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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

On behalf of the Mayor, the City Council, and the employees of the City of Cambridge, I am pleased to present residents, workers, and visitors with the latest edition of *The Cambridge Life*. Our biannual community magazine includes information on programs and services, profiles of City departments, a helpful resource section (including a newcomer's page), and a calendar of events.

A new City Council was elected in November 2005. A list of councillors is shown on the back cover of this publication. In January, Council members elected Kenneth E. Reeves to serve as Mayor and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. to serve as Vice Mayor. The Mayor also serves as the School Committee Chairman.

We strive to foster community in Cambridge. *The Cambridge Life* magazine, which is made available each March and September at newsstands in City squares and at municipal buildings, is one tool that we use to keep citizens informed.

We are very proud of the vast array of human services we offer in Cambridge. In this issue of *The Cambridge Life*, we shine the spotlight on summer recreation programs (see page 4). Adopting environmentally sound and energy efficient practices was a recent goal of the City Council. Learn about the steps we are taking locally in the fight against global climate change and find out what you can do to help on page 6.

Take a walk along Cambridge's major streets and squares and you may notice some big changes – some currently in the works and several recently completed. Learn more about the changing face of Cambridge on page 8. Turn to page 10 to learn about Cambridge community policing programs that help improve the lives and safety of our citizens.

Several City departments have been collaborating on a special project to honor the contributions that women have made to



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City Manager

our community. Find out more about this initiative on page 12.

In addition to this magazine, another tool we use to keep in touch with our citizens, *The CityView* newsletter, is mailed directly to households and businesses throughout the city in May and November. The City's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov also serves as a helpful information resource for residents. Visit the site today to sign up for *Cambridge E-Line*, a weekly e-mail newsletter and on-demand City information service.

We hope you find this latest edition of *The Cambridge Life* enlightening and interesting!

Sincerely,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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Cover photo: One of several walking paths at Danehy Park; The newly renovated, state-of-the-art Cambridge Champions Track and Field at Danehy Park (Frank Monkiewicz).

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SUMMERTIME RECREATION

The sun is shining and the birds are singing on a beautiful day in July, but your child says, "I'm bored. I don't have anything to do." As a parent, what can you offer? How about swimming, tennis, golf, arts, camp, sports, concerts, field trips and more? In a city with nearly 100 outdoor recreation sites of various sizes, Cambridge residents of all ages have many exciting summer activity choices for 2006.

CITY FIELDS

The Recreation Division of the Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) handles all permitting for the active use of City fields. Fifty softball teams play in Cambridge, including men's fast pitch, women's fast pitch and coed slow pitch leagues. The City offers Basic Baseball camp for 7-12-year olds at Danehy Park. The Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball organizations also run leagues for youngsters.

POOLSIDE IN THE SUMMER

Cambridge has excellent pool resources. The Gold Star Pool, currently undergoing major renovation, will reopen in July for nine weeks of daily outdoor fun. Many local day camps bring their campers in for lessons at Gold Star. The War Memorial Facility, open Monday through Friday for eight weeks in the summer, offers a variety of classes in addition to open swim times for adults, families and children. Tennis lessons for children and adults are also available through the War Memorial. For a quarterly schedule of events, call 617-349-6237. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation operates the Magazine Street Pool and the McCrehan Memorial Pool on Alewife Brook Parkway. For more information, call 617-727-4708.

DANEHY PARK RESOURCES

The 50-acre Danehy Park boasts tot lots, the Wheeler Water Garden, a

picnic area, soccer and softball fields, arts and crafts festivals, and a family concert series. The 21st annual Youth Games will be held at Danehy on August 9, 2006. Bringing 6-14 year-olds from around the city together, the Games introduce many to field and track events, and every participant goes home with an award.

GOLF OUTINGS

The municipal nine-hole Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr./Fresh Pond Golf Course has a variety of daily and membership rates for youth and adults. Golf course staff offer weekly Tuesday golf clinics for youth. In addition, through a philanthropic contribution, two four-week golf camps are available at no charge to Cambridge youth to help them develop a love of the game.

PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

The Summer Playground Program kicks off with July 4th festivities and bike and doll carriage parades at several sites. Throughout the summer, a number of playgrounds offer arts and crafts, games, athletic tournaments and special events, for preschoolers through 8th graders. All City enrolled summer programs offer kids lunch through the Summer Food Service Program, and some playground sites also serve meals to any neighborhood children who may wish to eat.

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, the DHSP's Community Schools will offer full-day camps with experienced and dedicated staff at 10 sites around the city. The ages of children served differ, covering a range from preschool to age 12. The emphasis also varies from camp to camp, but typical activities include art, music, sports, swim lessons, nature study, seafaring, and literacy projects. Several camps also offer trips to beaches, museums, and historic sites. "My child loved the staff, great activities and field trips!" raved the parent of a 2005 camper.

Some camps will collaborate with Cambridge Public Schools' Summer Academic Program by providing its participants with an afternoon camp experience. Camps will be working with the Public Library summer reading program and attending Arts in the Parks performances, sponsored by Community Schools in six neighborhoods in cooperation with the Cambridge Arts Council and Recreation. The park performances, followed by art activities, are open to the general public. A parent whose child enjoyed Arts in the Park last summer said, "I wish all playgrounds for tots could be like this! I love hearing the recorder. The soap bubbles are great - very soothing!" Special evening park concerts for families are also planned.

Photos (left to right, from opposite page):

Fun for youngsters at the Cambridge Youth Games; Potato sack races at the July 4th celebration at Glacken Field; CRLS students keep the pace in the City's annual "CityRun" that benefits Cambridge high school athletic programs; CRLS pitcher Britney Clarke.



The Recreation Division operates Camp Rainbow at the Morse School for 30-40 special needs children age six and up for seven weeks in the summer. Among the many activities is weekly tennis instruction at the Cambridge Tennis Club.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Each summer program offered by the DHSP's Cambridge Youth Programs (CYP) has a different emphasis. Seven-week programs for 9-13 year-olds include the Sports Leadership Academy at the Area IV Youth Center, and the Summer Arts Programs at the Gately and the Frisoli Youth Centers. According to CYP Director Michelle Farnum, "the arts camps provide pre-teens with exciting opportunities to design and produce masks, videos, murals, and newspapers." The youth are also able to visit local arts sites. CYP also offers summer basketball opportunities for pre-teens, teens and men, as well as two summer programs for teens ages 14-18. Youth who participate are eligible to be paid through a partnership with the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. The Youth In Leadership Program at the Moore Youth Center offers coed opportunities for teens to work together on developing a community project and helps prepare young people to become active citizens in their community. Girls Taking Action at the West Cambridge Youth Center is a girls-only program designed to help young women learn more about their communities and themselves through workshops, field trips, guest speakers, and service.

