

## MESSAGE FROM THE City Manager

The City of Cambridge has participated in a number of exciting new projects. In March, we launched an innovative **\$100 million**

**energy initiative** known as the Cambridge Energy Alliance. In April, we sponsored the **Cambridge Science Festival**, the first of its kind in the United States. In May, we participated in the **2007 Bio® International Convention** held in Boston. Biotechnology has emerged as a most important focus for our business community and Cambridge has become one of the world's major biotech centers. Our proximity to renowned educational and research institutions, such as MIT and Harvard, and our access to an incredible pool of talent, have been key factors in enabling us to attract life science companies to Cambridge.

Cambridge remains one of only 20 cities in the U.S. to earn "AAA" ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. This achievement continues to affirm the sound financial practices of this administration and the City Council and maintains a strong fiscal position for the City.

Our **FY08 Operating Budget** reflects a modest 3.75% increase while still maintaining important City services and providing for capital improvements. We recently began construction on the Main Library Expansion, West Cambridge Youth and Community Center and the Public Safety Facility.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Cambridge has received numerous **local and national awards** in recent months for our work in a variety of areas. America's Promise -The Alliance for Youth chose Cambridge for a second time as one of the **100 Best Communities for Young People**. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave the City an **Environmental Merit Award** for its climate protection initiatives. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts gave Cambridge a **Sustainable Community Forestry Award** for having achieved the highest level of municipal forest management. The American Institute of Architects recognized two City-funded affordable housing projects in their national AIA "Show You're Green" program for **excellence in affordable green housing**. *ComputerWorld* Magazine listed Cambridge as one of the **Top City Web Sites** (for population 50,001 - 250,000) with an "A" grade in its report card for E-government.

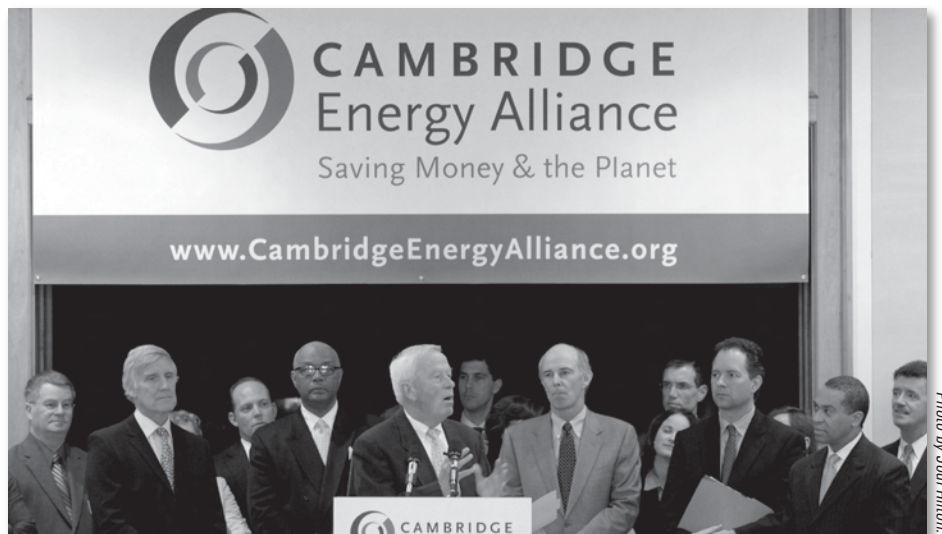
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## City Launches Innovative New Energy Conservation Initiative

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick recently joined Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy, Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves and other City officials, as well as the Kendall Foundation to launch a joint \$100 million energy efficiency initiative called the Cambridge Energy Alliance (CEA). This new non-profit organization will design, market, finance, manage and document unprecedented efficiency improvements in the use of energy, water and transportation in Cambridge. The efforts will lead to a substantial reduction in the carbon emissions of the City of Cambridge.

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City Manager Robert W. Healy, flanked by Mayor Ken Reeves on the left, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick on the right, and various other project collaborators explains the new Cambridge Energy Alliance initiative.

