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# MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

We hope you will enjoy the 2012-2013 edition of *The Cambridge Life Magazine & City Resource Guide*.

Since our last issue, a few noteworthy milestones have occurred. For the first time in history, Cambridge Main Library checked out more than 1,000,000 items in a single year. This record number demonstrates the community's enthusiasm for its new Main Library and affirms our recent designation as America's "most well-read city." *Prevention* named Cambridge the most walker-friendly city in the U.S. According to a recent article in *USA TODAY*'s news blog, *On Deadline*, the 2012 U.S. Peace index survey listed Cambridge-Newton-Framingham as the most peaceful metropolitan area. I am also pleased to report that Cambridge again attained the rare distinction of being one of only 27 municipalities in the nation to earn three Triple A ratings from the three major credit rating agencies. This enables us to proceed with major capital projects, such as the elementary school renovations currently under way, at a significant savings to our taxpayers. After recording historic lows in 2009-10, serious crime in Cambridge fell in 2011 to its lowest level since 1963. Cambridge Fire Department reported that Cambridge was designated a HeartSafe community this past year.

This issue of *The Cambridge Life* features some of our smaller departments, new mobile apps for city services, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, a recent affordable housing preservation success story, the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program, the Immigrant Women's Roundtable Report and an overview of Cambridge Arts. Our cover story highlights interesting aspects of Cambridge's rich history.

*The Cambridge Life* resource section includes an informational page for newcomers, sections on key City services and programs, department directory and contact information, a listing of licenses and permits by City department, City



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**Robert W. Healy**  
City Manager

Organizational Chart and calendar of events. Please visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) for the latest City news and information.

Additionally, many City departments have made, or are currently making, improvements to their websites. Links to these departments' sites can be accessed through the top navigation bar on the City's home page.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert W. Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager



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**Photos above:** Cambridge River Festival Street Performer (Photo by Adam Gooder); A Cambridge family takes home a stray tabby; Detail of the “Beat the Belt” mural by Bernard LaCasse (Photo by Gavin W. Kleespies, courtesy Cambridge Historical Society).

**Cover photos:** Cambridge tells its stories in many ways. Two new oral histories paint rich neighborhood pictures with personal stories from participants, including a longtime mid-Cambridge resident (top left; photo by Phyllis Bretholtz) and members of the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House (bottom left; 1937 photo taken on the steps of the house). Lively walking tours, such as this one led by a Historical Society guide during Discovery Days, bring to life more than three centuries of Cambridge history (bottom right; 2011). Public art celebrates the city in unique ways and in unexpected places: George Greenamyer’s colorful sculpture, East Cambridge-1852, embellishes an East Cambridge parking garage (bottom middle). In Cambridge, even the buildings tell tales during *If this house could talk*, part of Cambridgeport History Day (top middle and right). Learn more in Telling Stories in Cambridge on page 10.

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# Livable CAMBRIDGE

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS ROLL OUT IN CAMBRIDGE

By summer 2012, the City of Cambridge will be on the leading edge of public infrastructure availability for electric vehicle charging. With state and federal funding to seed the initiative, Cambridge has joined a nationwide electric vehicle charging station program and will add 10 new stations (EVSEs) throughout the city, collectively accommodating up to 18 electric vehicles (EVs) at any time.

The City worked with community partners to install the stations in places that are accessible to the public and near frequently visited locations as well as residential areas. Stations will be located at the Department of Public Works parking lot (147 Hampshire Street), the municipal parking lot in Central Square (84 Bishop Allen Drive), Porter Square Shopping Center, the MIT campus at 43 Vassar Street and 34 Brookline Street, Cambridge Center West Garage in Kendall Square, the First Street Garage, and the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall. Charging station locations can also be viewed online by visiting the Coulomb Technologies ChargePoint America map: [www.chargepointamerica.com](http://www.chargepointamerica.com).

The availability of public charging infrastructure for EVs will play an important role in promoting electric vehicle use in Cambridge, and will enable City departments and the community to take advantage of the benefits they provide. EVs cost less to refuel and have fewer emissions than cars with internal combustion engines. Therefore, replacing internal combustion engine vehicles with EVs will help Cambridge reach its clean air and climate protection goals.