DHSP RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SUMMER 2006

The Resource Guide for Summer 2006, to be inserted in the *Cambridge Chronicle* and *Cambridge Tab* in April, will provide detailed information on the opportunities mentioned in this article. Listings of summer programs offered by other community organizations will also be included. Details on DHSP offerings can be obtained by calling 617-349-6200 or visiting the Department's Web site, www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2. ■

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

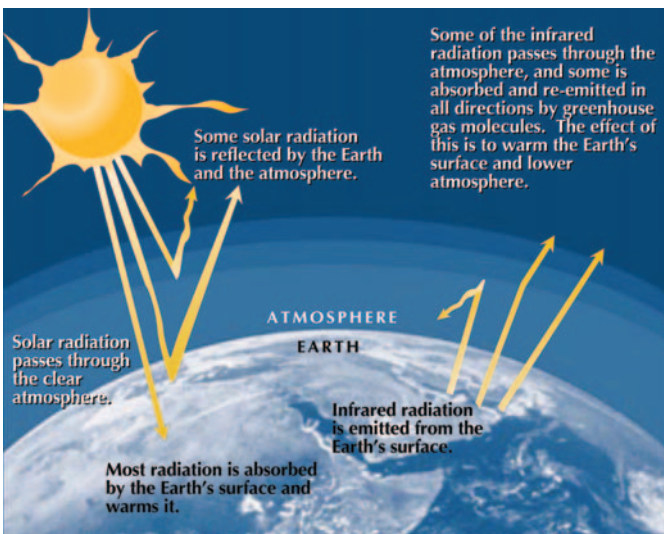
The Department of Human Service Programs provides a range of recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. DHSP staff have been engaged over the past year in preparing to serve a broad spectrum of children and youth with special needs in all of the Department's programs. This builds upon DHSP's practices of inclusion over the years. Staff training and consultation through the Department's Inclusion Specialist are components of initiatives to improve the quality of those services and to increase the number of families that choose these programs as an option for their children with disabilities. In addition, the Department continues to operate Camp Rainbow, a summer program for children with special needs.

CLIMATE PROTECTION

AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

What **YOU** can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

“What’s up with the weather?” is an often-heard question these days. Average temperatures keep creeping up; eight of the hottest years on record have occurred in the last ten years. Are these isolated occurrences that will pass before we return to “normal”? Maybe not. Climate experts agree that our planet is warming up dramatically because we burn so much oil, coal, and gas. These fossil fuels emit greenhouse gases – primarily carbon dioxide – that accumulate in the atmosphere and “thicken” the planetary blanket that holds heat in. Without its blanket, Earth would be a very cold place, but a thicker blanket is too much of a good thing. If the release of greenhouse gases continues unabated, climate disruption will grow, and its effects will become even more serious.



The Greenhouse Effect: This helpful graphic is presented courtesy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Emissions from our individual daily activities are adding up. Driving our cars; using electricity to run our lights, computers, air conditioners, TVs, and other equipment; burning fuel oil and natural gas to heat our

buildings; and sending our trash to landfills and incinerators – every one of us contributes to global warming.

Fortunately, there is a lot we can all do to reduce our impact. We can become energy smart, support energy alternatives, and reduce our waste stream. In the process we can make our homes healthier and our community more livable. The City is doing its part to implement the Cambridge Climate Protection Plan by constructing “green buildings” like the City Hall Annex, upgrading our existing buildings to be more energy efficient, buying green electricity, encouraging City employees to use alternatives to driving alone in their work commutes, and recycling at City buildings. There are some steps you can take, too.

MAKE YOUR HOME ENERGY EFFICIENT

NSTAR offers both energy services and rebates. You can schedule a free energy audit and then act on the audit recommendations that will save you money. Call 1-800-592-2000 or see www.nstaronline.com.

BUY ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES

When you buy appliances like refrigerators, washing machines, computers, televisions, and air conditioners, your choice can greatly affect your household’s greenhouse gas emissions. Look for the Energy Star label to ensure that the product you buy meets the best energy performance standards. Sometimes it is cost

effective to replace old appliances, even if they still work, since newer models use so much less energy.

USE CFLS

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use a quarter of the electricity of old-fashioned incandescent bulbs while producing the same amount of light. CFLs, available at your hardware store, have vastly improved in quality, and they are now much cheaper. They will quickly pay for themselves in savings on your electric bill, and they generally last much longer than incandescents.

BUY GREEN POWER

You can support the construction of renewable energy systems, including wind turbines and solar energy panels, by purchasing renewable energy certificates and offsetting your household pollution. Check with the Massachusetts Energy Consumers Alliance (www.massenergy.com) at 617-524-3950. Purchase of Mass Energy's certificates also results in matching funds coming to the City for clean energy projects.

DRIVE LESS

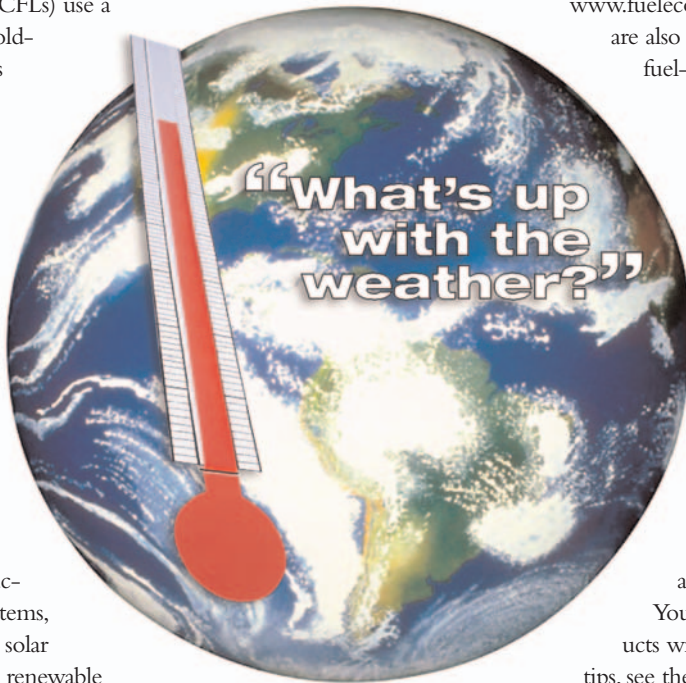
In Cambridge, we have a bounty of alternatives to the automobile. It's easy and healthier to walk to many destinations. The City has bicycle lanes and most people live near a subway or bus stop. It is very possible to live without a car in Cambridge.

BUY A FUEL EFFICIENT CAR

When purchasing a new car, look for the most fuel-efficient model that meets most of your

needs. There are many fuel-efficient options, both hybrid and conventional. Do a little research and compare. For more information, see the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) green car

Web site at www.greencars.com or the federal government's fuel economy Web site at www.fueleconomy.gov. Tax rebates are also being offered for fuel-efficient vehicles.



PREVENT WASTE AND RECYCLE MORE

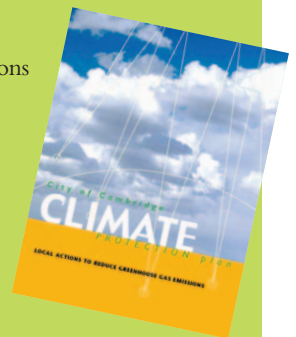
The Public Works Department estimates each Cambridge household can increase paper recycling by 30 pounds per year, simply by being more careful to recycle all our paper products.

You can also choose products with less packaging. For tips, see the Recycling Program Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks. To find out more, check

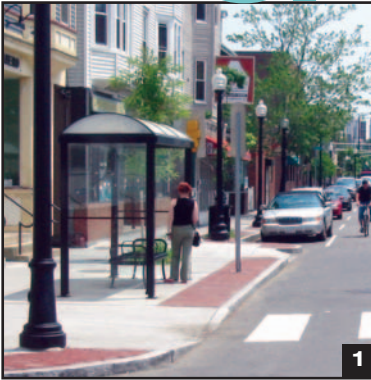
the City's climate protection Web page at www.cambridgema.gov/climate or call 617-349-4628. ■

CAMBRIDGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

To reach the City's goal of major reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, the Cambridge Climate Action Plan proposes actions by everyone: residents, businesses, educational institutions, and city government. The plan is available online at www.cambridgema.gov/climate. Cambridge is part of a network of communities around the world taking local action on global warming.