## CITY COUNCIL SETS FY08-09 GOALS

**GOAL:** Deliver high-quality Public Safety Services and maintain a high level of public confidence in these services.

**GOAL:** Promote the advantages of "Doing Business in Cambridge" and work to strengthen our mutually beneficial partnerships with businesses and universities. Highlight the unique benefits of Cambridge as a community in which to live and work; focus on transmitting the values and identity of Cambridge.

**GOAL:** Foster community and support Neighborhood Vitality. Support opportunities for citizens to know each other within their neighborhoods and across the city.

**GOAL:** Promote a Healthy Environment by adopting environmentally sound and energy efficient practices throughout the community.

**GOAL:** Provide High-Quality Services, including excellent customer service, effectively and efficiently and continually strive to update the public on city issues and services.

**GOAL:** Preserve and create Affordable Housing for low, moderate and middle-income residents.

**GOAL:** Evaluate City expenditures with a view of maintaining a strong fiscal position and awareness of the Impact on Taxpayers.

**GOAL:** Value and support the racial, socioeconomic, cultural and religious Diversity of our city. Cambridge will continue to be a city that welcomes, values and respects people of all abilities.

**GOAL:** Strengthen and support Public Education and other learning in Cambridge for the benefit of residents of all ages.

For a copy of the City Council Goals, including FY08 priority focus areas, please visit the City Council link on the City's Web site at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) or contact the City Council Office at 617-349-4280.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
2005 & 2006

**CITY DANCE PARTY**  
Friday, July 6, 7-11 p.m.



Photos by Charles Daniel.

# City Programs Give First-Time Buyers A Big Boost Toward Homeownership



The City and its non-profit partners have recently completed two innovative affordable housing developments along Massachusetts Avenue in North Cambridge. With Community Preservation Act funding from the Affordable Housing Trust, 22 new homeownership units and 32 new rental units have been added to the City's stock of affordable housing in well-designed buildings that will be assets to the neighborhood and City for years to come.

Trolley Square, developed by Homeowners Rehab, Inc. at the former trolley yard at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Cameron Ave., includes mixed-income affordable rental and homeownership units, community and retail space, and a new City park now under construction. The 32 rental units at Trolley Square are a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units, while all 8 homeownership units are three-bedroom townhouses. Trolley Square is a green development with energy efficient mechanical systems, electrical fixtures and elevator, water conserving plumbing fixtures, environmentally friendly building materials and photovoltaic panels which will reduce utility costs and provide electricity for the sub-surface parking garage.



Further up Mass. Ave, Just A Start recently completed the Gateview Condominium development. Built on the site of a former auto repair facility that sat vacant for many years, Gateview consists of 14 two- and three-bedroom units designed to serve families with children. Just A Start was able to take advantage of the unique shape of the site which stretches back from Mass. Ave, and create back yards for several of the Gateview units. Gateview was developed using Energy Star Home standards to ensure that each unit is energy efficient in order to minimize each owner's utility costs. Currently, 14 families and 35 children are now enjoying the benefits of affordable homeownership at Gateview Condominiums.

For more information on the First Time Homebuyer and other housing programs, please visit the Housing Division's Web site at [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg) or call 617-349-4622.

## HOME BUYER PROFILES

### Antonia & Marcell Harris and family



*"We had heard about the City's affordable homeownership programs, but thought that the programs were too good to be true. It wasn't until my son brought home one of the flyers from his school that I thought that it would not hurt to apply.*

*Winning a unit was very overwhelming and exciting. However, the timing of winning a unit could not have happened at a better time. Our apartment was rapidly becoming too small for our growing family.*

*Homeownership has helped us grow closer as a family. We now look forward to family nights, which will include enjoying our back yard."*

### LeJuanna Harris and family



*"I was always aware of the program from my job in banking. I took the First-time Homebuyer Class which provided me with lots of information, and really made homeownership seem obtainable.*

*My family lived in a two-bedroom market-rate apartment. My rent was more than my mortgage is now, and the apartment was not big enough for my family.*

*When I won the lottery, I kept it a secret. I gave my children key chains for Christmas with the key to our new home. It was the best gift ever!"*

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## Haas Named Police Commissioner

Former Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety Robert C. Haas took over as Police Commissioner for the City of Cambridge in April. Haas was appointed by City Manager Robert W. Healy following an extensive nationwide search to replace former Commissioner Ronnie Watson, who retired after 10 years of service.

