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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I am very pleased to report that the City of Cambridge continues in the rare status of being one of approximately 20 cities in the nation with three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. This is the highest rating that can be awarded to a city and Cambridge has received Triple A ratings from the three major credit rating agencies since 1999.

These ratings enable us to better finance such capital projects as the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center, the new public safety facility, sewer and street reconstruction projects, Area IV park improvements, Yerxa Road Underpass Project, and improvements to City Hall and other municipal buildings.

We recently learned that Cambridge had been named for a second time as a winner of a national competition to identify the 100 Best Communities for Young People. There is an extraordinary level of collaboration among city agencies and between city and community agencies in supporting the healthy development of our children. *The Agenda for Children* program, through its Literacy and Out of School Time initiatives, is supporting families and providers in helping launch children for success. One such program, *Let's Talk*, is featured in this issue. In fact, the program has been so successful that the Community Learning Center (CLC) has incorporated it into their new leadership initiatives that help Cambridge adults gain the skills and experience that can lead to success. In turn, students accomplish meaningful work that also benefits the community. Learn more about the CLC on page 7.

While a number of our programs focus on children, youth and families, we are also very proud of the array of services available to our senior population. In this issue, we highlight the work of the Council on Aging and our two dynamic senior centers, as well as senior programs and services from Community Schools, Cambridge Public Library and the Senior Health Connections telephone resource service.



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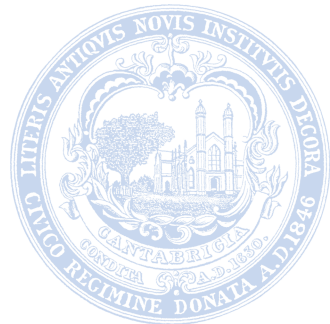
For nine days in April, the streets of Cambridge will come alive in a first-of-its-kind celebration of science and technology. The Cambridge Science Festival will take place April 21-29, 2007 and will showcase Cambridge as an internationally recognized leader in science and technology. Learn more about the festival on pg. 10.

I hope you will find the rest of the articles and information featured in this issue helpful and interesting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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Cover photos, clockwise from top left: Enjoying the Harvard Picnic; Serving up pie at the Senior Center; Cutting a Rug during a summer excursion; Senior volunteers receive certificates of appreciation for their hard work (all photos by LeRoy Cragwell). **Photos above:** Senior Games billiards medalists (photo by LeRoy Cragwell); the youth of San Jose Las Flores in El Salvador (photo by Bruce Petschek); CRLS principal, Dr. Christopher Saheed, with a student (photo by Romana Vysatova); CAC grant recipients, Caitlin Corbett Dance Company (photo by Adrian Catalano).

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SENIOR SERVICES SHINE IN CAMBRIDGE

“...Know what fun is? Come to 806 Massachusetts Avenue where arts & crafts, pool playing, and [the] sound of music fills the rooms...”
from The Cambridge Spirit
 by Julia Low

Cambridge seniors are fortunate to have access to a wide range of services courtesy of a number of different City resources. Entities such as the Council on Aging, Senior Health Connections, Cambridge Public Libraries, Community Schools, and the City’s two great Senior Centers have coordinated efforts to address many of the needs and interests of our esteemed elders.

SENIOR CENTERS - AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Have you always wanted to paint, sculpt or draw? Take a computer class? Learn to quilt? Has your doctor suggested an exercise class? Whether it’s travel, art, or learning to navigate the Internet, the Cambridge Senior Centers are the places for you. Offerings at the senior centers include:

- Exercise: stretch & exercise, yoga, walking groups and more
- Computer classes
- Art classes: painting, drawing, sculpture and ceramics
- Social and crafts groups
- Men’s group, and monthly men’s and women’s special breakfasts
- Senior safety groups led by the Cambridge Police Department
- Ethnic groups: meetings of Haitian, Russian, African American, and Latino seniors to support networking and celebrate cultural diversity
- Day excursions throughout New England and within Massachusetts

Monthly calendars for both centers can be found on the Web at: www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2. So don’t delay – check us out today!

- **Citywide Senior Center** (617) 349-6220
806 Massachusetts Avenue (across from City Hall)
- **North Cambridge Senior Center** (617) 349-6320
2050 Massachusetts Avenue

MEALS AND FOOD RESOURCES

Looking to share a nutritious meal amidst great company? Breakfast and lunch are served every day at the Citywide Senior Center, while lunch is served at the North Cambridge Senior Center Monday through Friday.

Seniors are also invited for dinner at The Cambridge Hospital Cafeteria (1493 Cambridge Street, 2nd floor, Monday – Friday from 5 to 6 p.m.) courtesy of Senior Health Connections. A \$1.50 meal donation is suggested.

Additional sustenance is available through the Senior Food Pantry, which serves income-eligible seniors. Participants visit weekly and take home fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and canned goods. Call (617) 349-6060 to learn more.

SOCIAL SERVICES & SEMINARS

Social service staff are available at both senior centers to help you identify services for which you may be eligible. For instance, if you are baffled by senior insurance programs, the staff will be able to assist you and also refer you to appropriate resources. The centers also host many seminars on issues such as Medicare and prescription drug coverage, legal forums, consumer workshops, the MBTA, and health related topics.

THE COA - HERE TO HELP

The Council on Aging (COA) provides information, referral and case management services to seniors. Some services include:

- Taxi discounts and other discount programs
- Day passes to the Cambridge YMCA
- Substance abuse counseling and support



- Trash/recycling and snow exemptions

These programs have disability and income guidelines, so contact the COA at (617) 349-6220 to determine your eligibility.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation benefits for seniors abound in Cambridge. These include:

- Door to door transportation for area medical trips
 - Transportation for grocery shopping for those unable to use public transportation
- Call SCM Transportation at (617) 625-1191 for information on these programs.

Seniors can also take advantage of the Cambridge Senior Shuttle bus. For information about this service, call (617) 349-6055.

IN THE KNOW

The Council on Aging’s monthly newsletter, *NEWSLINES*, includes calendars of events from the Senior Centers and articles of interest on a variety of topics. The newsletter is available at both senior centers, City Hall, Cambridge libraries, in the lobby of Senior Housing Apartment buildings, via the Web (www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/coa.cfm) and click on “Newslines”), and by subscription for a \$6 fee.



A beautiful day for a lobster luncheon cruise around Boston Harbor.

HOME, SWEET HOME

Assistance is available for seniors seeking affordable housing. These services include

advocacy, help with forms and interviews, and more. For more information, call the Senior Housing Specialist at (617) 349-6340.

JOIN THE CLUB

A number of Community Schools throughout the neighborhoods of Cambridge offer active senior clubs. These groups provide social, cultural, and recreational activities throughout the year. For more information, contact the Division Head of Community Schools at (617) 349-6200.

READ ON

The Cambridge Public Library offers deliveries for those who cannot get to the library due to disability. Books, recordings, and more are delivered to seniors’ homes. To arrange for free delivery, call (617) 349-4035, or e-mail cwithrow@cambridgema.gov. The library also offers a great selection of large print books and a collection of books on tape or CD. In addition, the reference room houses the *New York Times Large Type Weekly* and *Readers Digest in Large Print*, neither of which circulate. One of the library’s longest running programs, a weekly exercise class, has met every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. for over 17 years. The class is primarily attended by seniors and newcomers are always welcome!