For more information, please visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/ev](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ev)

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION: STRATEGY LEADS TO SUCCESS

With an ongoing need for affordable housing to support Cambridge's diversity, preservation of existing affordable units has been a high priority for the City. Recently, the affordability of more than 270 units of rental housing at risk of being converted to market-rate rents has been preserved through successful community partnerships.

These "expiring use" properties are subject to long-term affordability restrictions stemming from favorable loans, grants, zoning approvals, or tax agreements that assisted in their construction decades ago.

The continued availability of affordable housing options is essential to keep Cambridge diverse and engaging. Affordable rental units at Chapman Arms in Harvard Square were recently preserved through nonprofit purchase, ensuring that low and moderate income residents will not be displaced.

The future affordability of the properties becomes vulnerable when agreement terms expire. More than 800 units in Cambridge remain subject to affordability restrictions set to expire by the end of the decade. City staff monitor these properties and, as expiration dates approach, work to design and implement strategies to protect and extend affordability.

Persistence has brought results. Using Community Preservation Act funds committed by the Affordable Housing Trust and working in conjunction with property owners, non-profit housing providers, the Cambridge Housing Authority, tenants and tenant advocates, the City has facilitated preservation of affordability at Inman Square, CAST II, Cambridge Court, Chapman Arms and Norstin apartments. These developments, situated in different neighborhoods, contain affordable units that have served low and moderate income residents for many decades. Convenient to shopping and public transportation, they might well have been converted to market-rate housing without the efforts of the City and its partners.

While preservation is challenging and requires the commitment of many stakeholders, the loss of affordable resources would likely displace many long-term residents and diminish our community. The City will continue to work with owners of expiring use properties to consider preservation options. ■



# Cambridge Arts: IT'S ALL HAPPENING HERE!



CAC Grant recipient Madeline Drexler:  
Only the Seen: 36 Views from BU Bridge



Cambridge River Festival Street Performer  
(Photo by Adam Gooder)



Contrapose Dance at Jose Mateo Ballet's  
Dance for World Community  
(Photo by Sally Cohn)

Enter Cambridge and you cross a threshold into another world that is unique and defies definition. Cambridge is a place where you can find both style and substance. It embraces the new. Creativity blends with both innovation and history. Diversity reigns. Art imbues every walk of life.

The Arts are seen and heard everywhere you go in Cambridge both day and night. City murals mirror the urban rhythms. Street performers send musical notes through the air. Theater-goers wrap around street corners and Jazz, rock, hip-hop and classical music reverberate through the walls and in the streets. Each city square – Harvard, Central, Porter, Inman, Kendall – and every neighborhood in between conjures up its own soundtrack, colors and flavors.

Many of Cambridge's world-class universities also open their doors to the public for participation – no application necessary! Art is your key to entry to top-quality exhibitions, performances, films, poetry, installations, literary readings and more! So fire up the synapses of your brain and take advantage of the art offerings occurring in and around the finest schools in the country – based right here in Cambridge.

Try your hand at art-making with an abundance of visual and performing arts classes and opportunities for all ages offered through the City's many neighborhood and regional arts organizations and centers.

Even if you think you know Cambridge, each arts encounter will paint a new picture of this one-of-a-kind city. Get involved, enjoy the arts and take a walk on the Cambridge side of life!

Connect with the Cambridge Arts Council and CAC Gallery in the City Hall Annex located at 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Cambridge or visit/follow/Like CAC at: [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org), [@cambridgearts](https://www.facebook.com/cambridgearts) or on Facebook. ■



MOVE ME: A Public Art Project by Roberta Paul and Beth Kantrowitz/bkprojects. This pop-up art project and exhibition is in the CAC Gallery through June 15, 2012.

# Women's Commission Releases **IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE REPORT**

In February, the Cambridge Women's Commission released their new report on immigrant women. A first-of-its-kind for the City, the *Immigrant Women's Roundtable Report: A comprehensive look at immigrant women and their families living in Cambridge* offers community leaders, City departments, elected officials, agencies and others an essential first step looking at immigrant women and their families living in Cambridge today.