In his most recent position, Haas was responsible for oversight of the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Corrections, the National Guard, the Department of Fire Services and numerous other criminal justice and public safety agencies of the Commonwealth. While serving, first as the Undersecretary for Law

Enforcement and Homeland Security, and later as the Secretary, he focused on improving the law enforcement response to homeland security matters and encouraging innovations in police responsiveness to community needs. He had the major leadership role in developing and implementing improved procedures and reporting requirements to ensure that police departments were not engaged in racial profiling through their enforcement activities. Haas also worked on improving the transition of prisoners to civilian life after their incarceration, an important issue in Cambridge.

Prior to his assignment with the Commonwealth, Haas served for 12 years as the Police Chief for the Town of Westwood. He excelled in developing collaborative partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, schools, social service providers and community groups.

"Throughout his career, Commissioner Haas has distinguished himself through his leadership, dedication, hard work, imagination and commitment to making law enforcement agencies more responsive to community needs and concerns," said Healy. "He approaches law enforcement from the perspective of customer service as well as crime prevention and apprehension."

## Fire Hydrant Testing through June 29

*Testing may Cause Water Discoloration & Clothing Stains*

Cambridge Water and Fire departments will be conducting annual fire hydrant maintenance and testing weekdays between 9 a.m.-2 p.m., through June 29. Hydrant testing helps ensure maximum operability. This process can disturb sediment that naturally occurs in the water piping system and may cause discoloration of water from faucets and toilets for several hours after testing. Discolored water does not usually present a health hazard though concerned residents should avoid drinking it. Residents should also check their water before doing laundry as the discolored water may stain clothes. The Water Department can provide residents with a wash additive to remove stains. Please see the schedule below or call the Cambridge Fire Department at 617-349-4971 between 8-8:45 a.m. for daily test locations.

For questions on water quality, call Ed Dowling, Cambridge Water Department at 617-349-4780. Below are remaining test dates for Cambridge neighborhoods:



INMAN SQUARE	Engine 5	Area C	June 4-15
FRESH POND PKWY	Engine 9	Area D	
CAMBRIDGEPORT	Engine 2	Area B	June 18-29
NORTH CAMBRIDGE	Engine 8	Area C	

## CAMBRIDGE LIFE MAGAZINE & RESOURCE GUIDE

The City of Cambridge has published the spring-summer edition of The Cambridge Life magazine and City resource guide. This free, biannual publication includes articles on City programs, a helpful City resources section, newcomers' information and a calendar of select events. The Cambridge Life can be picked up at news boxes in the City's major squares, at Cambridge City Hall and at library branches. It can be viewed online at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

For copies, call 617-349-4339.



## RESIDENT PERMIT PHOTO CONTEST

The Department of Traffic, Parking & Transportation is accepting digital photos of City buildings and historic Cambridge landmarks for the 2008 Residential Parking Permit Photo Contest. The winning photo will be displayed on the 2008 resident parking permit. Last year's event was an overwhelming success, with 188 submissions. The winning photo of the Registry of Deeds was taken by Cambridge resident Nimesh Patel. Although we can only pick one winner, many of the outstanding photo submissions are also displayed on the City's Web site and on the Traffic Department's Photo Gallery Web page. Photographs for this year's contest may be E-mailed (in jpeg format) until July 31, 2007 to: [rppcontest@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rppcontest@cambridgema.gov). Please note that the City of Cambridge reserves the right to use any photo submissions on its Web site, in any City publications and as a submission to third parties, with proper photo credit being given.

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Specifically, the Cambridge Energy Alliance aims to reduce peak load electricity demand by 15%; reduce annual electricity and water consumption by 10% city-wide; and achieve a participation rate of 50% in each sector (e.g. municipal, commercial and residential); and reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions from the city by 10% by 2011. Funding from the Kendall, Barr and Chorus Foundations has financed the start-up of the Alliance. About 80% of the funding for installation of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies will come from private sources and 20% will come from electrical utility incentive programs. None of the funds will come from local or state government.