CONNECTING TO GOOD HEALTH

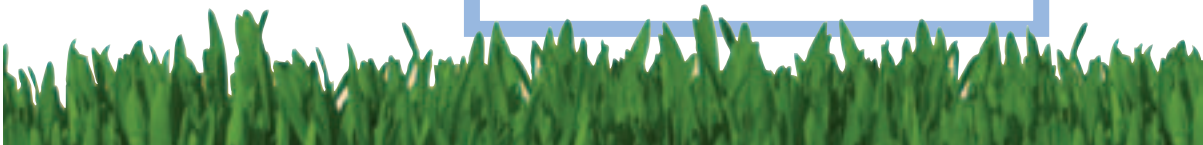
Senior Health Connections is a free phone service that helps people understand medical issues and health care options, provides answers to many health questions, and links seniors to community services. Learn more by calling (617) 665-1665. ■



Energetic seniors taking their annual walk around Fresh Pond; Senior Center’s gold and bronze medal winners of the Senior Games billiards competition invite you to join them for a game of billiards! All photos by LeRoy Cragwell.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR AREA SENIORS

- Paine Social Services (617) 864-2580
- Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (617) 628-2601
- Windsor House Adult Day Health (617) 491-0546



SCHOOL SUCCESS BEGINS WITH *Talk*

Most early literacy programs start with books.
The Agenda for Children Literacy Initiative starts with talk.

by Lauren Leikin, project coordinator for the Literacy Initiative

Five years ago, the Literacy Initiative in Cambridge launched a novel campaign called *Let's Talk...it makes a difference!*[®] to improve the vocabularies of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The campaign was based on compelling research indicating that young children with rich vocabularies are better prepared to read and learn once they enter elementary school.

HELPING PARENTS HELP CHILDREN

Let's Talk promotes the idea that parents are a child's first and primary teacher of language, and play an important role in school success. This message has resonated powerfully with families across the city, including those who speak English as a second or third language.

"A lot of parents in our program want to help their kids learn, but don't know how," said Lei-Anne Ellis, MS, coordinator of the Literacy Initiative. "I think parents are often surprised that something as simple as talking with their child can have such a huge impact."

For Ana Alvarado, *Let's Talk* has changed how she interacts with her children, Allan, 4, and Luis, 11. "At family dinners now, we talk about food while we eat," said Alvarado, a Cambridge resident who grew up in El Salvador. "I might ask my youngest son what his favorite food is and why."

SPREADING THE WORD

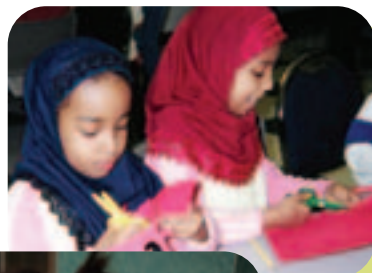
Since the campaign began, hundreds of caregivers and parents like Ana have attended *Let's Talk* workshops and "reading parties." In addition, home visitors have educated more than 3,000 new mothers about the importance of talking to their babies. The Literacy Initiative has given away more than 12,000 books at workshops and other events.

The *Let's Talk* campaign has won several national awards and has been spotlighted in two books, *The Surprising Power of Family Meals* and *At a Loss for Words*. Last fall, the Literacy Initiative received a grant from the A.L. Mailman Family Foundation to replicate its programs in St. Paul, MN, and Grand Rapids, MI.

GET IN TOUCH

The Literacy Initiative is a program of the Agenda for Children, a city-wide collaboration designed to improve the lives of Cambridge children and their families. The Initiative is based at the Cambridge Public Health Department. To learn more, contact Lei-Anne Ellis at (617) 665-3827 or lellis@challiance.org, or visit www.cambridgechildren.org. ■

Photos, top and bottom: The Literacy Initiative encourages families to read books together and create art projects that relate to the stories. **Photo, middle:** A toddler explores her book collection at home. Top and bottom photos by Lauren Leikin. Middle photo by Suzy Feinberg.



WHY TALK?

Children learn how to interact with the world long before they begin school. Talking, singing, playing and reading with adults prepares kids for learning to read and write.

TALK TIPS:

- When your baby coos, coo back. That's how conversation begins.
- When your toddler makes a simple statement, like "Up," elaborate on his request: "Do you want me to pick you up?"
- When your preschooler makes a simple observation, like "Doggy eat," add information: "Yes, the doggy is eating because he is hungry."
- Observe your child to find teachable moments. *Talk* can happen anytime!

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

For an immigrant to the United States, learning English is hard. Earning a GED is still harder. Even after achieving that, they still face great challenges in entering the workforce.

HELP ALONG THE WAY

To help Cambridge adults gain skills and experience that can lead to success, the City's Community Learning Center (CLC) not only offers adult basic education classes, it increasingly focuses on student leadership. The CLC provides students with intensive training and support, opportunities in which to practice newly attained capabilities, and a stipend. The CLC also delivers concrete skills and prepares students for real-world jobs in a competitive marketplace. In turn, the students accomplish meaningful work that benefits the community.

HELP IN KIND

Ninety-five students currently serve as outreach workers, computer lab assistants, literacy ambassadors, health advisors and representatives on the CLC's Student Advisory Committee.



Literacy Ambassadors explaining to CLC students the importance of reading to their children.

Photos by Carole Sousa.

“When I first came to the Community Learning Center, I did not know a lot of English, but now I have job certification, a driver’s license, and am a literacy ambassador, so I am very, very happy about what I have done.”

Propheta Saint-Louis Exilhomme, who came to Cambridge from Haiti, has studied at the Community Learning Center for three years and has become a Literacy Ambassador for the City's *Let's Talk* campaign. “When I first came to the Community Learning Center, I did not know a lot of English, but now I have job certification, a driver's license, and am a Literacy Ambassador, so I am very, very happy about what I have done. I am now promoting the Agenda for Children Literacy Initiative to Haitian residents... I've developed a great strategy to connect with them and give them good information.”

Other students become computer lab assistants, supporting computer-based instruction at the CLC. Yalem Yihdego explains “As a technology aide, I helped maintain the CLC lab. So many Community Learning

Center students come from countries where computers are not used as commonly, so it is very important that they have the chance to gain comfort and confidence around computers. I felt very happy to help others develop their computer skills. While I helped the students, I reinforced my own knowledge.” Yalem graduated from the Community Learning Center and is now on the Dean's List at UMass Boston.

NAVIGATING THE SCHOOLS

The Community Learning Center's newest student leadership activity is a joint venture with the Cambridge Public School Department. For parents who may not speak any English, or may not have a high school education themselves, Cambridge's high school can be bewildering. The School System Navigators program trains immigrant parents in the intricacies of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. Trained “navigators” will help other immigrant parents understand what is offered, required, and possible at our high school.

