire house, later used as a police sub-station and then a VFW hall, this historic building will now be home to nine low and moderate income first-time homebuyers. The exterior facade of this former City-owned property has been historically restored to reveal its handsome details. The site is just north of the Porter Square MBTA Station and the Porter Square Shopping Center, making it a very desirable location. Buyers will be selected and new owners are expected to move in by the end of 2007.

LEARN MORE

For more information on the City's housing programs and to apply for affordable housing opportunities please visit www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/housing or call (617) 349-4622. ■



Photo, Opposite Page: A side view of the former switch house in Riverside that was redeveloped as permanently affordable housing.

Photos, This Page: Additional views of the former NSTAR switch house.

IN THE PIPELINE . . .

Harvard Street Print Shop

CASCAP Inc. plans to begin construction in 2008 on the Print Shop Condominiums, a new 24-unit homeownership project located on the corner of Harvard and Davis Streets. The new building will incorporate energy efficient features and green technologies with cutting edge design to create an exciting architectural addition to this part of the Area IV neighborhood. Located on the site of a former print shop, the development will be able to take advantage of its proximity to the new Harvard Street Park, which is to be completed in the fall of 2007.

823 Main Street

The former Nightstage property at 823 Main Street has stood vacant for over five years. Just-a-Start purchased the property in June 2007 and plans to construct 10 new units of homeownership housing. There will be eight two and three-bedroom triplexes and two one-bedroom flats on the ground level. All units will be sold to first-time homebuyers earning less than 80% of area median income. The reuse of this neglected site will contribute to the revitalization of the Main Street corridor.

Preserving and Growing Cambridge's Urban Forest



Top photos, clockwise from left: Pre-schoolers learn about tree maintenance at the annual DPW Vehicle Road Show (Katherine Watkins); A Cambridge Urban Forestry crew on the job (Ellen Coppinger); A Cambridge Urban Forestry truck hard at work (Ellen Coppinger). **Bottom left photo:** Prospect Street tree planting (Jeff Roberts).

WHAT IS THE URBAN FOREST?

The urban forest in Cambridge, as in most cities, is not defined as only a large area of woodlands. Rather, the urban forest is the collection of all the forest resources spread throughout the city— street and park trees, those on private property, and those at nature reservations such as Fresh Pond, Alewife Brook and the Charles River. Together, this collection of individual trees forms a valuable public resource.

WHY IS THE URBAN FOREST IMPORTANT?

Urban trees serve many important purposes, contributing to environmental health and overall quality of life in our community. A vibrant urban forest improves air and water quality, provides shade and cooling effects, reduces stormwater runoff and prevents flooding, provides wildlife habitat, and beautifies the landscape. All of these things have a positive impact on both public health and private property values.



WHAT IS THE CITY DOING TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND THE URBAN FOREST?

1. Planting news trees

Each year, the City's Department of Public Works

(DPW) plants an average of 300 trees through the tree planting program. The DPW also takes advantage of other opportunities to plant more trees, such as the new trees planted along Prospect Street using a State grant or on the 238 Broadway site as part of the park expansion.

2. Maintaining existing trees

All City street, park and cemetery trees are pruned on a regular maintenance cycle. The DPW also responds to additional service requests for pruning and the need for emergency removals.

3. Working with developers and contractors who impact trees

Recent efforts include enacting a tree protection ordinance that applies to large developments, negotiating for increased planting during other new development projects, requiring tree protection during public and private construction projects, and providing technical assistance to developers and contractors.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE URBAN FOREST?

1. “Adopt” street trees near your home

Take some time to weed and water trees in your neighborhood. Young trees especially need water to get off to a healthy start. One inch per week is all it takes (a little more during summer or times of serious drought).

2. Plant a new tree and care for it

If you are able to do so, plant a large tree on your property and water it. If you have an empty tree well outside your property that you would like to see filled, or would like to find out about opportunities for new trees at the back-of-sidewalk, please contact the Parks and Urban Forestry Division at (617) 349-4885 or cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov. Please be advised that most tree planting is done during



Photos, above: Fresh Pond treescape (Richard Bock); Water Department foliage on display (Marion Severynse); Kingsley Park (Martin Evans). **Photos, top right:** Rainbow over Fresh Pond (Michael Zangler-Tishler); Central Square greenery (Israel Ferraz).

spring and fall and most requests for public tree planting are filled during the following season.