Changing the face of Cambridge



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Photos: (1) Improvements to Cambridge St. include new sidewalks, curb extensions, bus shelters, street trees, lighting, and crosswalks (Erick Guerra); (2) Artists Jock Reynolds and Suzanne Hellmuth served as lead designers of Vellucci Plaza in Inman Square (Chris Basler); (3) Cambridge artist Judy Kensley McKie collaborated with landscape architects Carol R. Johnson Associates, Inc. to transform the lawn next to the Valente Branch Library into a community gathering place (Hafthor Yngvason).

Have you noticed the changing face of Cambridge? Take a trip to Cambridge St., Cambridgeport, Porter Square, South Mass. Ave., and (soon) Harvard Square, and you will see major transformations. These projects upgrade public spaces while respecting the city's historic character. They improve accessibility for people with disabilities; accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and transit; enhance open spaces, street trees, and plantings; improve lighting; and incorporate needed utility improvements. These infrastructure improvements are the result of community-based processes that involve professional staff and the public during both planning and construction.

Improvements do not necessarily stop at the back of the sidewalk. In recognition of how important local businesses are in creating a sense of place, the City also helps businesses and property owners improve their storefronts through matching grant programs.

CAMBRIDGE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recent improvements to Cambridge St. from Inman Square to Lechmere include reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalks, and pedestrian ramps, and the incorporation of new curb extensions. Amenities include new street trees, lights, signage, bicycle parking, benches, and trash receptacles. Three municipal parking lots, as well as the Vellucci Community Plaza, the side yard of the Valente Library, and the Millers River Park, were all redesigned and improved during this project.

CAMBRIDGEPORT ROADWAYS PROJECT

This project, in the area of lower Sidney, Waverly, and Brookline streets, was designed to limit traffic growth on primarily residential streets by improving other means of access to local commercial areas. Following substantial utility, roadway, traffic calming, and sidewalk work, the follow-

ing new traffic pattern is in effect: Sidney St. is one-way southbound, Waverly St. is one-way northbound, and a new connector roadway links those streets to a new intersection at Brookline and Granite streets (a traffic signal will be installed during spring 2006). Landscaping, final paving, and bicycle lane markings will also be completed next spring.

PORTER SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This project involves sidewalk, roadway, and drainage improvements on Mass. Ave. from Upland Rd. to Beech St., White St., and the Cambridge portion of Somerville Ave. It includes seven additional crosswalks, a left turn out of the shopping center onto Mass. Ave., an exclusive right turn lane from Mass. Ave. to Somerville Ave., bicycle lanes, and a new pedestrian plaza. Construction began in fall 2004, and final paving and plaza completion are scheduled for spring 2006.

LAFAYETTE SQUARE/ SOUTH MASS. AVE.

The sidewalks and roadway of Mass. Ave. between Main St. and Memorial Dr. are being reconstructed, and Lafayette Square (where Main St., Columbia St., and Mass. Ave. meet)

will be transformed into a new pedestrian plaza and redesigned intersection. During 2005, the majority of full-depth roadway reconstruction was completed. During 2006, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, new pedestrian crossing facilities, bicycle lanes, trees, landscaping, lights, and the creation of the new plaza at Lafayette Square will be completed.

HARVARD SQUARE DESIGN PROJECT

This project will include transportation, landscaping, and lighting improvements throughout the square, including: reconstructed roadways and sidewalks, curb extensions, new crosswalks, wider sidewalks, bicycle facilities, new street trees, improved plazas, new signage for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and lighting improvements. Construction of high priority improvements is scheduled to begin in spring 2006 and is expected to last approximately 18 months.

FACADE, SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Since its expansion citywide in 2002, this program has provided design services to over 100 businesses and property owners, and has helped finance 55 facade or signage and lighting improvement projects. The Facade Improvement Program provides matching grants of up to \$35,000 to fund well-designed improvements that coordinate all the important features of a storefront into a more attractive image, while the Signage and Lighting Program provides matching grants of up to \$3,500 to make and install new permanent signs and/or lighting. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Transportation Planning Projects

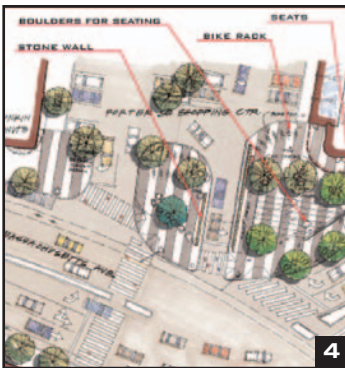
(Community Development Department) 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/et/index.html

Construction in Cambridge (Department of Public Works)

617-349-4800 www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/contents/constinfo.html

Facade, Signage and Lighting Improvement Program

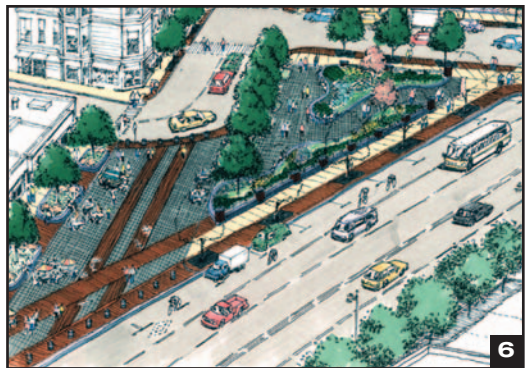
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Photos: (4 & 5) Artist Toshihiro Katayama worked with landscape architect Cynthia Smith to make the new central plaza in Porter Square a work of art (Earth Tech); (6) A redesigned intersection and pedestrian plaza are planned at Lafayette Square (Carol R. Johnson Associates, Inc.); (7) Frank Pierce renovated his building near Inman Square through the City's Facade Improvement Program (Chris Basler); (8) The Village Kitchen, owned by Djillali Belabbes & Jessica Allison, participated in the Signage and Lighting Improvement Program and received a new awning, wall sign, lighting, and window graphics (Chris Basler); (9) Central Square businessman, Mohan Singh, owner of India Foods and Spices at 80 River St., used the Facade Improvement Program to make his storefront more attractive (Chris Basler).

Cambridge Police



IMPROVING THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS

What image springs to mind when you picture your local police? The officer who comes to your aid in your hour of need? The police car that makes you feel more secure as it passes on patrol every so often? In Cambridge, the Police Department has taken their mandate to deliver safety to its citizens a step further. The Cambridge Police Community Relations Office (comprised of 9 Bike Officers, 3 School Resource Officers, and a Neighborhood and Haitian Coordinator) hosts a variety of free programs and services to proactively improve the lives and safety of Cambridge citizens. A few of the more popular programs are detailed below.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Community Relations Office offers a Citizens Police Academy designed to provide participants with a better understanding of their police department and the role of police in today's society. It also gives citizens the opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions about police procedures. Topics such as crime scene searches, forensic evidence, use of force, and arrest procedures are among the many areas discussed. Citizens Police Academies help improve relations between the community and their Police Department.

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE PROGRAM

One of the most popular programs offered by the Cambridge Police Department is the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Program facilitated by specially trained officers. RAD utilizes realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. This comprehensive course for women begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. It then progresses to basic



Photos Above: Officer Burke celebrates with members of his floor hockey team; Officer Padua administers Child Identification Kits at a community event.

hands-on defense training. RAD is a 16-hour course that is taught in four segments of four hours each, and is offered two to four times per year, depending on interest levels. The course consists of both class work and physical activity, and can be modified for different levels of physical abilities. One past participant characterized her experience this way, "The instructors created a very supportive environment that gave us the confidence to travel the city streets with the knowledge that we have options if confronted."