CONTACT THE CLC

The Community Learning Center, located at 19 Brookline Street in Central Square, provides ESOL (English for Speaker of Other Languages) education, family literacy, GED and Adult Diploma classes, citizenship preparation, adult education for the homeless, workplace education, and college preparation. Classes are free and take place at various sites around the city. Volunteers are always needed. For more information, call (617) 349-6363. ■



25 years of challenging the roots of violence, affirming diversity, and building community within our city.



CAMBRIDGE PEACE COMMISSION TURNS 25

The Cambridge Peace Commission is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. One of only three municipal entities of its kind in the United States, its unique presence in city government marks Cambridge as a city that values an engaged, informed and concerned citizenry. In honor of the Commission's 25th Anniversary, the Cambridge City Council passed a resolution in February declaring "Cambridge as a city of peace" and encouraging all of Cambridge to reach for peace-making.

IN THE BEGINNING

In 1982, in response to the unmanageable and alarmist request from the federal government to create a nuclear war evacuation plan, Cambridge residents already working for peace education in the schools collaborated to highlight the disastrous implications of nuclear war and to propose a course of prevention. They also presented the idea of a Cambridge "office of peace education." The Cambridge City Council took up the issues through a series of hearings and meetings and with thoughtfulness and ingenuity voted unanimously in September 1982 to create the Cambridge Commission on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Education.

Over the past 25 years, the Peace Commission has shortened its name and expanded its mission to challenge all forms of the roots of violence and to promote ideas, connections and programs that affirm diversity and build community within our city. Dedicated to the concept of thinking globally and acting locally, the Commission links the municipal government with neighborhoods, schools, city youth, peace organizations, social justice efforts, and anti-violence coalitions.

PEACE EDUCATION

Over the years, the Commission has helped pioneer public peace

education for Cambridge. These efforts have produced:

- Collaboration with educators on peace and multicultural education
- K-6 Resolution of Conflict Kits
- Peace Days in the schools and education about cultures represented in our city
- Toy Gun Turn-In project with educational materials on toys of violence
- Collaboration with Peaceable Schools Center at Lesley University for summer Institute
- Anti-bullying workshops in public schools
- Resource library of materials on peacemaking and non-violence

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Issues of violence prevention have been at the heart of the Commission's work. Initiatives have included: 1) addressing school and neighborhood violence through the Violence Prevention Network; 2) creating a "restorative justice initiative" to train community members and school personnel in responding to harm through accountability and repair; and 3) supporting the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) which helps people respond to violence and

trauma. The Commission founded and coordinates the Youth Peace & Justice Corps (PJC), a community building model of diverse youth equipped with awareness, tools and relationships to understand violence and injustice and promote peaceful alternatives. The Commission has also supported youth leadership through summer peace camps and school workshops addressing topics such as the roots of violence, community building, and discrimination.

GLOBAL TO LOCAL

Aware that local safety is built on respect and understanding for different cultures, the Commission has made global awareness a priority. By connecting with international communities that directly relate to Cambridge, the Commission has:

- Brought protection and companionship to El Salvador during the war and afterward supported exchanges between youth, teachers, City officials and local Salvadorans
- Promoted awareness and friendships through people-to-people projects with Haiti and Israel/Palestine
- Built connections and initiated resolutions promoting justice with countries including Okinawa, Burma, East Timor, Nigeria and Tibet
- Joined the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities

BUILDING CONSENSUS

Building a consensus for peace and disarmament means understanding how Cambridge's resources are used and directing them towards human needs. The Commission's efforts on this front have included: 1) participation in the Disarmament Action Network and campaigns for the abolition of nuclear weapons; 2) producing a report on Cambridge military contractors and a brochure about our tax dollars allocations to the military; and 3) supporting the Million Moms' anti-gun violence project. Challenging the destructive consequences of war to ourselves and others, the Commission has:

- Hosted community gatherings, vigils and teach-ins including veterans on war
- Organized hearings and joint efforts with school administrators and families to create policy and resources regarding the restriction and supervision of military recruitment

"WITHIN A CULTURE RIFE WITH VIOLENCE... THE PRESENCE OF A PEACE COMMISSION AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL HOLDS OUT A VISION FOR WHAT IS POSSIBLE."

BETTY BURKES,
PEACE COMMISSION CHAIR



Photos: Opposite page, from left: Children in San Jose las Flores (photo by Bruce Petschek); 2006 Peace and Justice Awardees (photo by Larry Aaronson). **This page:** Youth Peace and Justice Corps.

"A PEACE COMMISSION, WHERE CITIZEN AND CITY GOVERNMENT BLEND AND DEBATE, AND PROVIDE SOLACE AND WISDOM... THAT SEEMS HARD TO FIND ELSEWHERE."

MARK LEVINE,
PEACE COMMISSION FOUNDER

- Developed materials and activities in the aftermath of September 11 including highlighting Families for Peaceful Tomorrows
- Hosted monthly Activist Network Teas, a Concert of "banned" music and staged reading of *Guantanamo*
- Sponsored educational events about Hibakusha, Middle Eastern women, and a video series on themes of militarism, social justice, peace and women
- Supported the birth of United for Justice With Peace and the campaign for civil liberties

BUILDING BRIDGES

The Commission has worked to promote peace, justice and nonviolence by: 1) co-hosting forums on race and class in Cambridge and workshops on reconciliation and Nonviolent Communication; 2) facilitating dialogue on the Middle East between those with conflicting perspectives within this city; 3) hosting a citywide event for Martin

Luther King's birthday; and 4) being a consistent voice in Cambridge for peace and relationship building as the only path to real security. Part of promoting community building across Cambridge's diverse populations is the Commission's annual Peace and Justice Awards program. Nominated by the community, honorees have included local block leaders, antiviolenace advocates and people working for disarmament or Middle East peace. The Commission also chairs the annual Holocaust Commemoration to remember past genocide and acknowledge the seeds of new forms of persecution.

RECOGNIZED ACHIEVEMENT

The idea of a municipal department dedicated to peacemaking and the actual work of the Commission over the past 25 years have resulted in its being recognized with the Peace Millennium Award in 2006. ■

GAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

SHOWCASING CAMBRIDGE AS A LEADER IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For nine days in April, the streets of Cambridge will come alive in a first-of-its-kind celebration of science and technology. The Cambridge Science Festival, presented by the MIT Museum, will take place April 21 - 29, 2007 and will showcase Cambridge as an internationally recognized leader in science and technology.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The festival will feature a wide range of activities for families, children, teens and adults. Events include a hands-on science carnival, interactive exhibitions, plays, concerts, poetry readings, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, walking tours and much more.

The goal of the festival is to make science and technology accessible and fun and to highlight the impact of science in all of our lives. It will feature over 150 events and will give attendees a chance to get up close with music-playing robots and alternative-powered concept cars. Festival goers can learn about the natural world by exploring vernal pools and spring gardens, defy gravity as they launch their own soda-bottle rocket, and discover the wonders of genetics as they walk along the Genome Trail. There will be eco-tours of the Charles River, exhibits exploring the relationship between art and science and a chance to walk inside the world's largest Origami Geodesic Dome.

Students will display their science projects in their schools and at the Science Expo at MIT. WGBH plans to create broadcast, Webcast, radio and podcast programming for the festival, which will include a live televised town meeting on the theme of Cambridge as "Science City." Events will take place in a variety of locations throughout Cambridge and are open to the public.