3. Be a good steward of the urban forest

Please teach others about the importance of trees in Cambridge. Report sick, injured, or vandalized trees to the Forestry Division. You can also help out by organizing a neighborhood clean-up. Call the DPW at (617) 349-4846 to learn more. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP THE URBAN FOREST, VISIT:

City of Cambridge Urban Forestry Division

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/departments/parks/forestry.html

The National Arbor Day Foundation

www.arborday.org

The International Society of Arboriculture

www.isa-arbor.com



CAMBRIDGE HONORED FOR ITS URBAN FORESTRY EFFORTS

Tree City USA

2007 marked the 15th year that Cambridge was recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as a Tree City USA.

Massachusetts Sustainable Community Forestry Award

Cambridge was also among 22 communities presented with the first-ever Massachusetts Sustainable Community Forestry Award for achieving a particularly high standard of community forest management.

Photo, from left: DCR Acting Commissioner Priscilla Geigis, Cambridge DPW Parks and Forestry arborists Kelly Writer and Dick Woods, and DCR Chief Forester Jim DeMaio at the May 24, 2007 Tree City USA Ceremony (Jon Crispin).

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.

▶ **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

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

▶ **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

888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.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

Cambridge Public Internet

www.cambridgema.gov/wifi

The City of Cambridge – in partnership with MIT, Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge Housing Authority, Harvard, and others – is installing a free basic-level wireless Internet network throughout the city. It is accessible via the SSID “Cambridge Public Internet.”

▶ **Sewer** 617-349-4850

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 888-COMCAST

www.comcast-ne.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 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
 Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School Committee meetings and serves as the City's political leader. E-mail: mayor@cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Information Lines**

Construction Updates 617-349-4863
 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
 Cable TV (CITY TV-8) (pg. 28) 617-349-4296
 City Clerk (pg. 18) 617-349-4260
 City Council Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4300
 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
 Health Department (pg. 24) 617-665-3800
 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 Works (pg. 19) 617-349-4800
 Purchasing (pg. 20) 617-349-4310
 Schools (pg. 23) 617-349-6400
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation (pg. 19) 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services (pg. 17) 617-349-4761
 Water (pg. 14) 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4697

▶ **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the MDC) 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000

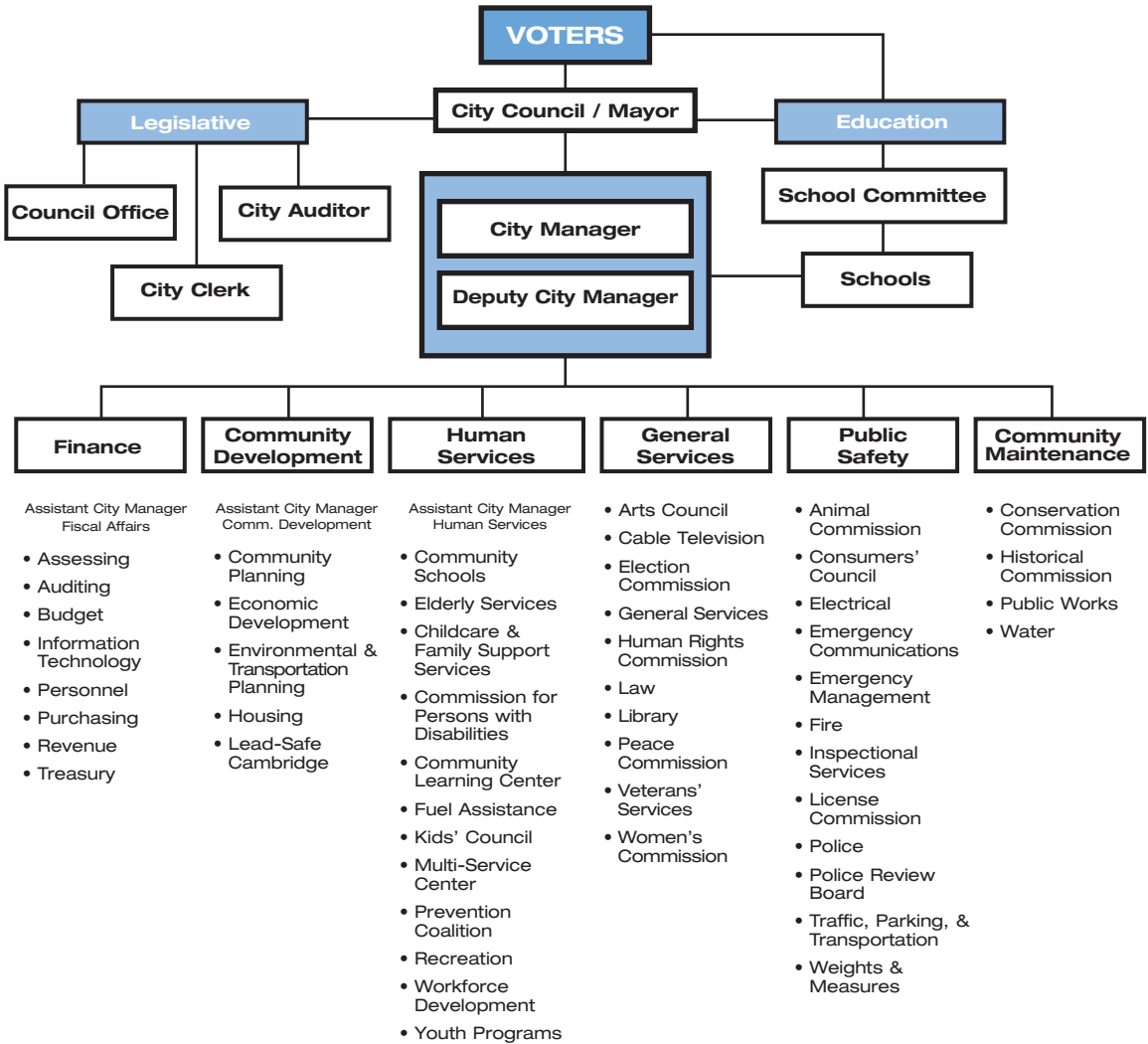
Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information:



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

www.cambridgema.gov

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 Cambridge City Clerk's Office.

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

▶ **Upcoming Elections**

- Special State Elections will be held on October 9, 2007
- Municipal Elections will be held on November 6, 2007

▶ **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 Cambridge 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 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, from auto sales, home repair, and debt collection, to 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.

▶ **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. Assist veterans and their families in applying for federal VA benefits, as well as state and local veterans' programs and services.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Day of Unity: Monday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. Cambridge City Hall

The Women's Commission, along with the Public Health Department and the Cambridge Police Department, are joining with other local, state, and battered women's

advocates across the nation to mourn those who have died, celebrate those who have survived, and connect with those who work to end violence. Join us on the steps of City Hall on the Day of Unity for a candlelight vigil. Special activities will be sponsored by various City departments and agencies throughout October.

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- ▶ **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 Department** 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, hackneyer, 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. 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.

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4879**

The City has a mandatory recycling ordinance requiring residents, businesses and institutions to recycle. Recycling containers and weekly curbside pick-up (on the same day that trash is collected) are provided

▶ **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.

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. 617-864-3211**
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 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/GED prep, English for speakers of other languages, transition to college program, adult basic education for the homeless, and computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents and the homeless. Also offers education in the workplace for area businesses, family literacy classes, citizenship preparation, and volunteer opportunities.

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 issues; promotes equal opportunity for people with physical, mental, or sensory disabilities; ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and issues temporary disability parking permits and taxi discount coupons.

Temporary Disability Parking Permits 617-349-4692

Taxi Discount Coupons 617-349-4692

▶ **Employment**

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**

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
 for the Homeless

▶ **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.

Council on Aging / Senior Services
 617-349-6220

Citywide Senior Ctr. 617-349-6060
 806 Massachusetts Avenue

No. Cambridge Senior Ctr. 617-349-6320
 2050 Massachusetts Avenue

▶ **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.



Multi-Service Center Turns 20

The Multi-Service Center is celebrating its 20th Anniversary of helping Cambridge families and individuals who are homeless or are facing the loss of their housing. Over the years, the Center has helped thousands of people with housing searches, counseling, advocacy and collaborative work with many community resources. The public is invited to an Open House at the Multi-Service Center on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 19 Brookline Street in Central Square. Drop in for a brief tour and refreshments. For more information, call 617-349-6340.

▶ **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
 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
 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. Sites for summer programs may vary. 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. Five licensed, afterschool programs focus on educational and enrichment activities for 9-13 years olds, while five teen programs offer work-based learning and enrichment activities, plus sports and leisure activities for all.

- 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

▶ **Center for Families**
 617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm
 Neighborhood-based, school-linked family support program.

▶ **Kids' Council** 617-349-6239
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidscouncil.cfm
 Advocates for the well-being of children, youth, and families.

▶ **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.



Recipients and City officials at the 2007 City Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

▶ **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: children must be 4 years old by March 31, 2007
First Grade: children must be 6 years old by August 31, 2007
 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 became available to children between the ages of 3 and 6 this September 2007.

