

MESSAGE FROM THE



City Manager

It is a true pleasure for me to write my first *CityView* message to the residents of

Cambridge. My career with the City began in 1971 in the Water Department. I became the Deputy City Manager in 1981 and on July 1, 2013, I became Cambridge's first new City Manager in more than three decades. As City Manager, I am looking forward to continuing our City's strong commitment to excellence in public service. Joining my leadership team is Lisa Peterson, the new Deputy City Manager. Previously, Lisa was the Commissioner of Public Works and she brings to my administration a strong managerial background, a proven record of community outreach and a deep knowledge of the needs of our City.

My administration is currently focusing on several initiatives. We are examining new ways of utilizing technology to improve the delivery of City services and to increase community engagement. Our commitment to ensuring resiliency and sustainability in our approach to growth, climate and urban planning is resolute, as is our determination to decrease energy consumption in our buildings. Also, the City is fostering our children's success by focusing on early childhood education, on healthy eating and physical activity, and on programs that strengthen families.

I hope that you will utilize our social media channels and our website, www.cambridgema.gov, to stay informed or to provide feedback about City issues, services and activities.

Alewife Reservation Constructed Wetland Opens



After a long and collaborative effort between the City's Public Works Department, the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority and the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation, the three agencies celebrated the grand opening of the Alewife Constructed Wetland just west of Alewife T Station in mid October. The 3.4-acre wetland is designed to store and treat stormwater runoff before it enters the Little River. Several types of habitats have been created to enrich and enhance the biodiversity that already exists in the Alewife Reservation. The wetland also provides recreational amenities, including a boardwalk and scenic overlooks, environmental education opportunities, an amphitheater designed with seating for a class of students, interpretive signage, and links to the Alewife Greenway Extension's bike and pedestrian paths.

New Home for Community Learning Center, Multi-Service Center and Cambridge Housing Authority



Students and staff from the Community Learning celebrate at the entrance to the new location. One student proudly commented: "This building is like my second home." (Photo by Felipe Vaquerano).

Earlier this year, City officials hosted a grand opening of the renovated building at 5 Western Ave. that now houses the Cambridge Community Learning Center, Multi-Service Center for the Homeless and Cambridge Housing Authority. It was later dedicated as the Alice K. Wolf Center, in honor of her many years of public service for Cambridge and Massachusetts. Previously housing the Cambridge Police Department, the 80-year old building, an historical landmark, underwent an \$18 million "green" conversion expected to lead to a high gold "LEED" certification by the US Green Building Council. The dramatic transformation of the building incorporated the latest in sustainable technology.

Community Development

Got Wheels? Road Sharing Tips!



Cycling in Cambridge has tripled since 2000; the City focuses its efforts on creating a safe and engaging street environment.

As bicycling grows in popularity, Cambridge leads the way with a Bicycle Friendly Community Gold rating and the highest Bike Score (92) in the nation. Creating a safe and convenient environment for cyclists is a City priority, implemented through planning, design, education and enforcement efforts. Safe sharing of the road is key—simple practices and respectful behavior can save lives.

If you drive:

- **Open Right:** Always look for bikes before opening a vehicle door. By learning to use the right hand to open the door, those on the driver-side of vehicles will automatically turn their body to look over their shoulder, and likely exit the vehicle with more control. This reduces the risk of “dooring,” a major hazard to cyclists travelling near parked cars.
- **Look First:** Always look for cyclists and pedestrians when you turn left, right or exit a driveway, side street or parking space.
- **Never park or drive in a bike lane.** You may only cross bike lane space as you park or turn.

****Request free “Watch for Bikes” decals** for your rear view and side mirrors to remind you to look for bikes before making turns and opening doors.

Visit: www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bycar.aspx

If you bike:

- Always use a light at night.
- Watch for car doors – ride at least three feet from parked cars.
- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Ride with the direction of traffic and follow signs and traffic signals.

Visit: www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bybike/Safety.aspx

Announcing Hubway Year-Round Pilot in Cambridge

Visit: www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/transportation/gettingaroundcambridge/bikeshare.aspx

Getting to Net Zero



The new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School will be the City's first municipal net-zero energy project.