OPEN OUR EYES - OPEN OUR MINDS

Many local science and technology businesses are also involved – some by

inviting the public in for specific events, others by participating in "Career Exploration Day," an event designed to bring recent graduates working in science and technology fields to middle and high schools to help students explore career path options. "Opening local businesses and research laboratories to the public is key to helping people better understand the vast number of career opportunities available in the Cambridge area," says Festival Executive Director John Durant. "By demystifying science and making it accessible, we hope to

There will be lots of hands-on activities at the first annual Cambridge Science Festival

pique the interest of young people and inspire them to pursue an education in the science, technology or engineering fields. But most importantly, we want the festival to be fun!

Cambridge is the science city and we hope the festival reveals to our community some of the city's hidden science treasures."

COMING TOGETHER

The Cambridge Science Festival is being organized by a wide range of community, science and technology-based organizations, including MIT and

the MIT Museum, the City of Cambridge, Harvard University, the Museum of Science, WGBH, the Cambridge Public Library, and Cambridge Public Schools. ■



Build your own at the Cambridge Science Festival



FOR MORE INFORMATION

on the Cambridge Science Festival and a complete listing of events and locations visit www.cambridgesciencefestival.org.



JOIN US IN THE CITY

COME TO REMEMBER, COME TO EAT, COME TO DANCE, COME TO PLAY



Join us this spring and summer for a variety of lively events that celebrate Cambridge's arts and culture, diversity, history and music. **Top photos, clockwise from left:** City of Cambridge Dance Party (photo by Kevin Wellenius), Taste of Cambridge, Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival of Boston, Cambridge Carnival (photo by LeRoy Cragwell), Memorial Day Parade (photo by Cynthia Abatt). **Bottom photos, clockwise from left:** Cambridge Carnival, Memorial Day Parade (photo by Cynthia Abatt), Cambridge Arts Council's Summer in the City (photo by Phoebe Sinclair), Danehy Park Family Day, City of Cambridge Dance Party (photo by Kevin Wellenius), Cambridge Arts Council's River Festival (photo by Peggy Kutcher), Cambridge Carnival (photo by LeRoy Cragwell). For details on each of these events, please see pages 30 and 31.



new principal LEADING CRLS TO RECORD ACHIEVEMENT



Photo by Romana Vysatova, Cambridge Public Schools.

After a yearlong nationwide search for the next principal of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS), Superintendent Thomas Fowler-Finn, the School Committee and many others recognized that the right person for the job was with them the whole time.

A TRACK RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Christopher Saheed brings 30 years of educational experience to his new role as principal of one of the premier urban high schools in the nation. His background includes 11 years as an English Language Arts teacher, three years as the K-12 Language Arts coordinator and six years as a dean of curriculum. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Tufts University, a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, a master's degree in education administration from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, and an advanced degree from Harvard in administration, planning and social policy.

"To be a successful principal, one must have excellent management skills," Dr. Fowler-Finn said. "He or she must also have the ability to build consensus and the ability to issue directives when one has to. In a very short amount of time, Dr. Saheed has demonstrated he possesses ample ability in each of these areas."

CRLS — ON THE RISE

In discussing the new job and CRLS, Dr. Saheed said, "Cambridge Rindge and Latin School has witnessed an amazing transformation in recent years. Across the board, student achievement has improved dramatically, college admissions of CRLS graduates is at an all-time high, and yet we feel this school has not yet reached the peak of its capabilities."

To that end, Dr. Saheed has already implemented a number of programs and procedures designed to capitalize on CRLS's positive momentum.

LOOKING AHEAD

"We want to build on the strong academic programs here, including an enhanced senior year — one that permits students with opportunities to pursue intensive academic studies in and out of CRLS," Dr. Saheed explained.

"Parents should know CRLS is academically on par with the best private and public schools, that it has an exceptionally talented faculty. The diversity of the school makes it more similar to an international university than to high schools found in the suburbs. We have students from Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas in our school. That diversity permits us to build skills and opportunities students cannot find anywhere else. It impacts personal growth and development, not to mention individual and cooperative achievement in an increasingly diverse workplace in our society."

SOLID STATS

Last year, 92 percent of the Class of 2006 went on to a two- or four-year college, university or technical school. Almost 10 percent of college bound seniors (35 of 368) enrolled in Ivy League schools and 25 percent of all graduates enrolled in "America's Top 100 Colleges and Universities," as determined by U.S. News and World Report. ■

arts flourish in Cambridge



Caitlin Corbett Dance Company (Adrian Catalano).

Through the CAC Grant Program, a new crop of cultural activities will sprout up in all of Cambridge's 13 neighborhoods this year. Based on community benefit as well as artistic merit, 25 grantees were selected through a competitive process. Recipients represent a range of disciplines and projects from film, classical music, and modern dance to site-specific work to name a few.

"The CAC grant funding is like spreading 'seed money,'" says Jane Beal, CAC Director of Community Arts. "It helps get innovative, high quality projects off the ground, helping the arts flourish in Cambridge. Having the support of the City where you live and work is not just a wonderful morale boost – it sends a powerful message that their contribution to quality of life is valued and helps secure funding from other sources."

MAKING THE CUT

A volunteer panel of 15 Cambridge residents and arts professionals with expertise in the arts is chosen each year to review applications, ensuring that the voice of the community is integrated into the decision-making process. Applications are selected among three discipline areas: Visual Arts & Film/Video, Theater & Dance, and Music & Literature.

A total of \$50,000 is granted to promote a meaningful interaction between the artist population and other members of the Cambridge community. The goal of the CAC's Grant Program is to encourage a vital role for the arts in the lives of Cambridge citizens in all of the City's neighborhoods.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS SPREAD ART THROUGHOUT THE CITY

A "GARDEN" OF GRANTEES

All year long, residents and visitors can enjoy a garden of artistic delights springing up throughout Cambridge! Below we offer a sprinkling of upcoming grantee projects to enjoy.

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) will create an Internet-based video map of Cambridge. Visitors to the site will be able to click on points on the map to bring up Quicktime movies related to that location.

Caitlin Corbett Dance Company will involve the local community in the development and performance of a new work by including "non-dancers," premiering in April at Boston University Dance Theater.

Cantata Singers recreates the spirit of Johann Sebastian Bach's informal concerts at Zimmerman's Coffee House in Leipzig, Germany in 1729 by bringing the composer's light-hearted piece, *The Coffee Cantata*, into four independent Cambridge coffeehouses.

Children (ages 5 - 12) from the **Community Art Center**, the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cambridge will work together to create a documentary, entitled *Four Eyes: A Neighborhood Documentary through the Eyes of School Age*

Children about proposed solutions to problems in their Area IV neighborhood. ■

"The CAC grant funding is like spreading 'seed money'... help[ing] get innovative, high quality projects off the ground."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn more about the 2007 CAC Grant recipients and events by visiting www.cambridgeartscouncil.org/about_press_CA_Grant2007.html.

The CAC Grant Program is funded by the City of Cambridge, and receives an annual allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN - FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

▶ **Adult Education and Employment Programs**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 23.