▶ **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
 (Grades 5 - 8, Boys)
 29 Mt Auburn Street 617-868-8658

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

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

Cambridge Montessori School
 (Toddler - Grade 6)
 161 Garden Street 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
 (Grades 9 - 12)
 40 Norris Street 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****617-492-8306 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 smoke detector permits, fire prevention, and safety. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Emergency Communications Department**
Emergency 911 Non-emergency 617-349-6911
www.cambridge911.org
Operates the City's combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), providing a link between residents and police and first responders in the case of emergencies and non-emergency 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 and Fieldhouse**
Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St. 617-349-6237
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** 617-349-4793
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.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

▶ **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.

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

The Ticket: Paper, stored-value. Riders pay standard fare plus a surcharge (*no surcharge when storing a T-Pass on a paper CharlieTicket).

▶ **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, magazines, 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

Valente, 826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

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

The City's License Commission is working with a new 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

▶ **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



Cambridge Public Libraries -
building young readers

► **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
617-253-4444 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 (Cambridge Municipal Television) 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 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

Bread and Jams Day Shelter

1151 Massachusetts Avenue 617-497-9200 www.breadandjams.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

Centro Presente

54 Essex Street 617-497-9080 www.cpresente.org

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

Educators for Social Responsibility

23 Garden Street 617-492-1764

www.esrnational.org

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-4793

www.friendsoffreshpond.org



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HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502

617-234-5340 www.homestart.org

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

Physicians for Social Responsibility

11 Garden Street 617-497-7440 psr.igc.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

Spare Change 1151 Massachusetts Avenue

617-497-1595 www.homelessempowerment.org

Summerbridge Cambridge

225 Windsor Street 617-349-6647

www.summerbridgecambridge.org

Wellmet Project

675 Massachusetts Avenue 617-491-2377

www.wellmetproject.com

YouthBuild USA

58 Day Street, Somerville 617-623-9900

www.youthbuild.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**

Riversing 9/23
The Charles River Conservancy crc@thecharles.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 Multi-Service Center Open House 9/25
DHSP www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/multiservice.cfm
Celebrating 20 years of helping the homeless or those facing the loss of housing – through advocacy, counseling, assisting with housing searches. Open House from 1 – 5 p.m., 19 Brookline Street.

Cambridge Forum Pays Tribute to Longfellow 9/26
Cambridge Forum www.cambridgeforum.org
Longfellow National Historic Site www.nps.gov/long
On his 200th birthday, scholars will explore what Longfellow's work says to the 21st century reader. Begins at 7:30 p.m.: First Parish, 3 Church Street

Chick Lit Book Group 9/26
Cambridge Public Library www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org
First comes love. Then comes marriage. Then comes...a baby carriage?
Not for Claudia Parr. This month's book group will discuss *Baby Proof* by Emily Giffin beginning at 7 p.m. at the library at 359 Broadway.

Financing for Your Business Information Session 9/27
Economic Development Division rholmes@cambridgema.gov
Learn about finance basics, accessing financing, reviewing credit reports, tax returns, and financial statements. Learn about FREE business consulting and other services through the City of Cambridge. City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Community Room from 9 – 10 a.m.

12th Annual Danehy Park Family Day 9/29
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.

Grand Opening of the MIT Museum's Mark Epstein Innovation Gallery 9/29 – 30
MIT Museum web.mit.edu/museum
Free admission, music, demonstrations, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., 265 Mass. Ave.

Fall Bike Ride 9/30
Cambridge Bicycle Committee www.cambridgebikes.org
A leisurely ride through the streets of Cambridge, beginning and ending at Cambridge Common. This fall's ride will pass many of Cambridge's nearly 100 parks and playgrounds, making three stops along the 14.5 mile route for short talks. Please arrive by 10:15 a.m.

▶ **October**

Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 10/1
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.

Oktoberfest 10/7
Harvard Square Business Association 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.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS, PROGRAMS & CLASSES Fall 2007

The Community Development Department Economic Development Division sponsors a series of workshops and classes for aspiring entrepreneurs, residents and established business owners. For a full schedule of offerings, contact rholmes@cambridgema.gov, 617-349-4637, or visit the CDD Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed/smbus/ed_workshops.html



“CAMBRIDGE READS” HOSTS AUTHORS OF THREE CUPS OF TEA...

Thursday, Nov. 8
“Cambridge Reads,” a citywide book club, welcomes the authors of the acclaimed *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace to Discuss their work at the Sanders Theatre*. Tickets are free,



limited to 2 per person, and available at all library locations beginning 10/24 at noon. Books are available at every public library location and book discussions will begin in September at every library. Check www.cambridgereads.org for additional information and related events.