Climate protection and reducing our carbon footprint to mitigate climate change has been a high priority for the City of Cambridge. Cambridge has been recognized as a national leader for its commitment to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and efforts to become a greener city and a model for other communities. To this end, Cambridge citizens have garnered strong support for accelerated efforts to reduce carbon emissions from the built environment, thus catalyzing constructive community dialogue and the adoption of “net zero” as a long-term goal for the city.

City Manager Richard C. Rossi has established a Getting to Net Zero Task Force to advise on ways to put Cambridge on the trajectory towards becoming a “net zero community,” including reducing energy use intensity of buildings and taking advantage of opportunities to harvest energy from renewable resources.

The Task Force will examine strategies and develop recommendations to address the following:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the built environment;
- improve energy efficiency and conservation in existing and new buildings;
- support renewable energy generation both on- and off-site; and
- best practices to engage/educate users and influence occupant behavior.

Comprising subject matter experts and community stakeholders, and supported by City staff and technical consultants, the Task Force will work collaboratively to develop actionable recommendations that are comprehensive, practical and implementable, while bold in their vision. These may include changes to City ordinances, zoning, policies and other directives. The group will meet throughout 2014 to deliver final recommendations by the end of the year. A multi-pronged public engagement process to obtain input from the broader community will be part of the work plan.

Visit: www.cambridgema.gov/netzero

Eastern Cambridge/Kendall Open Space (ECKOS) Planning



A new park area on Rogers Street (between Second and Third) opened to the public this summer and will be integrated into a larger network through the ECKOS planning process.

Planning for open space in the Eastern Cambridge/Kendall Square area is well under way, with a City Manager-appointed study committee working with City staff, consultants and the community to establish a network of well connected, managed, and programmed parks and open spaces. Since spring 2013, several

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public meetings and two walking tours have provided useful information about community needs and open space potential; larger community forums will occur as planning work continues. More than five acres of new and renovated public open space are slated for this part of the City over the next few years, beginning with the new 2-acre parcel at Third and Rogers streets that opened to the public in August 2013.

As part of this collaborative process, the City will hire a coordinator to manage an open space planning and design competition to encourage creative ideas and thinking regarding not only open space design, but also connections, programming and place making. The results will be used to guide the creation of exceptional, visionary open spaces, further promote the growing innovative character of the study area, and help to create a sense of place and community.

For more information, updates and materials visit: www.cambridgema.gov/kendallopenspace or contact Taha Jennings at tjennings@cambridgema.gov

Supporting Commercial Vitality: East Cambridge Survey



Results from the East Cambridge Intercept Survey will inform the City's efforts to support the commercial district.

In September, the Community Development Department (CDD) conducted the East Cambridge Customer Intercept Survey, spanning Cambridge Street from Inman Square to Lechmere Station. The purpose of the commercial districts survey program is to allow CDD's Economic Development Division to have a better understanding of what Cambridge residents and customers want in their commercial districts. Understanding the different types of consumers in each district will enable us

to better assist entrepreneurs to find locations where their businesses can succeed; help current business owners understand the local market and help property owners recruit potential businesses to fill vacant storefronts.

With the help of over 20 community volunteers in East Cambridge, we received over 270 survey responses, 66% of which were from Cambridge residents. We look forward to sharing the responses with the community in the upcoming months.

Preserving Affordability: Another Success



Nonprofit purchase of Putnam Square Apartments preserves affordability of 94 units for seniors in Harvard Square.

In August 2013, Putnam Square Apartments was successfully purchased by local non-profit developer Homeowners Rehab, Inc. (HRI), thereby securing affordability of 94 apartments for seniors. Built in the early 1970s by Harvard University, the development is located on Mt. Auburn Street in Harvard Square. When the University announced its intention to sell the property last year, City officials, with the support of the City Council, worked diligently with the tenant association and tenant advocates to see that it would be sold to an experienced affordable housing developer who would preserve affordability for the long term and complete important building upgrades. Harvard's selection of HRI as purchaser, and the University's commitment to provide additional resources to help tenants access services, will ensure that residents will be well-served for years to come. Since purchasing the property, HRI has made improvements, including a new heating system and elevators, and has applied for funding for a comprehensive building renovation.

The preservation of Putnam Square Apartments comes on the heels of several other recent housing preservation successes in Cambridge, including Bishop Allen Apartments, Chapman Arms Apartments, Inman Square Apartments, Cambridge Court Apartments and CAST 2 Apartments.