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

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

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

▶ **Families, Youth and Seniors** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 23.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ **Recreation**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 23.

▶ **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 / Registration** See page 25.

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

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban** If the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on certain streets. See page 19.

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance** Property owners are required to remove snow/ice from sidewalks next to their home/business. See page 19.

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

▶ **Voter Registration** Call the Cambridge Election Commission, 617-349-4361 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/~Election. See page 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. Dial 1 plus the area code for long distance calls.

Local and Long Distance Service

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

Comcast 888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com

Verizon 800-870-9999 www.verizon.com

▶ **Internet Access**

AT&T 800-967-5363 www.att.com

Comcast 800-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com

Verizon 877-483-5898 www.verizon.com

▶ **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

CAMBRIDGE E-LINE

Sign up for Cambridge E-Line to receive street cleaning reminders, snow emergency alerts, and more!

www.cambridgema.gov/eline

▶ **Important Numbers**

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

▶ **Cambridge City Hall**

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

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

▶ **City Manager's Office**

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

▶ **City Council Office**

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

▶ **Mayor's Office**

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

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



- Cambridge E-Line
- City Council Meetings
- Online Bill Paying
- Permit Applications

www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Information Lines**

Construction Updates 617-349-4863
 Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955
 Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.) 617-349-4044
 Parks and Urban Forestry 617-349-6434
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854
 Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
 Recycling/Hazardous Waste 617-349-4005
 Rodent Control 617-349-4899
 School Closings/Information Line 617-349-6513
 Snow Emergency Parking Bans 617-349-4700
 Snow Hotline (unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903

▶ **City Departments**

Affirmative Action 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 (CITY TV-8) 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
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140
 Inspectional Services 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library 617-349-4040
 License Commission 617-349-6140
 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 \$1.25, 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 \$1.70.

▶ **T Passes**
 Monthly passes give you unlimited rides on the services you use most (subway, bus, or commuter rail) while saving you money each month. Passes can be purchased at many locations in the area, including from vending machines that are now available at all T stations.

The MBTA has recently introduced the CharlieCard, a “smart card” that allows more convenient travel. For up-to-date information on the CharlieCard and the MBTA’s new fare collection system, visit www.mbta.com.

▶ **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, Courtesy of the MBTA



OTHER TRANSPORTATION

► Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)

800-616-1228, 800-6161-ACT

Provides wheelchair-accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Cambridge-based taxicab companies participate in the ACT program.

Cambridge Taxicab Companies

Ambassador Brattle	617-492-1100
Cambridge Cab Company	617-776-5000
Checker Cab	617-497-9000
Classic Cab	617-492-0555
Star Taxi	617-876-8888
UTS Cab	617-661-2500
Yellow Cab	617-547-3000

► Taxi Discount Coupons

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



Accessible Cambridge Taxi

DRIVER'S LICENSE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION, & INSPECTION

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, 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 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

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

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

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

► Out-of-State License Conversions

You must bring appropriate identification with you to complete an out-of-state license conversion. Visit www.mass.gov/rmv/license/3id.htm to download a PDF listing acceptable forms of identification

and proof of MA residency. A detailed fee schedule listing costs for a variety of conversions is available at www.mass.gov/rmv.

► Registering Your Vehicle

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. There is no grace period. The first step is to obtain an active insurance policy from a licensed MA insurance agent and a completed RMV-1 form. For a full description of the registration process, visit www.mass.gov/rmv/regs/index.htm.

► Vehicle Inspection

Your vehicle must undergo a safety and emissions inspection within seven days of registration. If it passes inspection, your vehicle will be issued a sticker that is valid for one year.

To find an inspection station in your area, check the yellow pages, or call the inspection hotline at 877-387-8234. You can also visit the Enhanced Emissions and Safety Test Web site at www.mass.gov/rmv/stations/index.htm, then click 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
Helps employers meet their hiring needs by connecting them to adult and teen Cambridge residents looking for jobs.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Issues street performer's permits.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 and issues recombinant DNA permits to biotech firms.
- ▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4683
www.cambridgema.gov/Historic Permits to alter a designated building, or to demolish a building over 50 years old.
- ▶ **Inspectional Services**
617-349-6100 www.cambridgema.gov/Inspection
Administers state building codes; building, demolition, asbestos removal, and sign permits; electrical, gas, plumbing, and sprinkler permits; certificates of occupancy/inspection; curb cut applications; sanitary code inspections; permitting for restaurants/day camps/pools/tobacco sale; enforcement of zoning ordinance. Call for construction-related noise complaints.
- ▶ **License Commission**
617-349-6140 www.cambridgema.gov/License
Administers licenses and enforces regulations governing: alcohol, antique stores, auctions, entertainment, festivals, garage and gasoline, hackney, innholder, jitney, livery/limousine, lodging, open air parking, package goods, palm readers, peddlers/vendors, and restaurants. Call for repetitive noise complaints.
- ▶ **Police Department** 617-349-3337
www.cambridgepolice.org Permits to carry firearms.
- ▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks Issues permits for:
 - Special events and using parks for non-athletic use 617-349-4846
 - Sidewalk obstruction, excavating, filming, or photographing on City property 617-349-4833
 - Newsrack vendors 617-349-4869
- ▶ **Recreation Division**
617-349-6200 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 617-349-4851
 Street Maintenance 617-349-4851
 24-Hour Emergency 617-349-4860

▶ **Street Cleaning 617-349-4800**

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

▶ **Trash Collection 617-349-4849**

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

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4866**

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 or visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Recycling.

▶ **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

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

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

▶ **Yard Waste 617-349-4800**

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

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

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

▶ **Street Lights 617-349-4925**

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

TRAFFIC PARKING & 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 617-349-4700**

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

▶ **Parking Ticket Payment/Disputes 617-491-7277**

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

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

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

▶ **Moving Van Permits**

617-349-4721

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

▶ **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.