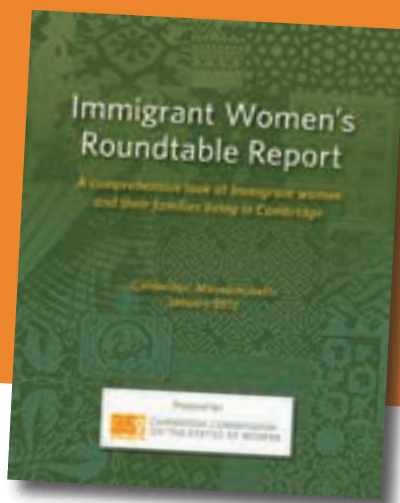
A survey of immigrant women living in Cambridge revealed the following facts:

- Nearly two-thirds of them have been in the United States for 10 years or less;
- Most moved here to create a better life for their children;
- 27 percent of children enrolled in Cambridge schools speak a language other than English at home;
- 40 percent reported having a household income of less than \$25,000 a year. Less than 10 percent reported having annual household income of more than \$50,000;
- 52 percent are aware of the existence of laws protecting women;
- More than 20 percent do not understand spoken English well and are not comfortable asking questions in English. Almost 50 percent have taken English classes in Cambridge.

To some extent the new report serves as a companion piece to the Commission's *Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge*.

Released in 2008, the status report enabled policymakers, program developers and others to understand the current picture of women and girls in key areas. Soon after its release, the Commission sponsored a Women's Data Workshop for community stakeholders and policy and program leaders to analyze and interpret the information.

While supporting the significance of the report, workshop participants noted that certain women's voices were not sufficiently represented in the data and expressed concern that immigrant women's influence has typically been neglected, especially in quantitative, city-wide statistics. The Commission agreed and set out to increase gender-based data collection for Cambridge's immigrant population. They began by forming the Immigrant Women's Roundtable. Composed of agencies, program providers and immigrant women, the Roundtable's mission seeks to improve the mechanisms to reach and serve marginalized communities in the city and to engage them not only as immigrants, but as women.



Recognizing that the absence of an accurate source of data concerning immigrant women living in Cambridge not only hinders their participation in, and use of, the programs and services that are available to them, but also conceals the gaps in service that exist, the Roundtable quickly developed the idea for the *Immigrant Women's Roundtable Report*. Using Census data, School Department data, as well as the nearly 200 surveys they collected in partnership with the Community Learning Center, the Roundtable is excited to bring this collection of data to the public. The report looks at demographics, immigration trends, family life and children, language skills, education, economics, health and safety, and Cambridge resources, and hopes to serve as a catalyst for more research and discussions around immigrant populations in Cambridge.

For more information or to download a PDF of the entire report, please visit [www.cambridgewomenscommission.org](http://www.cambridgewomenscommission.org) or call 617-349-4697. ■



**Photo:** Community members gather to discuss Report data.

# CAMBRIDGE ANIMAL COMMISSION:

## *Looking After Our Feathered and Furry Community*

The three staff members of the Cambridge Animal Commission keep quite busy responding to the needs of our “other” Cambridge community. A typical day can include rescuing a homeless or injured animal, coordinating pet adoptions, investigating complaints, licensing dogs and more.

### **WILDLIFE IN CAMBRIDGE**

It is best to leave wildlife alone. If an animal appears sick, injured or dangerous, contact the Commission so an Officer can evaluate the situation. The Animal Commission can also offer tips for making an area less desirable for nuisance animals. Removing shelter, food (garbage) and water is a long term method to naturally controlling the number of animals that appear in the city. Learn more about wildlife at: [www.livingwithwildlife.org](http://www.livingwithwildlife.org) and [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org) and click on wildlife in the search section.

### **LICENSING/RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC**

All dogs in Massachusetts must be licensed annually and have a current rabies vaccination. All cats must have a current rabies vaccination. The Commission sets up annual low cost rabies vaccination clinics in late March, usually at the Department of Public Works. The Commission highly recommends that all dogs and cats be spayed/neutered. The staff can suggest low cost service options.



Hundreds of Cambridge dog owners attend the annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic. Annual dog licenses are also issued at this time.

Washington Park and Fresh Pond Reservation. These areas are not fully fenced in or separated from other uses and activities. A shared use hours pilot program is currently in effect from 6-9 a.m. at Gold Star Mothers Park/Gore St. Park and Corocoran Field/Raymond Park. These parks are intended for Cambridge licensed dogs only. Please remember to always scoop your dog's poop.