Improve Your Home – Affordably

The Cambridge Home Improvement Program (HIP) provides low-interest and deferred payment home improvement loans as well as technical assistance in selecting and working with home improvement contractors. Assistance is available to income-eligible owners of condominiums, single family homes and 2- to 4-unit multi-family homes. For more information, contact Kevin McCormick at 617-349-4620 or kmccormick@cambridgema.gov.

Cambridgeport Parks Celebrated



In September, residents of all ages celebrated the re-opening of Alberico Park, Fulmore Park and Old Morse (David Nunes) Park in Cambridgeport with music, food, entertainment and giveaways!

Together, these neighborhood focused parks provide a unique opportunity to establish play environments and gathering spaces in the context of an open space system that offers a wide range of activities for users of all ages and physical abilities.

Visit: www.cambridgema.gov/3/cambridgeportparks.

CPL News

It has been a busy time at the Cambridge Public Library. The Main Library launched a new poetry series in honor of Louisa Solano, owner of the Grolier Book Shop from 1974-2006 and patron of the poetry community. Solano's significant donation to the Cambridge Room, the Library's Archives and Special Collections, include a substantial collection of signed first editions from members of the Cambridge poetry community. The former Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky and poets Gail Mazur, David Ferry and Frank Bidart read their recent work to capacity crowds.



Photo: Poet Robert Pinsky and Library Director Susan Flannery.

Cambridge READS hosted Edwidge Danticant, who discussed her latest novel *Claire of the Sea Light* after a gorgeous presentation on Haitian dance by Jean Appolon Expressions, the premier Haitian dance company based in Cambridge and Haiti. This year's Cambridge READS author event was our first live-tweeted event **#CREADS2013**

Sam Baltrusis, a featured expert on paranormal activity for the Biography Channel, scared adults with stories about the Ghosts of Cambridge, while Storyteller Tony Toledo, helped our trick-or-treaters end Halloween Night with a good scare. Harvard University Professor Maria Tatar spoke to a captive audience about why *Red Riding Hood* is all the rage during her presentation *Predator and Prey in Fairy Tales Today*. The Commission for Persons with Disabilities sponsored a free screening of *The Silver Linings Playbook*, and the author, Matthew Quick visited the Main Library a week later to read from his latest novel, *Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock*.

Science Saturdays, presented by the MIT Society of Women Engineers, were a

slimy hit. Bookshop, our hybrid book group and technology workshop for middle schoolers, made a Lego film version of *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never Ending Search for a Cure* by Jim Murphy and Alison Blank.

With Winter break just around the corner, why not stop by the Main Library, or your favorite branch, and borrow a pre-loaded Nook filled with what Cantabrigian's love to read! Nooks are small and compact, and feature a built-in light for late night reading and adjustable font size. We have options for everyone in the family and can show you how to use our Nooks, or connect to Overdrive, our free downloadable book service, with a device you already own.

Connect with the Cambridge Public Library on social media and learn about even more amazing events! Follow **CambridgePL** on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube!



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Let the Public Play @ CAC Gallery

From December 2013 through Spring 2014, the CAC Gallery located at the Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor, will be transformed into a fully interactive and evolving play-space with hands-on fun and playful opportunities for all generations! *Let the Public Play* is a three-part, multi-scale project, developed by the Cambridge Arts Council in response to recommendations of the Healthy Parks & Playgrounds Task Force, the City initiative to build a more playful Cambridge for all ages and abilities.

Simultaneous with the CAC Gallery exhibition, *Let the Public Play* will include interactive outdoor sculptures designed by Adam Simha and Skylar Tibbits that will be temporarily installed in Jill Brown-Rhone Memorial Park in Central Square and in other public locations in Cambridge. The sculptures will demonstrate how play is important not only for children in playgrounds and parks, but throughout life, along our streetscapes and sidewalks and for short or long-term engagement.

A small-scale, playful printed piece designed by Rick Rawlins will be the third component of the project. In its entirety, *Let the Public Play* will inspire residents and visitors to consider the benefits of play more seriously and increase opportunities to build play into our urban environment and throughout our day.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call 617-349-4380 or visit: www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.