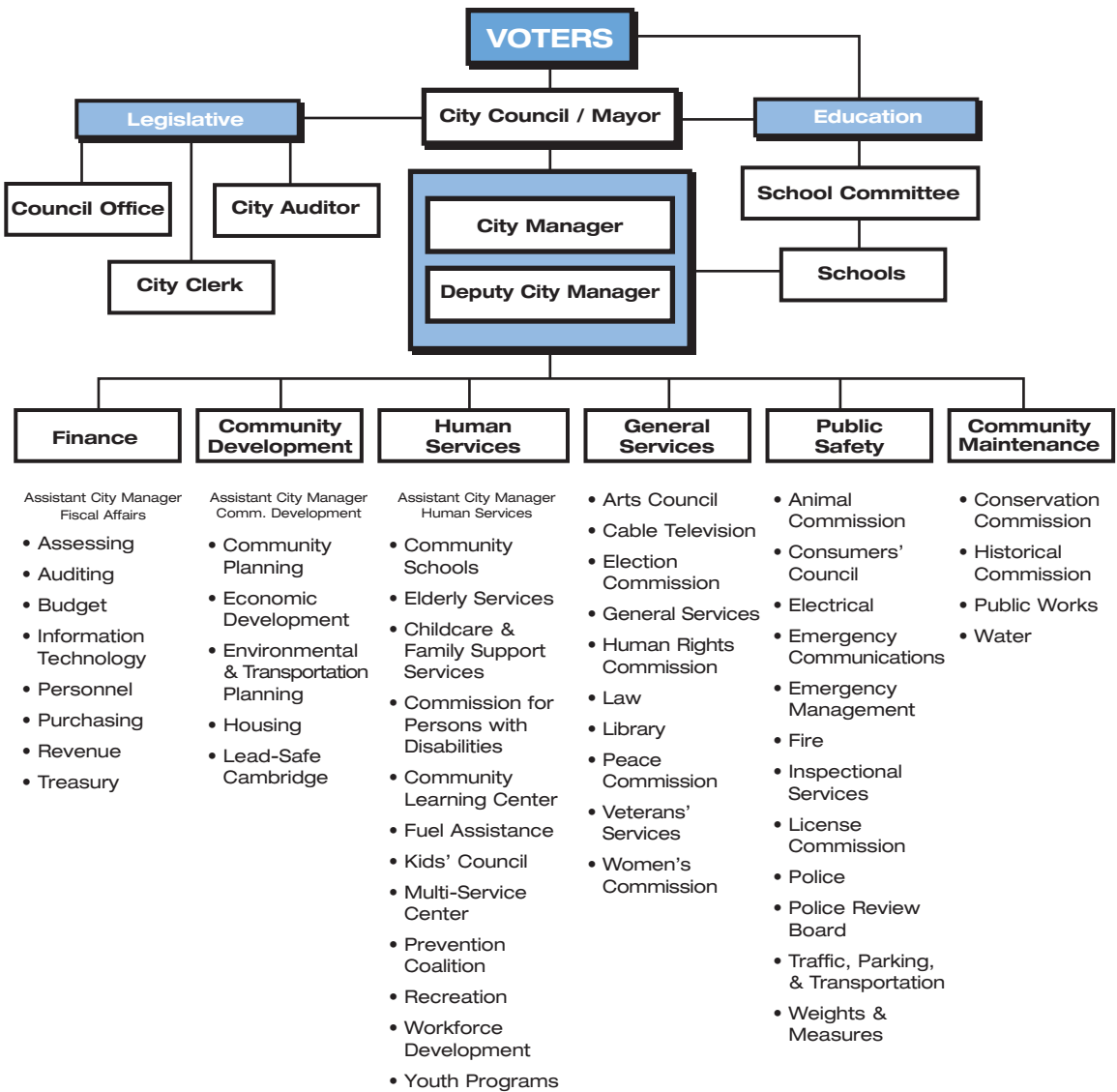
▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

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

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

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

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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.

VOTING

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

- ▶ **2007 Annual City Census**
The Election Commission has mailed the 2007 Annual City Census forms to all Cambridge households. Residents are urged to fill out their forms and return them in the postage-paid envelopes provided. All residents, regardless of their citizenship and voter registration status, are required to answer the Census. State law requires that voters who do not answer the Census be removed from the active voting list and may be removed from the Voter Registration rolls. Call the Election Commission with any questions.

- ▶ **Upcoming Elections**
Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

- ▶ **Voter Registration**
Call or visit the Cambridge Election Commission for registration, polling locations, and absentee ballots. Alternatively, you can now register to vote when you make a transaction at a Registry of Motor Vehicles branch or License Express location. You must be a U.S. citizen, a Cambridge resident, and at least 18 years old by election day to register. Mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses, and at the City Clerk's office.

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

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

- ▶ **Affirmative Action Office**
617-349-4331 www.cambridgema.gov/dept/aff
Works to ensure compliance of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in accordance with the intent of the regulations and guidelines of federal and state agencies.
- ▶ **Consumers' Council**
617-349-6150 www.cambridgema.gov/consumer
For information on consumer rights and assistance in resolution of the full range of consumer disputes, from auto sales, home repair, and debt collection, to landlord/tenant issues.
- ▶ **Human Rights Commission**
617-349-4396 www.cambridgema.gov/HRC
Investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination in Cambridge in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations.
- ▶ **Personnel Department** 617-349-4332
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/personnel.html
City job openings are posted in City Hall, in Libraries, and on the Web site. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.
- ▶ **Peace Commission** 617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html
Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood, and citywide level.
- ▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**
617-349-6155
www.cambridgema.gov/PRAB
Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.
- ▶ **Women's Commission**
617-349-4697
www.cambridgema.gov/Women
Resources and assistance for women and girls.
- ▶ **Veterans' Services Department**
617-349-4761
www.cambridgema.gov/vet
Provides financial assistance to needy veterans and/or their dependents. Assist veterans and their families in applying for federal VA benefits, as well as, state and local veterans' programs and services.



Photo by Cathy Hoffman, courtesy of the Cambridge Peace Commission.

Cambridge Peace Commission:

Building Ties with the Children of San Jose las Flores

One of Cambridge's Sister city relationships is with San Jose Las Flores in El Salvador, repopulated in the midst of war in 1986. During the war years, Cambridge brought protection and companionship to Las Flores and received awareness at home about the hundreds of millions of US tax dollars used to fund the war. The end of the war opened the way to exchanges between youth, teachers, City officials and local Salvadorans offering inspiration and materials in classrooms, raising consciousness and activism on fair trade and mining, and fostering community pride and cultural sensitivity.

▶ **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 emergency preparedness and disaster relief information.

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

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

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

▶ **Adult Basic Education**

Provides basic literacy instruction, high school diploma/GED prep, English for speakers of other languages, transition to college program, adult basic education for the homeless, and computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents and the homeless. Also offers education in the workplace for area businesses, family literacy classes, citizenship preparation, and volunteer opportunities.

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

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

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

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283
 The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

Center for Families 617-349-6385

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

Community Schools 617-349-6200

Kids' Council 617-349-6239

Youth and Teen Programs 617-349-6200

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm 617-349-4692
 (TTY) 617-492-0235

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

▶ **Employment**

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

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166
Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

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

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

▶ **Recreation**

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

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **Seniors**

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

Council on Aging / Senior Services 617-349-6220

Citywide Senior Ctr. 617-349-6060

806 Massachusetts Avenue

No. Cambridge Senior Ctr. 617-349-6320

2050 Massachusetts Avenue

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

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



Photo courtesy of the Dept. of Human Service Programs.

Creating Links between Teens and Businesses

Students enrolled in the Office of Workforce Development's Personal and Career Exploration Program (PACE) participate in a six week program to explore their career interests, hone their interview and communication skills, and research and visit a local company. For instance, PACE students recently visited BBN Technologies to learn more about the company's history and the people who work there. The PACE program is offered three times during the school year. To learn more, contact the Office of Workforce Development at 617-349-6234.