The Energy Alliance will help residents, businesses and institutions deal with three issues that often stand in the way of taking action: figuring out what to do, finding the right people to do it and obtaining the funds to pay for it. CEA will have technical experts to help people find ways to answer these questions, including low-interest loans that will be repaid out of documented energy savings.

"The Cambridge Energy Alliance will make the community a better place economically and environmentally," said City Manager Robert W. Healy. "This is a very innovative approach that brings together unique financing, the latest in energy and building technology and a broad outreach program that will allow us to reach a much larger number of households and businesses than past efforts. With this approach, the City will be able to make big strides toward its goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and at the same time make our households, businesses and institutions more resilient against rising energy prices. I'm very pleased that the Kendall Foundation has chosen the City of Cambridge to be its partner in pioneering this new approach that we can share with other communities throughout the region and beyond."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**, please visit [www.cambridgeenergyalliance.org](http://www.cambridgeenergyalliance.org) or contact CEA Project Manager Deborah Donovan at 617-349-4674.

## RODENT CONTROL IS A TEAM EFFORT

Rodents are an unavoidable part of life in any city. The City of Cambridge is committed to confronting this

problem by addressing rodent problems on public property, working to control rodents during construction projects, enforcing sanitary codes and ordinances and educating the public. By working together with local businesses and property owners, we can make Cambridge as free from rodents as possible. A rodent control program is only effective if everyone takes responsibility for keeping their properties as rodent-proof as possible.

### 10 Tips on Rodent Control

1. Store garbage in metal or heavy plastic containers with tight lids.
2. Place trash outside shortly before pickup; don't leave plastic garbage bags outside overnight.
3. Remove weeds and debris near buildings and in yards; don't give rats a place to hide.
4. Store opened food in metal or glass containers with tight lids.
5. Don't leave extra pet food out.
6. Sweep up food remains, litter and trash, inside and outside your home.
7. Inspect your basement and house for cracks and holes; seal them with mortar.
8. Ensure windows have screens; inspect for holes.
9. Keep outside doors closed; use metal trim to prevent rodents from gnawing and entering underneath.
10. Don't provide hiding places for rodents; store materials such as lumber and boxes on a rack with a clean, open area underneath. Get rid of unused material.

### Be Smart About Trash

- Trash placed at curb the night before collection (after 6pm) must be in rodent resistant barrels with tight fitting lids.
- Trash in plastic bags can only be placed at the curb on the day of collection, no later than 7 am. No thin, grocery or kitchen bags. Only heavy duty bags are acceptable.
- To avoid injury to workers, trash cannot exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds.
- Use lids when storing trash and inspect receptacles regularly for holes.
- Clean trash storage areas regularly to avoid exposed garbage.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

June 23 & October 13 (9am - 1pm)

National Guard Armory, 450 Concord Ave



### SCRAP METAL ACCEPTED AT RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

147 Hampshire Street

Open Tues. & Thurs., 4-7:30pm & Saturdays, 9am-4pm.

Call 617-349-4800 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/recycle](http://www.cambridgema.gov/recycle).

### Keep Your Garden and Composter Free from Rodents

- Pick up fallen fruit or garden vegetables.
- Cover up food in your composter with leaves, paper towels or other "brown" carbon materials. No meat, bones, fat, dairy or oily cooked foods.
- Keep your composter 1.5 feet from any wall and the area around it free from weeds or tall grasses.
- Keep your composter moist and active. Shut the lid tight.
- Pick up a free piece of 1/2-inch wire mesh from DPW to place underneath your composter to prevent burrowing.
- Put bird food in feeders only and don't overfeed. Store seeds in containers with tight lids.

Any time you see a rat, contact us at: 617-349-4899 or via E-mail: [rodents@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rodents@cambridgema.gov).