### **HELEN K. HOLLAND ANIMAL CARE TRUST FUND**

This fund was established in 1997 to provide emergency veterinary

care for stray animals in Cambridge. The fund's namesake was a lifelong resident and long-time employee of the City who was very committed to humane issues. There's never a shortage of stray animals in need of assistance. Contributions are greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact the Cambridge Animal Commission at **617-349-4376**.

### **HOMELESS ANIMALS, ADOPTION PROGRAM & DISASTER RESCUE SUPPORT**

The staff will often respond to calls about potentially homeless animals, vet the animal if it is sick or injured, and keep them in the Office for a period. Once they determine that the animal does not have an owner, they attempt to find homes for them through their informal adoption program. The staff is also sometimes called in if Cambridge Fire Department is fighting a building fire where there are pets. Five years ago, the team responded to a fire at an exotic pet store, collaborating with various animal specialists in retrieving loose and disoriented animals and later hosting them for a period. **Preparing your families and pets for emergencies also makes sense. See more at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).** ■

### **OFF LEASH DOG GUIDE/ SHARE USE LOCATION**

The City of Cambridge offers two dedicated, fenced in, off-leash dog areas at Danehy Park at New Street and Pacific Street Park at Tudor Street. Dogs must be kept under control. Shared use off-leash areas also include Fort



A Cambridge family takes home a stray orange tabby named Lewis and his brother, Clark (not pictured).

# A LOOK at the MAYOR'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



A development workshop in action.

In a tough economy, teen jobs are among the first to go. As unemployed adults take any open position they can find, younger workers lose out. In fact, recent studies have shown that rates of teen employment are the lowest they have been in 50 years. Similarly, program budgets tend to be slashed on the state and municipal level, also leaving teens in a lurch. In Cambridge, the City's continued commitment to teen employment via the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) has meant an increase in teen jobs to help make up for a decrease in private sector options.

MSYEP began in the 1970s with about 24 teens working in various City departments. Originally operated out of the Mayor's Office, MSYEP moved to the City's Office of Workforce Development in 1996. At the time, MSYEP employed about 400 youth at about 75 worksites. In the last 10 years, in response to declining private sector opportunities and in response to an increased recognition of the importance of early work experiences to a young person's development, the program has more than doubled in size, now employing over 900 Cambridge teens ages 14-18 in City departments, other government agencies, and local non-profits — 135 worksites in total.



*“The growth in the program and the increased focus on youth development reflect the extraordinary commitment of the Cambridge City Council, the City Manager and the program staff to helping Cambridge’s teens develop important workplace attitudes and skills.”*

– Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

Teens apply in early May, ranking the types of work that interest them in a variety of fields including – but not limited to – childcare, office work, maintenance, arts or theater and teen-leadership programs. There are two types of worksites — traditional worksites and Summer Work and Learning sites. Both build basic job-readiness skills; however, youth engaged with

Summer Work and Learning sites work with peers on a specialized project, gaining leadership skills and experience working on a team.

MSYEP pays the teens minimum wage (\$8 an hour) to work for 20 hours per week, for six weeks. The program also provides a Youth Counselor to visit each site on a regular basis to ensure that the match between site and teen is a good one, and that all parties are getting as much as possible out of their experience with the program.

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to valuable work experience, teens also participate in other enrichment activities through the program. Last summer, more than 140 teens completed a four hour financial education workshop hosted by Cambridge Savings Bank. About 160 teens experienced their first networking event in the form of an ice cream social, where they had to meet and get to know five community members before enjoying some free ice cream. More than 200 teens visited five local colleges. All program participants also attend weekly youth development workshops covering accountability, communication, networking, reflection and how to conduct a job search.

In combination with school-year programs like the Neighborhood Service Project and the Harvard Internship Program, and other summer initiatives like the private-sector Summer Jobs Campaign and the state-funded Youth Works program, MSYEP continues to ensure that Cambridge residents will enter the workforce with the skills that will allow for success.

For more on the City's youth employment efforts, please visit [www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/owd.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/owd.cfm). ■

# HAVE A CONSUMER PROBLEM?

*We have an answer!*

The Consumers' Council works in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth in investigating and monitoring consumer problems and complaints. The staff is also watchful for any trends in the marketplace that may call for direct legal intervention by the Attorney General.