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

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

Preschool Programs

617-349-6200

East Cambridge Preschool

(at Kennedy/Longfellow)

Haggerty Preschool

King Open Preschool

Martin Luther King Preschool

Morse Preschool

Peabody Preschool

▶ **Afterschool Childcare Programs**

617-349-6200

Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool

King Afterschool

King Open Extended Day

Morse Afterschool

Peabody Afterschool

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

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

Agassiz (at Baldwin School) 617-349-6287

Cambridgeport 617-349-6307

Fitzgerald (at Peabody School) 617-349-6302

Fletcher/Maynard 617-349-6295

Haggerty 617-349-6264

Harrington (at King Open) 617-349-6305

Kennedy 617-349-6308

Linnaean (at Graham & Parks) 617-349-6267

Longfellow 617-349-6260

King (at MLK School) 617-349-6269

Morse 617-349-6291

Tobin 617-349-6300

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

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. Sites for summer programs may vary. All other programs are located at Gately Youth Center, 70R Rindge Ave., Cambridge.

▶ **Youth Centers** 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm

Serves youth ages 9 - 19, developing social, recreational, leadership, and academic skills at 5 City youth centers throughout the city. Five licensed, afterschool programs focus on educational and enrichment activities for 9-13 years olds, while five teen programs offer work-based learning and enrichment activities, plus sports and leisure activities for all.

Area 4 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262

Frisoli 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312

Gately 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277

Moore 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273

West Cambridge 110 Cushing Street 617-349-6314

▶ **Center for Families**
 617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

Neighborhood-based, school-linked family support program.

▶ **Kids' Council** 617-349-6239
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidscouncil.cfm

Advocates for the well-being of children, youth, and families.

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

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

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

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

▶ **City Scholarship Fund** 617-349-4220
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html

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



Rob Cooper delivers state of the art training in automotive arts at the Rindge School of Technical Arts (CRLS).

Photo by Romana Vysatova, courtesy of the Cambridge Public Schools.

▶ **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** (Grades K - 8)
44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577
- Haggerty School** (Grades K - 6)
110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555
- Kennedy / Longfellow School** (Grades K - 8)
158 Spring Street 617-349-6841
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School** (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6562
- King Open School** (Grades K - 8)
850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540
- Morse School** (Grades K - 8)
40 Granite Street 617-349-6575
- Peabody School** (Grades K - 8)
70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530
- Tobin School*** (Grades K - 8)
197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

* The Montessori program will be available to children between the ages of 3 and 6 beginning in September 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Farr Academy
 71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Mount Auburn Hospital

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-492-3500

Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

1575 Cambridge Street 617-876-4344

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

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

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

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Cambridge Pediatrics

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1264

Primary Care Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1068

Cambridge Women's Health Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2800

Riverside Health Center

205 Western Avenue 617-575-5620

Cambridge Birth Center

10 Camelia Avenue 617-665-2229

Windsor Street Health Center

119 Windsor Street 617-665-3600

Cambridge Family Health

237 Hampshire Street 617-575-5570

Senior Health Center

806 Massachusetts Avenue 617-595-5630

East Cambridge Health Center

163 Gore Street 617-665-3000

Cambridge Family Health North

2067 Massachusetts Avenue 617-575-5550

Teen Health Center

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

North Cambridge Health Center

266 Rindge Avenue 617-665-3340

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center****99 Bishop Allen Drive****617-492-8306 www.barcc.org**

Comprehensive sexual assault services.

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

Domestic violence services, including shelter.

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

Domestic violence outreach and intervention.

▶ **Parks and Forestry Division of Public Works**

617-349-4880

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

Public Works maintains approximately 80 parks, playgrounds and tot lots throughout the city. To download a terrific listing of Cambridge parks and playgrounds, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/osmap.pdf

▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**

617-349-6200 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm

Reserve a field (athletic use) 617-349-6238

Reserve a park (non-athletic) 617-349-4846

The City of Cambridge also maintains basketball courts, tennis courts, softball, soccer and other athletic fields. Call for information on adult softball and basketball leagues, youth and family recreational programs, pools, special needs camps, afterschool programs, and a summer program.

▶ **Gold Star Pool**

Berkshire & Cambridge Streets

617-349-6310

Open July through August.

▶ **War Memorial Pool and Fieldhouse**

Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St. 617-349-6237

Offers year-round swimming and recreational opportunities.

▶ **Danehy Park 99 Sherman Street** 617-349-4895

This 55-acre park includes tot lots, water play feature, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. In September, the City hosts Danehy Park Family Day, a free event featuring children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, roving performers, free hot dogs, chips and soda. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.

▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4793

Made up of a 155-acre lake and 162 acres of surrounding land, Fresh Pond is part of the reservoir system for the City of Cambridge. Water from Fresh Pond is purified at the City's Water Purification Facility, providing drinking water to residents and businesses in Cambridge. Fresh Pond is a favorite gathering place for people who enjoy walking, running, bike riding, rollerblading and bird watching.

▶ **Fresh Pond Municipal Golf Course**

617-349-6282 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm A nine-hole course located at 691 Huron Avenue.

▶ **Conservation Commission**

344 Broadway 617-349-4680

www.cambridgema.gov/CCC

The Commission protects and enhances the City's natural resources through regulatory review, planning, advocacy, and education. Also administers Wetlands Protection Act Permits, and the Community Garden Program.

LIBRARIES

▶ **Libraries** 617-349-4040

www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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

Main Library

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

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

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

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

Library Branch Locations:

Boudreau, 245 Concord Avenue 617-349-4017

Central Square, 45 Pearl Street 617-349-4010

Collins, 64 Aberdeen Avenue 617-349-4021

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

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

Valente, 826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015



Cambridge was named a 2006 "Tree City USA." This is the fifteenth year that Cambridge has received this award which recognizes municipalities for their efforts to maintain the urban forest.

POST OFFICE

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

Main Branch: Central Square, 770 Massachusetts Avenue

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

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

▶ **Arts, Historical and Tourism Organizations**

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

Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)
617-349-4380 www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
For street performer permits, artist grants, exhibition opportunities, public art commissions, and cultural events.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

▶ **Museums**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MIT Museum
617-253-4444 web.mit.edu/museum

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

▶ **Galleries**

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

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

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

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

▶ **Community Television**

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) 617-661-6900
www.cctvcambridge.org
Channels 9, 10, and 22

Located in Central Square, CCTV offers three community access cable channels and is a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations.

CITY TV-8 (Cambridge Municipal Television)
617-349-4296
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/cable.html
Channel 8

Provides both original and acquired programming drawn from and relating to the City of Cambridge. City Council meetings are broadcast live Mondays (5:30 p.m.) and repeated Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m.).



Randal Thurston created public art for the Yerxa Road Underpass in North Cambridge.

Photo by Lillian Hsu 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. Consider making volunteering part of your regular routine.

American Friends Service Committee

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

Bread and Jams Day Shelter

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

Cambridge Camping Association

99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive 617-864-0960

Cambridge Cares About AIDS

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

Cambridge Community Center

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

Cambridge Community Services

99 Bishop Allen Drive 617-876-5214 www.cambridgecommunity.org

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee

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

Cambridge Family & Children's Service

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

Cambridge Family YMCA

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

Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse

56 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

Centro Presente

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

Charles River Conservancy

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

Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

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

Community Dispute Settlement Center

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

Community Learning Center

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

Concilio Hispano

105 Windsor Street 617-661-9406 www.conciliohispano.org

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Society

41 Hampshire Street 617-876-5160

Educators for Social Responsibility

23 Garden Street 617-492-1764
www.esrnational.org

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-4793
www.friendsoffreshpond.org



HomeStart, Inc.