FREE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SURVEYS

Residential and Commercial Surveys are conducted by Cambridge Police Officers who are certified in an 80-hour Crime Prevention Program administered by the Massachusetts

Criminal Justice Training Council. These free surveys are the primary tools by which crime prevention officers inform a home or business owner of the particular areas in which his or her property is susceptible to criminal victimization. At the request of a Cambridge resident or business owner, an officer will come out to the residence and conduct a complete survey of the interior and exterior property. They will then offer suggestions for target hardening the property to keep housebreaks and safe breaks to a minimum. On average, this survey takes less than a half hour to perform.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

As a new initiative, the School Resource Officers have been participating in the Cambridge School Volunteers Read Aloud Program, where they volunteer their time to read to first and second grade students at the Graham and Parks School. These officers also work closely with the Cambridge Public Library Reading programs, and participate in reading at various events. This program serves to encourage added enthusiasm for reading in the classroom.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

During the school calendar year, Community Relations facilitates numerous Senior Citizen Safety Groups and Police Academies throughout the city-wide senior centers and apartment buildings. Groups meet once a month and topics generally include flim-flam scams, identity theft prevention, basic self-defense, and housebreak prevention. During the holiday season, Officers host holiday parties at partici-

Cambridge Seniors enjoying lunch at the annual Police Open House Luncheon.



“ The instructors created a very supportive environment that gave us the confidence to travel the city streets. ”

- PAST RAD PARTICIPANT



The youth hockey team in action.

pating centers. Attendees enjoy homemade food, desserts, and lots of festive dancing and singing. This ongoing engagement between Police Officers and seniors provides the seniors with an additional resource and support system.

SCHOOL AGED SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Community Relations Office also hosts a number of school aged sports programs throughout the year. Youth hockey takes place during the winter season, while basketball sessions run throughout the year. Special tournaments are held during school and summer vacations. The Police Department also partners with the Middlesex Sheriff's Department in sponsoring a Middlesex Youth Public Safety Academy every summer to educate 9-12 year olds about the importance of public safety servants and the role they serve in the community.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION

The Police Department's Traffic Unit offers a free car seat installation service for parents of young children - an important service when you consider that an estimated 90% of all child safety seats are improperly installed. Parents can make appointments with the Traffic Unit to have their child seats and booster seats installed by specially trained officers. Appointments can be made by calling 617-349-3238.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Community Relations Office at 617-349-3236. ■



Cambridge Celebrates Women



Several departments within the City of Cambridge have been working collaboratively to pay tribute to the women of Cambridge. The results of these efforts include a dramatic new piece of public art that will be installed in the Cambridge Public Library, a celebration of the YWCA, and an ongoing project that highlights Cambridge women's

heritage. Join us as we salute these projects that aim to increase awareness in the community of the contributions of women and women's organizations to the City, the Commonwealth, and the world.

CAMBRIDGE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1977 as a department of the City government to “act as a centralizing force in the City of Cambridge and the community to deal with all women’s issues ... (and) to take such action as the Commission considers appropriate to ensure the equal status of women of every race, creed and color, national origin, age and sexual preference.” Now approaching its 30th year, the Women’s Commission designs and implements programs that promote equality for women in the city. It also develops and recommends policy to and coordinates activities of all departments, divisions, and agencies of the city on issues affecting women. The Commission initiates and monitors legislation that promotes equal status of women on city, state and federal levels, and works broadly on issues of women’s health and safety, economic justice, gender equity in education, and women’s heritage.

FILAMENT/FIRMAMENT

The Women’s Commission undertook a multi-year planning effort and commissioned a piece of public art that honors women. A two-story public artwork honoring the contributions of women to the life of the city will be sited at the heart of the expanded Cambridge Public Library. Local artist Ellen Driscoll has incorporated etched glass, text, woven cable, and textile imagery into a skylit atrium linking the old and new buildings into a permanent installation entitled Filament/Firmament.

This permanent public artwork developed out of a comprehensive research and outreach effort coordinated by the Women’s and Historical Commissions and the Cambridge Arts Council. Public meetings were held to gather information and remembrances about

women’s lives. The artwork’s theme emerged from these circles of women and will feature profiles of the remarkable women of Cambridge, both current and past, famous and lesser known, through an extensive database accessible from a kiosk near the installation and on the Internet. To learn more about this project and to find options for supporting its completion, visit the Arts Council’s Web site at www.cambridgeartscouncil.org/exhibitions_past_fil.html.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

The Cambridge Women’s Heritage Project recently sponsored a celebration of International Women’s Day (held on March 8) at the Cambridge YWCA. The program highlighted the contributions of the YWCA in the community and how it has impacted individual women’s lives. It also included reflections about the history and programs of the YWCA, an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia, and performances of music, dance, and poetry.

International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made toward full equality for women, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women’s rights. Past Cambridge celebrations have highlighted the Women’s Center at 46 Pleasant Street, women on the WWII homefront, Harvard Square’s memorable Window Shop, and student essay contest awards.

115 YEARS OF YWCA

The Cambridge YWCA has been meeting the needs of women since 1891. It is located at 7 Temple Street in a beautiful, Spanish Mission style building. The mission of the Cambridge YWCA is to empower women; the organization’s national imperative is to eliminate racism. The Cambridge YWCA has a 110 person dorm-style residence for women who have become homeless. There is also a family shelter that can house 10 women and their children. The Cambridge YWCA organizes a variety of programs including an after school program for girls and a program that teaches Korean martial arts to youth.

WOMEN’S HERITAGE PROJECT

This Project, which is jointly sponsored by the Cambridge Women’s and Historical Commissions, is a committee with the goal of researching and celebrating Cambridge women, their organizations, and important events in their history. The Project committee collects information and accepts nominations for its women’s database. For more information, visit www.cambridgema.gov/historic/womenshistory.html. ■

Photos (opposite page, left to right): Two photos of Filament/Firmament, the public art installation by artist Ellen Driscoll that will be sited in the atrium of the expanded Cambridge Public Library; Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple Street, postcard ca. 1914 (Charles M. Sullivan Collection, Cambridge Historical Commission); 1916 Cambridge YWCA girls basketball team photograph (Gladys Boyce Collection, Cambridge Historical Commission).

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN

FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/CPL
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Public Transportation** Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), 800-392-6100 or visit www.mbt.com. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.
- ▶ **Real Estate Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220.
- ▶ **Recreation, Families, Youth Centers, Seniors, Adult Education** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 22.
- ▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.
- ▶ **Resident Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.
- ▶ **School Information and Registration** See page 25.
- ▶ **School Closings and Information** Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.
- ▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban** When the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets as indicated by signs. See page 19.
- ▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance** Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their home or business within a limited number of hours once snow stops falling. See page 19.
- ▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month. During designated street cleaning days, from April through December, 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 21.