## CONSUMER COMPLAINT MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Council offers a free, voluntary mediation program aimed at resolving disputes, primarily between individuals and businesses, so that neither party needs to pursue formal legal action. The Council staff directly negotiates with businesses and consumers in an attempt to reach resolutions that are satisfactory to both parties. While the Council can't compel a business to take part in mediation, many businesses choose to resolve consumer disputes in this way. All mediation services are provided free of charge.

Some of the most common mediated complaints include:

- Advertising/Telemarketing
- Auto Repair, Sales and Leasing
- Cable Television and Satellite Services
- Credit Cards
- Debt Collection and Debt Management
- Banking and Mortgages
- Fitness/Health Clubs
- Home Improvement Contractors
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
- Travel Agencies/Airlines/Hotels
- Retail Sales
- Dating Services
- Moving and Storage
- Telecommunications
- Utilities

Consumers should contact the Council for a complaint form when they feel that they have been a victim of improper business practices and after they have attempted to resolve the dispute on their own.

**Photo:** CCC staff meets with residents during an information sharing session (Photo by Bob Coe).

## CONSUMER INFORMATION AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

The Consumers' Council answers thousands of calls each year from consumers with a range of questions and concerns in the area of consumer protection. The Hotline is staffed with trained information specialists who can:

- Answer questions concerning local, state and federal consumer regulations or direct consumers to areas of our website for answers;
- Offer referrals to appropriate organizations or government agencies for help; or
- Provide information on the Council's consumer complaint and mediation process.

To reach the Consumer Information and Public Assistance Hotline, call [617-349-6150](tel:617-349-6150).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

The Council also provides educational information to consumers through its consumer information and public assistance hotline, website, Twitter profile, public workshops, distribution of consumer brochures and published articles.

The Council conducts consumer education events and activities to empower Cambridge residents to be smart consumers and problem solvers. Council staff is available to conduct speaking engagements or workshops upon request. Past workshops and events have included:

- The A,B,Cs of Banking
- Avoiding Senior Scams and Fraud
- Debt Collectors—Understand Your Rights
- Using Credit Cards and the CARD Act
- And many more! ■

# TELLING STORIES IN CAMBRIDGE

## OPEN ARCHIVES TOURS

Cambridge houses more archives per square foot than just about anywhere else in the world. For the past three years, archivists, museum professionals and City staffers have opened their repositories to the public for an evening of behind-the-scenes tours. The institutions choose a unifying theme and select from their collections rare drawings, manuscripts, early photographs, letters and historic atlases to display. The theme for 2012 is “Famous and Infamous,” and at least nine archives will participate. Open Archives tours let you see the coolest thing you never knew existed and have the chance to talk to someone who knows more about it than anyone else in the city.

## CAMBRIDGE DISCOVERY DAYS

On two Saturdays in early August, join amateur and professional historians, experienced guides, and historic interpreters in neighborhoods across the city as they explore Cambridge’s past, including: Colonial and Revolutionary history; poets and writers, teachers and reformers; art and architecture; neighborhoods and businesses. Discovery Days comprise 30 – 40 free walks, talks, house tours and special programs that attract almost 400 residents and visitors. Check out the fliers either online or in print, meet at the time and place indicated—and follow the leader.

## NAVIGATING THE PORT: TRUE STORIES FROM AREA 4

The Cambridge Historical Commission’s newest oral history project focuses on Area 4. Called “the Port” by old-time residents, the neighborhood has long been home to a changing population, beginning with African Americans and immigrants from countries as diverse as Barbados, Ireland and Lithuania, to more recent Spanish, French and Creole speakers from the West Indies and Central America. Working people, community activists, and local business owners have all shared their stories for a book to be published in late 2014, illustrated with family and historic photographs. The Commission has published other

oral histories about life in North Cambridge, Central Square, East Cambridge, and World War II and the home front.