Panel Portrays Historic Contribution of Women in Cambridgeport

Through a joint project of the Cambridge Women's Commission and Cambridge Historical Commission, two local historians recently collaborated to create a large four-panel display highlighting the important contributions Cambridgeport women made to the vibrancy of the community from 1865 to 1975. Originally displayed at Cambridgeport History Day in 2013, the panels showcase women's participation in industry, business, social organizations, education, the arts and philanthropic movements. These panels provide a small glimpse into the vital impact women have had on Cambridgeport and continue to underscore the need to "write women back into history." The panels can be found on the Women's Commission's website: www.cambridgewomenscommission.org.



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Snow Emergency Parking Bans and Property Owner Responsibilities

Ice and Snow-Free Sidewalks are Everyone's Responsibility

Snow Emergency Parking Bans

With winter just around the corner, here are a few important reminders regarding snow emergency parking bans and the responsibilities of property owners following a snowstorm. During substantial winter storms, the City may declare a Snow Emergency and a Parking Ban will go into effect at a specific time. During a Snow Emergency, parking is prohibited on streets signed No Parking during Snow Emergency and vehicles will be towed. A list and map of these particular streets is available at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic. The website also offers information on parking garages that provide free parking during a declared snow emergency.

Snow Emergencies

When a snow emergency is declared, information is available via phone at 617-349-4700, and is posted online as soon as possible at www.cambridgema.gov and on 22-CityView. Visit the Cambridge Alert Network at www.cambridgema.gov/AlertNetwork to sign up to receive snow emergency alerts via phone call, text message or Email. For school closings, call 617-349-6513.

Plowing Operations

The Department of Public Works will clear streets as soon as possible after a snow storm, starting with major arteries. Please don't take it personally if we plow snow back into your driveway, but as we work to make streets passable, it is often unavoidable. Your patience and participation help the City return streets and sidewalks to safe, passable conditions as quickly as possible.



Keep Sidewalks Clear

City Ordinance requires property owners to remove snow from sidewalks next to their property or business within 12 hours of daytime snowfall and before 1 p.m. when it has fallen overnight. They must also remove or melt all ice within 6 hours of the time it forms. There is a \$50 fine for each day of non-compliance. If you are away, it is still your responsibility to ensure that someone clears sidewalks next to your property. Remember to:

- Shovel your sidewalk on all sides of your property, down to bare pavement
- Make path at least 3 feet wide
- Clear ramps at corners and crosswalks
- Chop or melt all ice
- Keep street drains clear of snow
- Consider helping neighbors who may have difficulty clearing their walk.

Exemptions

Disabled or elderly persons who qualify as low-income residents may be eligible for an exemption. Call the Cambridge Council on Aging, 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY) to learn more.

For more information, or to report an unshoveled or icy sidewalk: call 617-349-4903; use Cambridge iReport app on your smartphone; or visit www.cambridgema.gov/snow.

Technology Update



Since our last issue, we have launched a new mobile website, developed the myCambridge Address Search Tool, a Tree Inventory Map and Voter Registration Status Database, added new categories to Cambridge iReport, and created new web pages for several City departments, including Inspectional Services, Water Department and 22-CityView (Municipal Channel). Visit www.cambridgema.gov and click on City departments. For the mobile version of the City's Website, enter City of Cambridge, MA or cambridgema.gov on your smart phone or tablet browser.

Cambridge GIS

Cambridge GIS (Geographic Information System), a division of the Information Technology Department, supports City staff and the public by maintaining GIS data, maps and applications for the City. Some examples of available Cambridge GIS data include roads, buildings, tax parcels, water lines, street lights and aerial photographs. Visit www.cambridgema.gov/gis to learn more.



myCambridge Address Search Tool

Type in your street address to find information about your building, property, neighborhood and City services, such as trash pick-up or street sweeping day and other valuable information all in one place! Visit <http://gis.cambridgema.gov/myCambridge>.

Tree Inventory Map

Check out our new map of street tree species around the City through this mobile GIS application which can be used on your phone or tablet. This web page can also use the phone's GPS to track your location and show you the species of the street trees near you. Visit http://gis.cambridgema.gov/dpw/trees/trees_walk.html.

Online Voter Registration Search

Residents can access this new database to check their voter status, address where they are registered, political party affiliation, elected officials and their polling location, including a link to a map of the polling place. For residents who are not registered in Cambridge, there is a link to a voter registration form that can be printed and mailed to the Election Commission. See more on this at: www.cambridgema.gov/election/voterregistrationsearch.aspx.