UTILITIES

- ▶ **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.
 - ▶ **Telephone** The area code for Cambridge is 617. It is necessary to dial the area code plus the number for all calls, local or long distance. For long distance calls, dial 1 plus the area code and phone number.
Local and Long Distance Service
Call each vendor for details.
AT&T 800-501-3045 www.att.com
Comcast 888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Verizon 800-870-9999 www.verizon.com
 - ▶ **Internet Access** For AT&T dial-up or DSL service, call 800-967-5363. For cable internet access, call Comcast at 888-COMCAST. For Verizon DSL Internet Services, call 877-483-5898.
 - ▶ **Water/Sewer** 617-349-4770 www.cambridgema.gov/CWD
The City of Cambridge owns and operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.
 - ▶ **Cable Television**
Comcast
888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Offers analog or digital cable television, high-speed internet access, and local and long distance digital telephone services.
- ▶ Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information.
www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **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.
 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
 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 617-349-4331
 Animal Commission 617-349-4376
 Arts Council 617-349-4380
 Assessing 617-349-4343
 Auditing 617-349-4240
 Budget 617-349-4270
 Cable TV 617-349-4296
 City Clerk 617-349-4260
 City Council Office 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office 617-349-4300
 Community Development 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons With Disabilities 617-349-4692

TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission 617-349-4680
 Consumers' Council 617-349-6150
 Election Commission 617-349-4361
 Electrical 617-349-4925
 Emergency Communications 617-349-6911
 Emergency Management 617-349-4842
 Finance 617-349-4220
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4900
 Health Department 617-665-3800
 Historical Commission 617-349-4683
 Human Rights Commission 617-349-4396
 Human Services 617-349-6200
 Inspectional Services 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library 617-349-4040
 License Commission 617-349-6140
 Management Info. Systems (MIS) 617-349-4140
 Mayor's Office 617-349-4321
 Peace Commission 617-349-4694
 Personnel 617-349-4332
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-3300
 Police Review & Advisory Board 617-349-6155
 Public Works 617-349-4800
 Purchasing 617-349-4310
 Schools 617-349-6400
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services 617-349-4761
 Water 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission 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



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

▶ **Bus Routes 617-222-3200**
 Local routes are just 90¢, but a few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. For schedules and PDFs of bus routes, go to www.mbta.com.

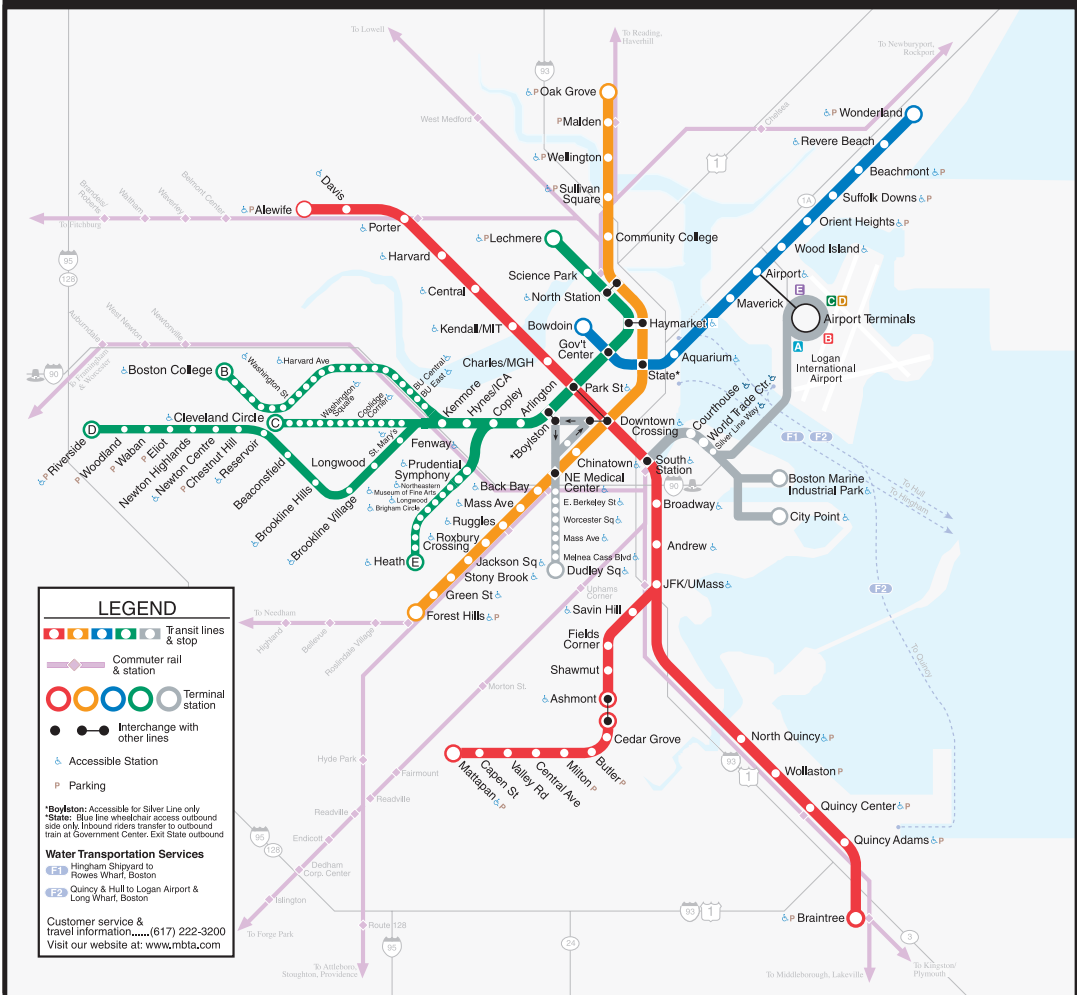
▶ **Subway (the “T”) 617-222-3200**
www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_subway.asp
 Cambridge is served by the red and green lines. Cambridge stations are: Alewife, Porter, Harvard, Central, and Kendall on the red line, and Lechmere on the green line. With some exceptions, most rides are \$1.25.

▶ **T Passes**
 For information on passes and fares for the subway, bus, commuter rail, and boat go to www.mbta.com/traveling_t/passes_index.asp Passes can be purchased at 12 locations in Cambridge, including the Alewife, Harvard Square, and Lechmere stations. All locations accept cash only, except Harvard Square, which also accepts Visa and Mastercard. Visit www.mbta.com/traveling_t/passes_index.asp for a complete listing of sales locations.

▶ **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.

Subway & Commuter Rail Map, printed courtesy of the MBTA



Once you have established residency in Cambridge, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to retain driving privileges. If you currently carry a valid license from another state, a U.S. territory, Canada, or Mexico, you may be eligible to submit your license for conversion. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within the state of Massachusetts, you must notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days of your move, in writing, on the RMV Web site, or by calling the RMV.

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

▶ **Closest Full Service Branches**

Boston RMV	Watertown RMV
630 Washington Street	550 Arsenal Street
Boston, MA	Watertown, MA

Services provided: all license, registration & title transactions, license plate returns, learner's permit testing, and road tests.

Monday - Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Payment accepted: Cash, Check, Money Order
(MasterCard, Visa and Discover accepted only for license transactions)

Wait times: Call 866-627-7768 to hear approximate wait times at local branch offices.

▶ **Out-of-State License Conversions**

A typical out-of-state conversion costs \$90. Visit www.mass.gov/rmv for a detailed fee schedule. You must bring appropriate identification with you, including:

- Social Security Card or valid US Passport **PLUS** 3 additional forms of ID, including at least one from the primary list.
- Current photo ID from the Primary Document list.
Visit www.mass.gov/rmv/license/3id.htm to download a PDF listing acceptable identification documents.
- Proof of MA residency from the Secondary Document list.
Visit www.mass.gov/rmv/license/3id.htm to download a PDF listing acceptable proof of MA residency.

▶ **Registering Your Vehicle**

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. There is no grace period. (For a full description of the registration process, visit www.mass.gov/rmv/regs/index.htm).

1. First, obtain an active insurance policy from a licensed MA insurance agent and an RMV-1 form. Have the agent complete, stamp, and sign the RMV-1. If you have a car loan, you will be required to surrender your out-of-state registration rather than your title, and your RMV-1 must list the lienholder information as well as the title number.
2. Verify the information on the RMV-1 and sign it.
3. If your vehicle is exempt from MA sales tax, fill out an Affidavit in Support for Exemption from Sales or Use Tax (MVU-29).
4. Take these documents to a full-service RMV office to get a registration certificate, new plates, and a year of expiration decal. The title will be processed and mailed to you (or if you have a loan, the title will be mailed directly to the lienholder).
5. You may be required to pay a 5% sales tax, and a registration and title fee if applicable.