## GROWING UP IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE

After Stephen Surette retired from the Cambridge School Department, he began to focus on his North Cambridge neighborhood. He now publishes *Growing up in North Cambridge*, a quarterly journal of stories contributed by current and former residents and illustrated with family photographs. People share tales of simple things—going to school, playing in the parks, traveling the streets and avenues, hanging out with friends. The fall 2012 issue will honor Cambridge boy “Tip” O’Neill, the beloved Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## FROM THE HEART OF CAMBRIDGE

In 2004, the Longfellow Neighborhood Council and Community School initiated the Longfellow Oral History Project, and a small group of volunteers began to gather the history of this diverse but harmonious neighborhood. *From the Heart of Cambridge: A Neighborhood Portrait*, published in November 2011, chronicles a





**Photos,** Left to Right: Community Arts Center in Newtowne Court basement, unknown date; Material displayed for the Open Archives Tour at the Cambridge Historical Society (Gavin W. Kleespies, courtesy Cambridge Historical Society); "If This House Could Talk..." sign from Cambridgeport History Day (Cynthia Brennan, courtesy Cambridge Historical Society); Detail of the "Beat the Belt" mural by Bernard LaCasse, 1980 (Gavin W. Kleespies, courtesy Cambridge Historical Society).



century in the lives of 90 residents. Their stories are both intensely local and reflective of national and global events – “filled with all the amazing and sad and funny and frightening and wonderful things that happened here.”

### CAMBRIDGEPORT HISTORY DAY AND IF THIS HOUSE COULD TALK . . .

Since 2009, Cambridgeport History Day has celebrated the neighborhood with exciting programs, including walking tours, history treasure hunts and dramatic presentations. History Day 2012 will highlight the War of 1812 and the streets that commemorate it, with a special focus on Edmund Trowbridge Dana, who donated the land for Dana Park and is credited with naming the 1812 streets.

“If this house could talk . . .” uses shared stories, both historic and personal, to spark new interest in the neighborhood and encourage a sense of community. Residents and businesses write and display handwritten signs that tell stories about their properties: some people detail the history of their house; others share personal remembrances. Take a walk around the neighborhood and listen to the houses talk.

### DISCOVER CAMBRIDGE HISTORY THROUGH PUBLIC ART

Public art is found on street corners and sidewalks and in youth and senior centers, schools, libraries, parks and plazas. The creative process begins with artists working with residents and communities to uncover a site’s history and the qualities that make it special. Supported by the Cambridge Arts Council, the artists translate these stories into works that reflect their unique creative vision. With over 200 works, Cambridge boasts the largest contemporary public art collection in Massachusetts. You too can discover clues to the city’s past and connections to the present by experiencing public art. ■

## NOTE WORTHY

**Open Archives Tours 2012**  
Monday-Thursday, July 9-12  
[www.cambridgearchives.org](http://www.cambridgearchives.org)

**Cambridge Discovery Days: Power & Politics**  
Saturdays, Aug. 4 & 11  
[www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html](http://www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html)

**Cambridgeport History Day 2012**  
Saturday, Sept. 29  
[www.cambridgehistory.org](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)

*“If this house could talk . . .”*  
Sept. 26-Oct. 6  
[www.cambridgehistory.org](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)

**Cambridge Public Art**  
Details, maps and more information:  
[www2.cambridgema.gov/cac/public\\_art\\_tour/index.html](http://www2.cambridgema.gov/cac/public_art_tour/index.html)

**Navigating the Port: Oral Histories from Cambridge Historical Commission**  
[www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/oralhist\\_home.html](http://www2.cambridgema.gov/historic/oralhist_home.html)

**From the Heart of Cambridge**  
[www.LongfellowNeighborhoodCouncil.org](http://www.LongfellowNeighborhoodCouncil.org)

**Growing up in North Cambridge**  
[www.growingupinnorthcambridge.com](http://www.growingupinnorthcambridge.com)

# Mobile Cambridge: KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WHEREVER YOU ARE



In an effort to keep residents and other interested persons informed of City of Cambridge news and updates wherever they may be, the City recently launched a few new services to help you stay connected.



### OFFICIAL CITY FACEBOOK PAGES

Several months ago, the City launched an official Facebook page. Facebook offers a quick and mobile opportunity for residents and others who work in or visit Cambridge to stay connected while at home, in the office or on the go. Other City departments or divisions/programs that have official Facebook, Twitter, and/or other Social Media pages include: Department of Public Works, Police Department, Arts Council, Cambridge Energy Alliance, Consumers Council (Twitter only), the Department of Human Services, the Center for Families, Fresh Pond Golf Course, Cambridge Public Library (Twitter only), CPL Teen Room, Peace Commission, Cambridge Public Schools and Women’s Commission.