Fire Education Take Cambridge Firefighter to Faraway Destination



Deputy Murphy with new recruits from Doha Fire Department and an instructor.

One member of the Cambridge Fire Department went out of his way during this year's Fire Prevention Week because of a 2012 devastating fire in the Villaggio Mall in Doha, Qatar, where 17 people were killed during a fire that broke out in a daycare center. Most of the victims were children. Following the fire, Qatari officials looked to the U.S. seeking individuals willing to come to Qatar and provide ideas, demonstrations and training of best firefighting techniques. Deputy Fire Chief Frank Murphy who had previously worked with the Turkish Government in a collaboration and exchange of ideas about firefighting, volunteered to assist. Murphy, along with several other Boston area firefighters, is part of the Boston Fire Services Group that promotes the use of Cold Fire, and similar "green" non-toxic, environmentally safe products. Cold Fire is a SNAP product identified by the US EPA as a "Significantly New Alternative Product." It is a universal fire extinguishing agent that can be used on all Class of Fires, A, B, D and K. It's the only product to date that is non-toxic, non-allergenic and safe for use on all non-electrical fires. Once applied, anything it comes in contact with is drastically cooled and it prevents re-ignition. It has been used outside of New England,

in many states across the country, as well as worldwide, for almost 20 years. It is especially useful in arid climates and rural areas because it's usage drastically reduces the need for large amounts of water, a scarce resource in these areas.

2014 Resident Permits Available

Although current permits do not expire until January 31, 2014, residents are encouraged to renew early to avoid delays. New this year, all residents with an active 2013 residential parking permit are eligible to use our newly expanded online application. Check out the Traffic Department website for additional information. The winning entry from the 2014 resident permit photo contest was "Ladder 1" by Cambridge resident Mark Hornbuckle. The City is again offering the opportunity for residents to make a voluntary contribution. Proceeds will be allocated to the City's climate change initiatives. For more information, call 617-349-4700 or visit: www.cambridgema.gov/traffic.

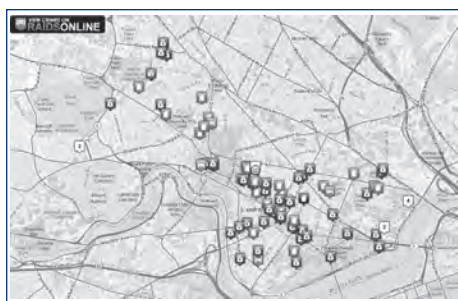


Online Crime Map Available

The Cambridge Police Department and BAIR Analytics Inc. partnered to provide a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in Cambridge. An online crime map called RAIDS Online, www.raidsonline.com, maps and analyzes crime data and allows the Cambridge Police Department to alert the public about crimes in their community. It can be accessed on a computer or smartphone.



"I think this is a really innovative way to share crime information with the community," said City Manager Richard



C. Rossi. "Many police departments produce crime reports, but this new map allows Cambridge residents to see, on a daily basis, where, when and what types of crimes police are responding to in their neighborhoods."

Cambridge residents can view a map and grid with all of the crimes in their area, sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent crime activity and

submit an anonymous tip about a crime directly to police. The map automatically syncs with the Cambridge Police Department's records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app. The crime data is cleaned and geocoded, then displayed on a map, grid and analytics dashboard along with basic information about incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date and time.

"We believe an informed community is a safer community," said Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas. "By using this map to stay informed, residents who may have knowledge of a crime can share that information anonymously with police with the click of a button."

Learn more and access the online crime map at www.CambridgePolice.org/CrimeMap.



Cambridge Water is Wicked Good!

Did you know that replacing sugary beverages with water can shave at least 100 calories off your meal? If you choose tap water over bottled water, you will also save money, help the environment, and prevent tooth decay. The best news: Cambridge water is high quality and tastes great! In a recent blind taste test, Cambridge tap water was favored over bottled water 55% to 45%. To get free "Cambridge Water" stickers for your organization, contact Josefine Wendel at jwendel@challiance.org.

Talk With Your Teens About Marijuana

Parents may hear that marijuana isn't a dangerous drug. The reality: Regular marijuana use can permanently damage a teenager's developing brain, impacting judgment, memory, and intelligence. Marijuana is more potent than it was 15 years ago, increasing the likelihood of addiction. About 1 in 4 Cambridge high school students are current marijuana users, according to the 2012 Cambridge Teen Health Survey. Parents can keep their teens safe by talking with them about marijuana and setting boundaries. For tips on starting the conversation, visit the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's Reality Check website, realitycheckworks.org.