▶ **Vehicle Inspection**

Within **seven days** of registering your vehicle, it must undergo a safety and emissions inspection. If it passes the inspection, you will receive a sticker that is valid for one year.

To find an inspection station in your area, check the yellow pages, call the hotline at 877-387-8234, or go to the Enhanced Emissions and Safety Test Web site by visiting www.mass.gov/rmv/stations/index.htm and clicking on "Vehicle Inspection Stations."



BUSINESS RESOURCES

- ▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce** 617-876-4100
www.cambridgechamber.org
- ▶ **Central Square Business Assoc.**
617-864-3211
www.centralsquarecambridge.com
- ▶ **Harvard Square Business Assoc.**
617-491-3434 www.harvardsquare.com
- ▶ **Inman Square Business Assoc.**
www.inmansquare.com
- ▶ **Economic Development Division**
617-349-4637 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed/
Offers assistance, information and resources for businesses, including counseling, façade improvement, retail best practices, and site search.
- ▶ **Office of Workforce Development**
617-349-6234 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm
Builds partnerships between schools, community organizations and businesses to expand employment and training opportunities for Cambridge residents.
- ▶ **Women in Business Connection**
617-661-WIBC www.wibconnection.org

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, PERMITS & TAXES

- ▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
Dogs must be registered/licensed annually with the Commission, which also sponsors low-cost rabies vaccination clinics, rescues stray or injured animals, and responds to animal complaints/issues. For emergencies, call 617-349-3300.
- ▶ **Assessing Department**
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.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Issues street performer's permits.
- ▶ **City Clerk's Office** 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk
The City Clerk is the City's official record keeper. The following certificates can be obtained through the City Clerk's Office: Birth, Death, Marriage, and Business Certificates.
- ▶ **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
Billing and collecting real estate and personal property taxes, water & sewer charges, and motor vehicle excise taxes. Issues municipal lien certificates.
- ▶ **Fire Department**
617-349-4918 www.cambridgefire.org
Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Health Department**
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.
- ▶ **Historical Commission**
617-349-4683 www.cambridgema.gov/Historic
Renovation/demolition of historic buildings.
- ▶ **Inspectional Services**
617-349-6100 www.cambridgema.gov/Inspection
Administers state building codes; building, demolition, asbestos removal, and sign permits; electrical, gas, plumbing, and sprinkler permits; certificates of occupancy/inspection; curb cut applications; sanitary code inspections; permitting for restaurants/day camps/pools/tobacco sale; enforcement of zoning ordinance. Call for construction-related noise complaints.
- ▶ **License Commission**
617-349-6140 www.cambridgema.gov/License
Administers licenses and enforces regulations governing: alcohol, antique stores, auctions, entertainment, festivals, garage and gasoline, hackney, innholder, jitney, livery/limousine, lodging, open air parking, package goods, palm readers, peddlers/vendors, and restaurants. Call for repetitive noise complaints.
- ▶ **Police Department** 617-349-3337
www.cambridgepolice.org Permits to carry firearms.
- ▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks Issues permits for:
 - Special events and using parks for non-athletic use 617-349-4846
 - Sidewalk obstruction, excavating, filming,
or photographing on city property 617-349-4833
 - Newsrack vendors 617-349-4832
- ▶ **Recreation Division**
617-349-6238 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm Reserving a field for athletic use.
- ▶ **Traffic, Parking & Transportation**
617-349-4721 www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
Permits for street obstruction/closure, moving vans, and dumpsters.

▶ **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 617-349-6426
 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 for street cleaning 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 617-349-4847**

The DPW's Sanitation Division provides weekly curbside pickup of solid waste and pre-arranged pick-up of white goods (large appliances). Hazardous waste drop-off is held three times per year.* For a trash collection schedule, visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Rubbish Disposal. *2006 dropoff dates include April 22, June 24, and October 21.

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4866**

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 free. For a list of how and what to recycle, call 617-349-4005,

then dial 1 twice for a recorded description in English, or visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Recycling.

▶ **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

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

Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside. For a list of accepted materials, visit the DPW Web site and select Divisions > Recycling > Drop-Off Center, or call 617-349-4879.

▶ **Yard Waste Recycling**

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

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance**

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 to low-income elderly and disabled residents (who meet eligibility requirements) call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220.

TRAFFIC PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

▶ **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**

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 Payments/Disputes**

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. To dispute a ticket, provide a written request that includes the ticket number, registration number, name and address, the reason for the dispute and a daytime phone number or e-mail address. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**

When a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets. Check posted signage carefully. To find out if a ban is in effect, visit www.cambridgema.gov, call 617-349-4700, or check City TV-8. For a list and map of the parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm.

▶ **Moving Van Permits**

Residents can reserve a space in front of their buildings for moving vans. A permit application, indicating the date, time, and truck footage of the moving van must be submitted 4 days prior to the move date. Permit applications are available online, or call 617-349-4721.

▶ **Assorted 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.

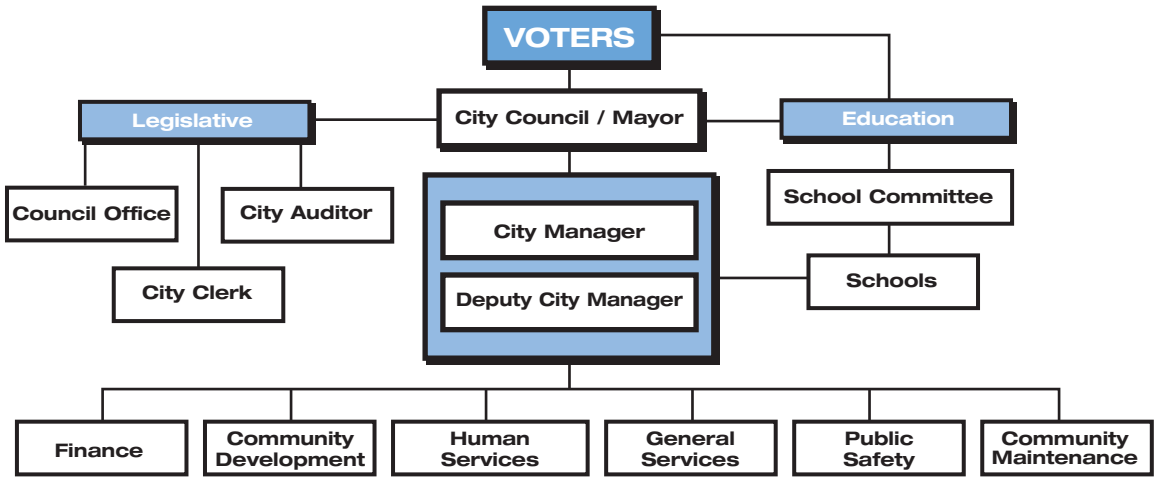
▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

If your car has been towed, call the Cambridge Police at the number listed above.

▶ **Signed Disability Parking Space**

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

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Assistant City Manager
Fiscal Affairs

- Assessing
- Auditing
- Budget
- Management Info. Systems
- Personnel
- Purchasing
- Revenue
- Treasury

Assistant City Manager
Comm. Development

- Community Planning
- Economic Development
- Environmental & Transportation Planning
- Housing
- Lead-Safe Cambridge

Assistant City Manager
Human Services

- Community Schools
- Elderly Services
- Childcare & Family Support Services
- Commission for Persons with Disabilities
- Community Learning Center
- Fuel Assistance
- Kids' Council
- Multi-Service Center
- Prevention Coalition
- Recreation
- Workforce Development
- Youth Programs

- Animal Commission
- Arts Council
- Cable Television
- Election Commission
- General Services
- Human Rights Commission
- Law
- Library
- Peace Commission
- Veterans' Services
- Women's Commission

- Electrical
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Fire
- Inspectional Services
- License Commission
- Consumers' Council
- Police
- Police Review Board
- Traffic, Parking, & Transportation
- Weights & Measures

- Conservation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Public Works
- Water

VOTING

► **Cambridge Election Commission**

51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361
www.cambridgema.gov/~Election

► **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. Mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses, and at the City Clerk's office.