**For a property inspection and advice on how to control a rodent problem, please contact us at 617-349-4800 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks).**

### Father Callanan Playground Renovation

A comprehensive renovation of the Father Callanan Playground at the Tobin School will begin this summer. Where today this area has one playground, the renovation will create three age-appropriate play spaces. One section will feature a new accessible play structure geared to elementary school children, adjacent to the school in a currently underused hard surfaced area. A new play area for toddlers will be built nearby with a separate fenced play structure. In addition to the play structures, both the elementary and toddler play areas will have swings and waterplay features. A half basketball court with both a regulation and an accessible backstop will also be located adjacent to the school. Nearer to Concord Avenue at the location of the current tot lot, a new full basketball court as well as a new grassy area, picnic tables and benches will be created. A \$200,000 Urban Self Help Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) will augment City funds for these significant site improvements. Renovations will be complete by December 2007.

### New Web Site Honors Cambridge Women



The Cambridge Women's Heritage Project recently launched a new Web site in honor of Cambridge Women past and present. The database contains over 400 women, among whom are writers, scientists, college presidents, social activists, poets, physicians, abolitionists, suffragists, artists, a Native American chief, and even an accused witch. Visit the new web page at:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/cwhp>

PHOTO: Maria L. Baldwin



# Why Should We Care About Trees in the City?



TREE CITY USA®



Try and imagine what life in Cambridge would be like without any trees. You could conjure up some pretty stark images. We take our street trees for granted, as if they occur naturally. The truth is, the urban environment we've created has very little in common with the natural habitats of most plant material. It's tough to be a street tree in the city, and they need our help. The care and management of our street trees and the urban forest in which we live is a civic responsibility in which we can all play a part.

So the next time you walk by a street tree, think for a moment what you can do to improve the health of our most prominent landscape feature.

**DOES YOUR STREET TREE NEED WATER?** One inch per week is sufficient, more in mid-summer or times of serious drought.

**HAVE WEEDS IN THE TREE WELL GROWN OUT OF CONTROL?** Pull them out, it only takes a minute or two for pleasing results.

**ORGANIZE A NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP.** Call the Public Works Dept. at 617-349-4846. We can help.

**PLANT A TREE AND WATER IT.** Spring is a great time for planting. If you want a tree planted in an empty tree well near your home, please call us at 617-349-6433 to discuss. We typically accommodate requests for planting the following season. If you have space on your property, plant a big tree and water it.

**IT MAKES GOOD SENSE TO APPRECIATE OUR CITY TREES BECAUSE:**

- Trees provide oxygen without which life as we know it would not be possible.
- Trees provide shade from the glare of the sun. They cool our streets, sidewalks, parking lots and play areas. Cities are heat islands that can be 5-10 degrees warmer than surrounding areas, and cities spread each year.
- Trees mitigate stormwater runoff and help prevent flooding.
- Trees are a highly valued piece of community life. They make our spaces more enjoyable, relaxing and cooler during the hotter months.

We are proud of our national recognition as a **Tree City USA** and consider the ongoing process of tree care management an integral part of life in Cambridge. The trees we plant and care for today, will cool and beautify our neighborhoods, increase property values, help clean the air and water, and conserve energy for years to come.

## 2007 CITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The City of Cambridge congratulates the winners of the **2007 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**. Each year, the city awards approximately 25 scholarships of \$2,500 each to Cambridge high school seniors and others interested in pursuing higher education. This year, a record-setting 225 scholarship applications were received. Of these applicants, the City of Cambridge Scholarship Committee selected 30 students. This scholarship is made possible through the generous annual contribution of many Cambridge residents and businesses.

**THE 2007 CITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:** Hannah Prum, Brittany Zenus, Marilyn Paschal, Safia Abdi, Elene Ketema, Ashley Ocasio, Suzanna Shrestha, Mohammed Washim, Primerose Leon, Habtamu Andarge, Dariana Marrufosoto, Corina McCarthy-Fadel, Aliazar Asefa, Wendy Kwan, Emebet Mulugeta Hailemariam, Lia Elizabeth Barnes-Lenart, Ruth Rene, Maria Toledano, Hugueline Leon, Mekonen Gendebo, Marcel Moran, Amanuel Tollosa, Carmen Hsieh, Vanessa Ward, Bilkis Dugla, Alan Ibrahim, Zephyr Doles, Dania Fenelon, Wyliena Guan, Daneiris Heredia-Perez.