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

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

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

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

1046 Cambridge Street
617-864-7600 www.maps-inc.org

Mount Auburn Hospital Volunteer Svcs.

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-499-5016

On the Rise

341 Broadway 617-497-7968
www.ontherise.org

Physicians for Social Responsibility

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

St. James' Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Meal Program

1991 Massachusetts Avenue 617-876-4381

Salvation Army Shelter and Meals Program

402 Massachusetts Avenue 617-547-3400

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

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

Spare Change

1151 Massachusetts Avenue 617-497-1595
www.homelessempowerment.org

Summerbridge Cambridge

225 Windsor Street 617-349-6647
www.summerbridgecambridge.org

Wellmet Project

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

YouthBuild USA

58 Day Street, Somerville 617-623-9900
www.youthbuild.org

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

April

21st Annual City Run Road Race & Fun Walk 4/1
www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/cityrun.cfm

The course starts and finishes at the Fresh Pond Clubhouse at 691 Huron Ave. Reporting time is 8:45 – 10 a.m. and the race starts at 10:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$18 – \$22. Register online at www.marathonsports.com

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops April 4, 11, 18, 25
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 information on Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Pre-registration for this class starts March 1st and is required as space is limited. Class time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Cambridge Citywide Holocaust Commemoration 4/11

Temple Beth Shalom 8 Tremont Street, Cambridge
 Program includes music, remembrance and testimony from 7 – 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Peace Commission at 617-349-4694.

Patriots' Day Observance 4/16

Veterans' Services Department www.cambridgema.gov/vet
 The observance will be held at 10:45 a.m. at the Cambridge Common.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 4/21

Cambridge Public Works www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
 Held at the Mass National Guard Armory at 450 Concord Ave. from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cambridge residents only – proof of residency required.

Cambridge Science Festival Science Carnival 4/21

www.cambridgesciencefestival.org 617-253-6914
 See box at right.

May

MayFair in Harvard Square 5/6

www.harvardsquare.com 617-491-3434
 MayFair bursts with entertainment, including three stages of live music, children's rides, face painters, balloon twisters, puppeteers, dance troupes, and Harvard Square's famous street performers. Noon – 6 p.m.

Noon-6pm

Dance Month Month of May
www.dancecomplex.org 617-547-9363

A month-long celebration of dance. The kickoff party, held on May 5 at the Dance Complex, will include free food, live music, and a raffle.

GoGreen Month Month of May

www.cambridgema.gov/gogreen 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.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

April 21 – 29

Kickoff event:

Saturday April 21, Noon – 5 p.m.
Cambridge City Hall, 795 Mass. Ave.

The first ever Cambridge Science Festival kicks off with a Science Carnival that offers something for everyone. Dozens of activities with an emphasis on fun let you get up close and personal with science and technology. For a list of 150 events taking place throughout the city from April 21 – 29, visit www.cambridgesciencefestival.org, or call 617-253-6914 for more information.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY

Friday, July 6

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. For more information, visit www.cambridgema.com or call 617-349-4301.



GO GREEN MONTH

Month of May

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Charles River Skate Park Fundraiser

May (date TBA)

www.charlesriverskatepark.org

Join us for food, drink, and skate demonstrations in support of this park designed to draw area youth to the banks of the Charles River.

National Public Works Week

May (date TBA)

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

617-349-4800

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 5/28

Veterans' Services Department

www.cambridgema.gov/vet

At 9:30 a.m., a parade will proceed from the Cambridge Common, through Harvard Square, to the Cambridge Cemetery where an observance will begin at 11 a.m.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops

May 2, 9, 16, 23

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622

A free, four-week workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. See April listing for details.

June

“Peace Day” Celebration

6/2

City Hall will be open on this Saturday to provide a chance for sharing poetry, dance, performances, images, and resources. Peace Day will also celebrate the 25th anniversary year of the Cambridge Peace Commission.

Dragon Boat Festival

6/10

www.bostondragonboat.org

617-426-6500, x 778

A 2300 year old tradition transforms into an exciting sporting and cultural event on the Charles River. Includes races, crafts, and Asian foods.

28th Cambridge River Festival:

“Twist and Shout”

6/16

www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

A celebration of the city's cultural vitality through music, dance, and the arts. This year's theme “Twist and Shout” shines the spotlight on an exciting array of talented dance and musical performances. Noon to 6 p.m. (rain or shine).

Longfellow Bicentennial Summer Festival

Sundays, June – Aug

www.nps.gov/long

Enjoy a free poetry reading or musical event every Sunday from June 3 through Aug 16 (except June 10) in honor of the poet's 200th birthday.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops

June 6, 13, 20, 27

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

6/23

Cambridge Public Works

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

Held at the Mass National Guard Armory at 450 Concord Ave from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cambridge residents only – proof of residency required.

July

Summer in the City

July (dates & times vary)

www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

617-349-4380

Cambridge Arts Council produces an array of multicultural and interactive performances throughout the City's public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater, and puppetry for children between the ages of 4 and 11. These free events are open to the public.

City of Cambridge Dance Party

7/6

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July 11, 18, 25, & Aug 1

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Taste of Cambridge

7/19

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.

August

National Night Out Against Crime

8/7

www.ncctf.nhfind.com

617-349-4293

“A Going Away Party to Crime and Drugs!” held at Rindge Field, 70 Rindge Ave. from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy free amusements, a community cookout, wildlife demonstrations, a raffle, info on crime and drug prevention, and appearances by local police and community leaders.

Cambridge Carnival

8/26

Cambridge Carnival International, Inc. www.cambridgecarnival.com

A colorful and festive celebration in Kendall Square featuring dazzling handmade costumes, music, parades, dancing, food, and craft exhibits.

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Cambridge Discovery Walks

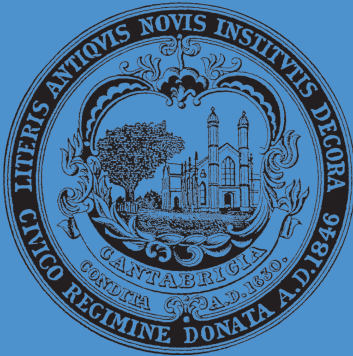
August (date TBA)

www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html

617-349-4683

Explore historic Cambridge in all its diversity on these informative neighborhood walks.

The Cambridge Life



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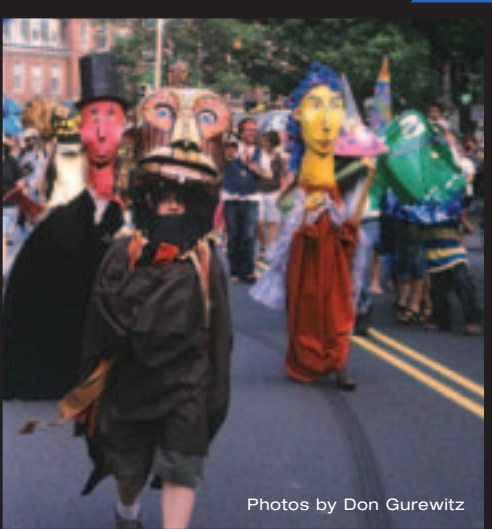
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