► **2006 Elections**

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 19. The registration deadline is Wednesday, August 30. The General Election is Tuesday, November 7. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 18.



CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

► **Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government and 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.



HUMAN SERVICES

▶ **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.

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

Assists with: advocacy/policy, afterschool programs, community schools, family events, literacy, support and classes, preschool childcare, resources for elderly relatives, seasonal youth programs, and youth centers, employment, service programs, teams and organizations.

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283
Center for Families of North Cambridge 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

▶ **Employment & Adult Education**

Provides assistance with adult basic education, career counseling, job searches, high school diploma/GED and college preparation programs, computer skills, job opportunities in the City, opportunities for employers, English for speakers of other languages, volunteer opportunities, and youth employment (including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program).

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166
Community Learning Center 617-349-6363
Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

Provides services to homeless and near homeless families and individuals, including food programs, housing search assistance, mental health and substance abuse counseling, counseling and advocacy for elders and persons with disabilities, and services to the Haitian population. The Fuel Assistance Program administers fuel assistance – a seasonal, needs-based program providing winter heating assistance to residents.

Fuel Assistance Program 617-349-6252
Multi-Service Center for the Homeless 617-349-6340

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities** www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm

Provides information on disability issues to Cambridge residents, employers, City departments, businesses and non-profits. CCPD promotes equal opportunity for people with all types of disabilities (physical, mental and sensory), ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and issues temporary disability parking permits and taxi discount coupons.

CPD 617-349-4692
TTY 617-492-0235

▶ **Seniors**

Services for seniors include: support services, classes, social services, meal programs, food pantry, transportation services, home based services, volunteer opportunities, taxi coupons, and other discounts.

Citywide Senior Center 617-349-6060
Council on Aging / Senior Services 617-349-6220
North Cambridge Senior Center 617-349-6320

▶ **Recreation and Enrichment**

Administers adult leagues and youth teams, classes, exercise programs, indoor and outdoor recreation sites, races, competitions, seasonal programs for youth, and special needs recreation.

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **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.

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.

▶ **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

Investigates and resolves – by mediation or adjudication – complaints of discrimination that occur in Cambridge in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations.

▶ **Personnel Department** 617-349-4332

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

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

▶ **Women's Commission**

617-349-4697
www.cambridgema.gov/Women
Resources and assistance for women and girls.

▶ **Veterans' Services Department**

617-349-4761
www.cambridgema.gov/vet
Services for veterans and/or their dependents.

▶ **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

Provides 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.

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 disaster preparedness information.

▶ **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

- East Cambridge Preschool (Kennedy School) 617-349-4484
- Peabody Preschool 617-349-6275
- Martin Luther King Preschool 617-349-6270
- King Open Preschool 617-349-6261
- Morse Preschool 617-349-4485
- Haggerty Preschool 617-349-6265

Afterschool Childcare Programs

- Peabody Afterschool 617-349-6276
- King Afterschool 617-349-6271
- Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool 617-349-6296
- Morse Afterschool 617-349-6039
- King Open Extended Day 617-349-6078

▶ **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 School) 617-349-6305
- Kennedy 617-349-6308
- Linnaean (at Graham & Parks School) 617-349-6267
- Longfellow 617-349-6260
- Martin Luther King 617-349-6269
- Morse 617-349-6291
- Tobin 617-349-6300

▶ **Special Needs Programs**
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 intellectual skills at five different youth centers throughout the city. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy program, life skills workshops, guest speakers, community service projects, drug and alcohol prevention, sport leagues, trips and special events.

- Area 4 617-349-6262
- Frisoli 617-349-6312
- Gately 617-349-6277
- Moore 617-349-6273
- West Cambridge 617-349-4489

▶ **Center for Families of North Cambridge**

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, 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.



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▶ **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, 2006

First Grade: children must be 6 years old by August 31, 2006

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 Alternative School (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

▶ **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

Prospect Hill Academy (Grades K - 12)
 50 Essex Street 617-284-7800

▶ **Special Education Schools**

Castle School 617-354-5410
 298 Harvard Street

Farr Academy 617-492-4922
 71 Pearl Street

▶ **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

Ecole Bilingue (Grades PK - 12)
 45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451

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

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

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

Cambridge Health Alliance is an innovative, award-winning healthcare system that provides high quality care in Cambridge and throughout Boston's Metro-North region. It includes three hospitals, more than 20 primary care practices, the Cambridge Public Health Department, and the Network Health plan. Through The Cambridge Hospital, which is a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and its 10 Cambridge-based primary care practices, the Alliance offers comprehensive health services – including 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties, mental health, and primary care. It accepts most health insurance.

▶ **Cambridge-Based Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

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 617-575-5550

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 617-575-5570

Teen Health CenterCambridge 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 nursing, indoor air quality inspections, hazardous waste site review, disaster planning, 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

Implements TB clinics, flu clinics, the newborn home visiting program, vaccine distribution, and health education for individuals and businesses.

Community Health Programs

617-665-3655

Oversees an early literacy initiative, 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. Built through the cooperation of Cambridge Health Alliance, the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, and The Agenda for Children, the database covers 26 different service areas, such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**

99 Bishop Allen Drive

617-492-8306 www.barcc.org

The center provides comprehensive sexual assault crisis and prevention services.

▶ **RESPOND, Inc.**

P.O.Box 555, Somerville MA 02143

617-623-5900 www.respondinc.org

Free domestic violence services, including 24-hr hotline, children's service, and emergency shelter.

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 fountain, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. Special events include a family and children's concert series, arts & crafts festivals and a kite festival. 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, roller-blading, and bird watching.

- ▶ **Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. 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.

LIBRARIES

- ▶ **Libraries** 617-349-4040
www.cambridgema.gov/CPL
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 the Web site to confirm hours of operation at various locations.

Main Library

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

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

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

POST OFFICE

- ▶ **Post Office** 800-275-8777 www.usps.com

Main Branch: Central Square, 770 Massachusetts Avenue

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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



Valente Branch Library

▶ **Arts & Historical & 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, exhibition opportunities, public art commissions, and cultural events.

Cambridge Artists Coop617-868-4434 www.cambridgeartistscoop.com**Cambridge Historical Commission**617-349-4683 www.cambridgema.gov/Historic

Administers historic districts and landmarks; provides technical assistance on historic preservation; and maintains a public archive of the City's architectural and social history, which is open to the public by appointment. Preservation grants are available for eligible low/moderate income homeowners and non-profit agencies with historic properties.