## Cambridge Receives \$25k Tree Planting Grant

Cambridge has been selected to receive a Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Urban Forestry Challenge Grant for 2007. The \$25,000 matching grant will be used to help plant about 50 new trees along Prospect Street.

This planting initiative was developed in response to recommendations from the Prospect Street Corridor Study, a series of public meetings held in 2006 to discuss a planning vision for the future of the area. The goals that emerged from these discussions included improving the pedestrian experience along the sidewalks, improving the image of the streetscape through additional "greening," and creating stronger visual continuity throughout the corridor. Additional trees will benefit community members who live, work and walk along Prospect Street by providing added shade, improving air quality and enhancing the overall attractiveness of the environment.

The tree planting will be overseen jointly by the Community Development and Public Works departments.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Cambridge youth will have an opportunity this summer to participate in art, music, dance and outdoor adventures. The Community School programs will sponsor nine, full-day licensed camps located in Cambridge Public School buildings throughout the city. Families can choose the camp program that accommodates their work schedules or addresses their child's individual interest. Some camps will run for eight weeks, from June 25 through August 17, while others will run for seven weeks, from July 2 through August 17. Hours of operations are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. or 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Camps include sports, swim lessons, field trips to local parks, beaches, museums and nature science centers. Many camps also have a theme-based curriculum. Language, arts, math and literacy are integrated into the curriculum through our collaboration with the Cambridge Public Library Summer Reading program and Title One Summer Literacy. Camp staff are experienced professionals, certified in CPR and First Aid and trained in inclusion and project-based curriculum.

## MORNING ARTS IN THE PARKS

This summer, the Community Schools Division is sponsoring *Arts in the Parks*, a program of morning art activities accompanied by performances from local artists. The performers introduce children and families to puppets, plays, circus acts, magic and dance at six City parks: Sennott Park, Dana Cooper, Maple Avenue, Columbia Street and in the open space behind the Kennedy Longfellow School. Family Park potlucks with entertainment are scheduled for evenings throughout the summer.

## FAMILY NIGHTS IN THE PARKS

The Department of Human Service Programs' Recreation Division, in conjunction with the Youth Division, is planning a series of Family Nights in the Parks for the summer of 2007. The events will be comprised of performances, arts and crafts and a "Screen on the Green" family movie series. The parks and adjoining youth centers selected, in case of inclement weather, are Donnelly Field/Frisoli Youth Center, Sennott Park/Area Four Youth Center, Hoyt Field/Moore Youth Center and Rindge Field/Gately Youth Center. The series will culminate with a "Drive-In" movie at Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park.

For more information, call 617-349-6200 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2).

# CAMBRIDGE: CITY OF PEACE



ONE CITY – ONE WORLD

2007: Cambridge Peace Commission's 25th Anniversary [www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html)

In February 2007, the Cambridge City Council passed a resolution in honor of the Cambridge Peace Commission's 25th anniversary, declaring "Cambridge as a City of Peace." The resolution invites all of Cambridge to make connections to peace.



Include themes of peace and justice in upcoming activities. Here are some ideas:

- Reflection on Peace • Interfaith Programs
- Family Meetings • Book Displays
- Exhibit of Children's Art
- Roundtables or Speakers • Peace Organizing
- Multicultural Celebrations
- Anti-Violence Speak-outs • Display a Peace Flag
- Get a City of Peace bumper sticker from the Peace Commission

## Peace Day Celebration June 2

Join the Peace Day celebration Saturday, June 2, from 1-5 p.m., at Cambridge City Hall (795 Massachusetts Avenue) and the Senior Center (806 Massachusetts Avenue). There will be opportunities for all ages to recognize Cambridge as a City of Peace including poetry, dance, performances, peace games, dialogues, conversation, videos and inspiration. Peace Day is a time to listen, participate, be with friends and neighbors and celebrate. At 4:30 p.m., everyone is invited to make a human peace sign in front of City Hall.