Take Action Against Asthma this Winter

New England winters can mean extra trips to the doctor for people with asthma. Some tips:

- Cold, dry air can tighten airways, so wear a scarf around your mouth and nose when outside.
- Avoid smoke from fireplaces and wood stoves.
- Clean floors and wash bed linens in hot water weekly to reduce asthma triggers in the home.
- People with asthma should get a flu shot every year.
- Ask your doctor to create a written asthma action plan.

For more information, call the department's Healthy Homes program, 617-665-3831.

Hot Off the Presses

The 2013 *Cambridge Public Health Bulletin* describes how government and community partners are working together to create a healthy city. Available at www.cambridgepublichealth.org.

For more information, contact the Cambridge Public Health Department at 617-665-3800 or visit www.cambridgepublichealth.org.



Morse Preschool Supports Cambridge Weekend Backpack Program

One out of nine children in Massachusetts faces food insecurity. Sadly, lack of nutritious food can have lasting effects on children's growing bodies. To combat this situation, Cambridge resident Alanna Mallon started the "Weekend Backpack Program," which packs healthy meals for Cambridge Public School children to take home over the weekend. To support this wonderful program, Morse Preschool children took a field trip to Whole Foods in September to purchase apples and snacks. Whole Foods donated 5% of that day's sales to the program. Thanks to the Morse Preschool parents (Anne Carney, Raffaella Zamponi and Stephanie and Matt Correia) and teacher (Mary Conger) who stuff 18 backpacks for families in need to enjoy every weekend.

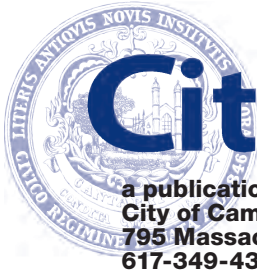


CPA Update

Since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2001, the City of Cambridge has been able to appropriate/reserve \$131 million in state and local funds for affordable housing projects, historic preservation and protection of open space. Of these funds to date, \$105 million has gone for affordable housing, \$13 million for historic projects and \$13 million for open space. The fiscal year 2014 CPA (state and local combined) appropriation totaled \$10.3 million. The CPA Committee makes annual recommendations on how these funds should be used, based upon public input gleaned through advertised public meetings and suggestions developed by City staff. For more information, visit www.cambridgema.gov and go to Budget Department web page, or contact Karen Preval at 617-349-4221 or kpreval@cambridgema.gov.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips:

- Water a cut tree at least daily
- Keep trees away from heat
- Use a "non-tip" tree stand
- Use fire retardant decorations
- Unplug lighting when leaving
- Never leave a lit tree unattended
- Check lighting for frayed wires
- Never overload outlets



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School Volunteers Needed

Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV) is looking for volunteers who can give at least one hour per week to help a Cambridge Public School student succeed. Volunteers are needed during the school day, Monday thru Friday, and particularly mid-afternoon in the five new Upper School Learning Centers for homework help. Register online for an orientation session at www.csvinc.org, or call 617-349-6794. CSV has many volunteer opportunities in grades K-12. They'll help you choose the one that works best for you.

Free Tax Preparation

The CEOC (Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee) will provide FREE tax preparation beginning Feb. 3, 2014 for low-income residents, seniors and those with disabilities. Taxes are filed electronically and refunds are, generally, turned around quickly. CEOC also assists residents in applying for benefits such as Food Stamps, MassHealth, subsidized housing, Welfare, SSI and SSDI, and also provides financial coaching, credit counseling and assistance in completing FAFSA for college financial aid. For more information or to make an appointment, call CEOC at 617-868-2900.



Hubway, the metro-Boston area's public bike share system, will be available throughout winter at most Cambridge-based stations as part of a pilot program with the City of Cambridge.



Officials Celebrate Grand Opening of Alewife Reservation Constructed Wetlands

(Pictured left to right): Federal District Court Judge Richard Stearns, Cambridge City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Public Works Commissioner Owen O'Riordan, Mayor Henrietta Davis, MWRA Executive Director Frederick Laskey, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard Sullivan, MWRA Board Member Joel Barrera and DCR Commissioner Jack Murray.