12TH ANNUAL DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Saturday, Sept. 29

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.



**Making Your Money Work –
A Financial Literacy Program**

Tues. Nights, 10/9 – 11/13

Economic Development Division
rholmes@cambridgema.gov

Learn to manage your finances to reach goals including retirement, college savings, home ownership and starting a business. Tuesday evenings, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, 71 Cherry Street.

Special State Election 10/9

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

ArtsCentral 10/12 – 13

Central Square Business Association
www.centralsquarecambridge.com/artscentral
A street festival exploring the everyday art in Central Square. The streets will come alive with art – from glass sculpture to fashion design to sidewalk drawings. Entry buttons are required.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

10/13 Cambridge Public Works
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.

CitySprouts Harvest Festival 10/13

King/Amigos School 617-349-6562, x208
Promoting school gardens, fresh local foods and the joy of serving over 2,000 Cambridge students! Come taste fresh food and meet farmers and chefs from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 100 Putnam Ave.

Library Great Books Club Oct. 16 – May 13

Cambridge Public Library 617-349-4040
From Tolstoy to Plato to Shakespeare, explore great books every other Tuesday from 7:30 – 9 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library, 359 Broadway. Call for book listings.

**Steps to Starting Your Own
Business Workshop 10/18**

Economic Development Division
rholmes@cambridgema.gov
Explore the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship. Discuss industry trends, market research, business operations, and more. Walk away with tools to help you get started in business. City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor, 8 – 10 a.m.

Head of the Charles Regatta 10/20 – 21

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 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. beginning at the BU Bridge.

“Tea With the Ambassador” 10/23

Central Square Branch Library
www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org
Former Ambassador to Pakistan Thomas W.

Simons Jr. will speak about his experiences in Pakistan and with Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*.... Sign up is required. Contact cwithrow@cambridgema.gov.

FY 2008 Property Tax Bills Mailed

Cambridge Finance Department **October**
617-349-4220
FY 2008 property tax bills will be issued in October 2007. The first half is payable in November 2007 and the second half in May 2008.

► **November**

11th Annual Family Literacy Fun Day 11/3

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.

Cambridge Municipal Election 11/6

Cambridge Election Commission 617-349-4361
Call or visit www.cambridgema.gov/election for polling info., locations.

“Cambridge Reads” Host Authors of *Three Cups of Tea*... 11/8

Cambridge Reads – A Citywide Book Club www.cambridgereads.org
The Cambridge citywide book club welcomes the authors of the acclaimed *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*. The event is free, but tickets are required. 7:30 p.m., Sanders Theatre.

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.

The Writing of Fantasy – Roundtable Discussion 11/14

Cambridge Public Library www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org
Join masters of fantasy literature as they discuss why authors choose to write fantasy beginning at 7 p.m. at MIT Room 10-250, 77 Mass. Ave. Tickets are free, required, and available beginning 10/15.

Why Do Children Read Fantasy? with Susan Cooper 11/15

Cambridge Public Library www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org
This award-winning author will explore why children read fantasy. Preceded by songs and riddles. Begins 7:30 p.m. at First Parish in Cambridge, 3 Church Street in Harvard Square.

► **December**

Harvard Square Holiday Craft Fair 12/1 – 23

Harvard Square Business Association www.harvardsquare.com
Featuring New England crafts and imported gifts at First Parish, 3 Church Street in Harvard Square. See the Web site for hours of operation.

► **January**

Joyful Noise 1/19

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center (CMAC) www.cmacusa.org
This celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presents gospel talent including the Harlem Gospel Choir at the Sanders Theatre.

Parking Permit Renewal Required 1/31

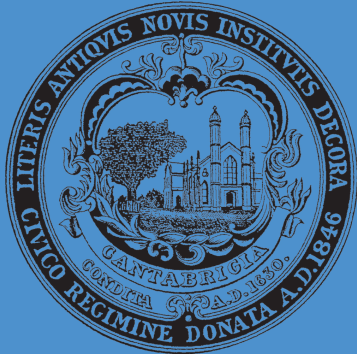
Traffic & Parking Department www.cambridgema.gov/traffic
Resident & Visitor Parking Permits expire January 31, 2008. Applications are available online. Visit the Web site for details.

► **February**

FY 2008 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.

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SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual Danehy Park Family Day

Saturday, September 29

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

(North Cambridge, adjacent to Garden and New Streets)

- 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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