## Circles for Peace Fall 2007

Would you like to be more connected to your neighbors? Are you looking for creative ways to "build peace" at the local level? Are you concerned about safety in the neighborhood or the larger world? This fall, the Peace Commission will be organizing "community circles" - opportunities for small groups to meet, talk about issues relating to violence and share possibilities for peace-building. The groups will be co-led by young people and adults within our neighborhoods. To join the peace circle or get trained to lead a circle, contact the Cambridge Peace Commission.

Consider joining the **City's Peace Commission** to work for peace education, make global connections, engage in dialogue about war and militarism, support restorative justice and contribute to making Cambridge a true "City of Peace." Contact the Cambridge Peace Commission at 617-349-4694 or via E-mail: [peace@cambridgema.gov](mailto:peace@cambridgema.gov) to share your ideas, find out how you can participate or get a City of Peace bumper sticker.

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### Memorial Day Parade & Observance May 28

Join the Veterans' Services Department for its annual Memorial Day Parade & Observance Monday, May 28. Parade departs at 9:30 a.m. from Cambridge Common through Harvard Square to the Cambridge Cemetery, 76 Coolidge Avenue, for the observance at 11 a.m. Call 617-349-4764.

### Peace Day Celebration June 2 (see above)

### Dragon Boat Festival June 10

A 2,300 year old tradition transforms into an exciting sports and cultural event on the Charles River. Includes races, crafts and Asian Foods. Visit [www.bostondragonboat.org](http://www.bostondragonboat.org).

### Cambridge River Festival June 16 (see pg. 7)

### Summer in the City July & August (see pg. 7)

### Taste of Cambridge July 19

This annual food tasting extravaganza at Technology Square, featuring an array of Cambridge restaurants is a must-do! Visit [www.TasteofCambridge.com](http://www.TasteofCambridge.com).

### City of Cambridge Dance Party July 6 (7-11 p.m.)

Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this annual summer celebration that offers musical sounds for people of all ages.

### National Night Out Against Crime August 7

Enjoy free amusements, a community cookout, wildlife demonstrations, a raffle, information on crime & drug prevention, and appearances by local police and community leaders. Visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) after July 25.

### Cambridge Discovery Walks August 11 & 18

Explore historic Cambridge during these free walking tours presented by the Cambridge Historical Commission. Inspired by the bicentennial of the birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (born February 27, 1807), many tours and programs will focus on Cambridge poets and poetry. Call 617-349-4683 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html](http://www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html).

### Cambridge Carnival August 26

A colorful and festive celebration in Kendall Square featuring dazzling handmade costumes, music, parades, dancing, food and craft exhibits. Presented by Cambridge Carnival International. For info visit: [www.cambridgecarnival.com](http://www.cambridgecarnival.com).



# CAC CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

## 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RIVER FESTIVAL June 16<sup>th</sup>



Photo by Don Gutewitz

**C'mon, c'mon, baby, now (AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY!)** to the banks of the Charles River for the 28th Annual Cambridge River Festival (CRF) Saturday, June 16, Noon-6pm

This year's theme, **Twist and Shout**, celebrates the arts loudly and proudly along one of Cambridge's most idyllic spots, the Charles River. The Cambridge River Festival, a FREE, one-day celebration of the arts, presented by the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC), draws over 100,000 people of all ages to this annual summer kickoff event. Enjoy a day of music, dance, poetry, visual art, hands-on art activities, international food and handmade arts & crafts for sale. Multiple stages feature a bevy of amazing artists, including an exciting line-up of talents from the Regattabar at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square, the leading jazz club in the New England area. Cambridge River Festival is held on a mile-long stretch of Memorial Drive from Western Avenue to JFK Street in Cambridge. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org).

**Volunteers Needed!** If interested, e-mail [adunbar@cambridgema.gov](mailto:adunbar@cambridgema.gov), or call 617-349-4380.

## Summer in the City PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN



### **Singers and stories and puppets ... Oh My!**

It's the welcome return of the annual Summer in the City performance series for children! This July and August, join us for fun summertime entertainment popping up at public parks in all 13 Cambridge neighborhoods. Summer in the City, produced by Cambridge Arts Council, offers an array of free, multicultural and interactive performances, including dance, music, storytellers, theatre and puppetry. Designed for children ages 4-11, performances are approximately 45 minutes long. For the 2007 schedule, call 617-349-4380 or visit [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org).