Cambridge Historical Society617-547-4252 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 Music617-492-8105 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**Museum of Comparative Zoology**617-495-3045 www.mcz.harvard.edu**Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology**617-496-1027 www.peabody.harvard.edu▶ **Galleries****Out of the Blue Art Gallery**617-354-5287 www.outoftheblueartgallery.com**Margaret Hutchison Compton Gallery**

617-253-4444

Stebbins Gallery 617-576-0131**Zeitgeist Gallery**617-876-6060 www.zeitgeist-gallery.org▶ **Theaters****American Repertory Theatre**617-547-8300 www.amrep.org**Brattle Theatre**617-876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org**Hasty Pudding Theatricals**617-495-5205 www.hastypudding.org/new**Sanders Theatre**617-496-2222 www.fas.harvard.edu/~memhall/sanders.html▶ **Dance Troupes****Dance Complex**617-547-9363 www.dancecomplex.org**Snappy Dance Theater**617-718-2497 www.snappydance.com**Jam'nastics**617-354-5780 www.jamnastics.org**Green Street Studios**617-864-3191 www.greenstreetstudios.org▶ **Music Venues****Passim Folk Music and Cultural Center**617-492-7679 www.passimcenter.org**Middle East Club**617-864-EAST www.mideastclub.com**Regattabar**617-661-5000 www.regattabarjazz.com**Scullers Jazz Club**617-562-4111 www.scullersjazz.com

DeWitt Godfrey and Michael Oatman's
"Public Art/Moving Site"

Photo courtesy of the Cambridge Arts Council

► 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. As you settle in, consider making volunteering part of your regular routine right from the beginning.

American Friends Service Committee

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

Boston Urban Youth Foundation

530 Warren, Boston 617-445-3380 www.buyf.org

Boy Scouts of America

891 Center Street, Boston 617-723-0007 www.scouting.org

Bread and Jams Day Shelter

50 Quincy Street 617-441-3831 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

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

Cambridge Visiting Nurse Association 186 Alewife Brook

Parkway, Suite 300 617-547-2620 www.vnacarenetwork.org

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.ccrinc.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

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

HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502

617-234-5340 www.homestart.org

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

432 Columbia Street 617-494-0444

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

Willis Moore Youth Center

12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273

www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/moore.cfm

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 some upcoming Cambridge happenings. For additional City event updates and information, visit www.cambridgema.gov.

April

City Run Road Race & Fun Walk 4/2
www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/cityrun.cfm
 The 20th Annual City Run includes a 5 mile road race and 3 mile walk. The race begins at 10:30 a.m. Fees are \$17 through 3/28 and \$20 thereafter. Applications must be received by 4/1. Register online or call Marathon Sports at 617-354-4161 for details.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops April 5, 12, 19, 26
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
 A free, four-week workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. Topics include an overview of the homebuying process, obtaining a mortgage, legal issues, home inspections, and introductions to Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Pre-registration required; space limited; classes held 6 – 8 p.m.

Patriot's Day Observance 4/17
 This annual observance will be held on the Cambridge Common at the Washington Monument and will feature a reenactment of General Dawes on horseback alerting the colonists of the British threat. The event begins at 10:45 a.m.

May

Dance Month Month of May
www.dancecomplex.org 617-547-9363
 A month-long celebration of dance.

Go Green Month Month of May
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/et/ggm 617-349-4671
 This month-long event celebrates transportation options, recycling, and energy conservation. Events include Bike Week celebrations, commuter appreciation days, transportation fairs, and presentation of the GoGreen Business awards for outstanding environmental efforts.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops May 3, 10, 17, 24
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
 A free, four-week workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. See April listing for details.

Harvard's Arts First May 4 – 7
www.fas.harvard.edu/~arts 617-495-8676
 Over 200 concerts, theatrical performances, dance productions, multimedia presentations, exhibitions & public artworks.

Mayfair in Harvard Square 5/7
www.harvardsquare.com 617-491-3434
 Featuring over 200 vendors, this festival's entertainment includes live music, children's entertainment, dancers, and street performers.

National Public Works Week 5/21 – 5/27
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks 617-349-4869
 Community events, including the DPW Vehicle Road Show, the Central Square Spruce-Up, Recycling 101 for Property Managers, and more.

Memorial Day Parade and Observance 5/29
 At 9:30 a.m., a parade will proceed from the Cambridge Common, through Harvard Square, to the Cambridge Cemetery. At 11:00 a.m., there will be an observance at the Cambridge Cemetery.



CAMBRIDGE SECRET GARDENS TOUR

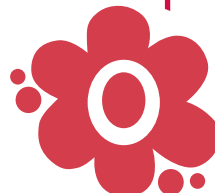
Sunday, June 11
 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Enjoy this unique opportunity to visit 20 gardens that can only be found in Cambridge. The Seventh Annual Secret Gardens Tour is sponsored by Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the event. For more information, call 617-349-4029 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/CPL.

27TH ANNUAL CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 17
 Noon – 6 p.m.
 (rain or shine)

Cambridge's annual outdoor celebration of the arts draws festival-goers to the banks of the Charles River to enjoy music, dance, poetry, food, and visual art. Highlights include music stages and art-making activities for children. This free event is open to the public. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.



11TH ANNUAL DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Sunday, September 17
 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, kites galore, a children's stage, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas, and T-shirts while supplies last! This annual event is brought to you free of charge by the City of Cambridge. For more information, call 617-349-4301 or visit www.cambridgema.gov.





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Cambridge Citywide Holocaust Commemoration 5/4
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html 617-349-4694
This program includes music, remembrance, and testimony. Held at Temple Beth Shalom at 8 Tremont St. in Boston, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

June

Cambridge Secret Gardens Tour 6/11
www.cambridgema.gov/CPL 617-349-4029
Enjoy this unique opportunity to visit 20 gardens that can only be found in Cambridge. The Seventh Annual Secret Gardens Tour is sponsored by Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the event.

Dragon Boat Festival 6/11
www.bostondragonboat.org 617-426-6500, x 778
Brightly colored dragon boats are paddled along the Charles River between JFK Street and the Western Avenue Bridge.

27th Cambridge River Festival 6/17
Cambridge Arts Council 617-349-4380
www.cambridgearts council.org Noon to 6 p.m. (rain or shine)
Cambridge's annual outdoor celebration of the arts draws festival-goers to the banks of the Charles to enjoy music, dance, food, and visual art. Highlights include music stages, temporary public art, art-making activities for children, and food and craft vendors. This is a free event.

July

Summer in the City July (dates & times vary)
www.cambridgearts council.org 617-349-4380
Enjoy CAC's 15th season of free, interactive performances geared towards children taking place in Cambridge parks and open spaces. Features music, dance, puppetry, storytelling, and more performed by multicultural artists. For a full schedule, visit the Web site.

Taste of Cambridge July (date TBA)
www.tasteofcambridge.com
This food tasting extravaganza in Technology Square features samples of food and drink from restaurants throughout the city. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

Cambridge Discovery Walks July (date TBA)
www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html 617-349-4683
Explore historic Cambridge in all its diversity on these informative neighborhood walks.

City of Cambridge Dance Party July 7
www.cambridgema.com 617-349-4301
Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for the entire Cambridge community. After dark, colorful lights will shine, adding to the magic of the evening.

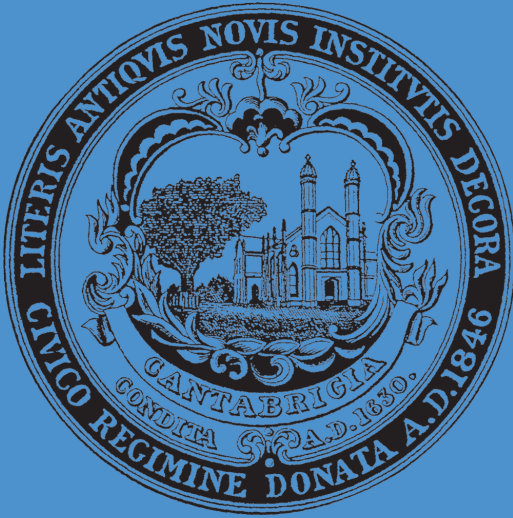
August

Summer in the City August (dates & times vary)
www.cambridgearts council.org 617-349-4380
Free, interactive performances geared towards children taking place in Cambridge parks and open spaces. See July listing for details.

September

11th Annual Danehy Park Family Day 9/17
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 617-349-4301
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