Photo by Phoebe Sinclair

## Summer Fun CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS & FAMILIES



All children, kindergartners through fourth graders, are invited to join the 2007 Cambridge Public Library Summer Reading Program!

Sign up as a summer reader and discover books you'll love! For every three hours of reading, you will receive a prize! Interested in pyramids, mummies and hieroglyphics? Check out the walls and displays at your neighborhood library! Come to intriguing summer programs, including puppet shows, demonstrations by the Museum of Science, *Rainforest Reptiles*, Egyptian style jewelry making and An Artful Adventure to Egypt (presented by the Museum of Fine Arts). For more information, please call 617-349-4409 or TTY 617-349-4421.

FOR PRETEENS AND TEENS

## STUFF

Join *STUFF*, the summer reading program for young adults at the Cambridge Public Library. Sign up at your neighborhood library and start reading! Earn a raffle ticket for every three hours of reading. Keep your summer exciting, relaxing and interesting...stop by and explore the huge collection of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. Join us for the Great Pizza Taste-off on July 13! Visit our Website, [www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org).

## FREE MUSEUM PASSES!

Did you know that all branches of the Cambridge Public Library have free or discounted tickets to many museums and even zoos? Call 617-349-4044 for more information.

## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

A free program for adults who want to practice their spoken English. Call 617-349-4010 for dates and times.

## FRIDAY MORNING WALKING CLUB

Combine fitness with learning through participation in 45-60 minute walks that explore local neighborhoods using varying routes and themes. The group meets at the Main Library's current location, 359 Broadway, at 10 a.m. For more information, call 617-349-4044.

**Cool Ways to Beat the Heat**

High temperatures increase your risk of heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. To stay cool and safe this summer, follow these tips.

- Call 911 if you see someone with signs of heat stroke. What to look for: high temperature, vomiting, unconsciousness or semi-consciousness, fast and weak pulse, rapid and shallow breathing, and damp or red, hot and dry skin.
- The sun is strongest between 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., so spend part of that time indoors or in the shade.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply sunscreen 30 to 45 minutes before going outdoors and reapply it every two hours.
- Wear a hat and light-colored clothing.
- Drink plenty of water, especially when exercising.
- Never leave children or pets in your car! Temperatures inside cars can rise dramatically, causing heat stroke – or even death – within a very short time.

**Summer Food Safety**

This summer, be extra careful when preparing foods that spoil quickly, such as meat, poultry, seafood and egg products. Some tips:

- Wash your hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds before and after handling food.
- Always marinate raw meat in the refrigerator, and don't reuse this marinade on cooked foods.
- Use a food thermometer to make certain that meat and fish reach a safe internal temperature.
- Wash anything that touches raw meat, including plates, silverware, cutting boards, and your hands.
- Germs grow easily in warm weather. Keep hot food hot (above 140° F) and cold foods cold (below 40° F).
- At picnics and barbecues, don't let seafood, meat or foods prepared with mayonnaise or eggs stay out for more than one or two hours.
- Pack your cooler with plenty of ice or freezer packs and store it in the shade.

For more information, contact the Cambridge Public Health Department at 617-665-3800 or visit [www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org).

**New Chief Public Health Officer**

Claude-Alix Jacob, MPH, joined the Cambridge Public Health Department in April as Chief Public Health Officer for the City of Cambridge. Jacob most recently served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Health Promotion at the Illinois Department of Public Health in which he oversaw health promotion activities related to chronic disease prevention, oral health education, children's health screenings and injury prevention. He also managed communicable disease programs for the Baltimore City Health Department and served as Director of Community Affairs at the Sinai Community Institute in Chicago.

*Special thanks to Karen Hacker, MD, Interim Chief Public Health Officer, for her leadership during the transition after former director, Harold Cox, left the City to take on a new position.*



**2007 STATE ELECTION DATES**  
**Special State Primary - May 29, 2007**  
**Special State Election - June 26, 2007**  
**Municipal Election - November 6, 2007**  
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