### CAMBRIDGE iREPORT: LET US KNOW!

Ride past a pothole every morning on your way to work? Walk past a burned-out streetlight on your way home every night? Want to report an unshoveled or icy sidewalk? Notice graffiti in your neighborhood? Help the City fix these and other problems by reporting them through Cambridge iReport. Reporting an issue takes only a minute and helps make our city a better place to live, work and visit! Download Cambridge iReport from the iTunes App Store and the Android Market.



### MyPD SMARTPHONE APP

In the latest effort by Cambridge Police to increase the department’s accessibility and communication with the public, CPD has released a smartphone application that will connect users directly to the Cambridge Police Department from their smartphone. The MyPD App includes features for checking on the latest CPD news, including Twitter updates and Facebook posts. It can also be used for sharing feedback and questions, finding directions to the department, and much more. Users can commend a police officer with the app, and share crime tips by submitting a photo or GPS location data with their tip information. To download the app, search for “MyPD” or “My Police Department” in the iTunes App Store or Android Market or visit [www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD](http://www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD).



### CodeRED MOBILE ALERT APP

Residents are encouraged to download the free CodeRED Mobile Alert App to receive emergency notifications from the City of Cambridge on their smartphone. Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert App from the iTunes App Store or Android Market. ■



# CAMBRIDGE ALERT NETWORK

CodeRED • CitizenObserver • Cambridge E-Line

Photo by Bob Coe.

## 3 EASY STEPS TO BE IN THE KNOW

### 1

#### **CodeRED**

CodeRED is an emergency notification system that allows the City to send emergency notifications to subscribers via email, text and phone calls. Cambridge land lines will automatically receive emergency notifications by phone, but all are encouraged to sign up with their cell phone number and email addresses as well. This service will be used in the event of emergencies affecting the City, such as snow emergencies, evacuations, large-scale water outages or other significant service disruptions.

### 2

#### **Citizen Observer**

CitizenObserver is used by the Cambridge Police Department to send email and text alerts relating to crime. All are encouraged to subscribe to receive neighborhood-specific alerts about emerging crime patterns, announcements about neighborhood meetings and crime-prevention tips.

### 3

#### **Cambridge E-Line**

Cambridge E-Line is used mainly for reminders from the City of Cambridge via email and text only. Sign up for street cleaning reminders, trash and recycling pickup reminders. Occasionally, a special message or certain City news may be conveyed through Cambridge E-Line.

## SIGN UP NOW TO BE IN THE KNOW!

To register, visit [www.CambridgeMA.gov/AlertNetwork](http://www.CambridgeMA.gov/AlertNetwork) or click on the **Cambridge Alert Network** link on the City's Website, [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov). Questions, concerns or help with registration should be directed to **617-349-9490**.

# REFERENCE & RESOURCES

## SETTLING IN - FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

- ▶ **22-CityView (Municipal Channel)** For calendar information, community programs and City Council meetings, Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Adult Education and Employment Programs**  
See Dept. of Human Service Programs, pg. 21.
- ▶ **County** The City of Cambridge is in Middlesex County.
- ▶ **Driver's License/Vehicle Registration** Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, 866-627-7768 [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv)
- ▶ **Families, Youth and Seniors** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.
- ▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit [www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org)
- ▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4721 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic)
- ▶ **Pay City Bills Online** Parking tickets, Excise Tax (automobile tax), Property Tax and Water bills can be paid online for a small convenience charge. Visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov), then Online Services.
- ▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Call 617-349-4376 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/animal.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/animal.aspx)
- ▶ **Postal Service** Call 800-275-8777 or visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)
- ▶ **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](http://www.mbta.com). Red and Green Lines of Subway (known as the T) and many buses serve Cambridge. Commuter Rail (Fitchburg Line) connects at Porter Square.
- ▶ **Recreation**  
The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.
- ▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.
- ▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits**  
Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.
- ▶ **School Information / Registration**  
See page 23.
- ▶ **School Closings and Information**  
Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.
- ▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**  
If the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on certain streets. See page 19.
- ▶ **Snow Clearance Ordinance**  
Property owners are required to remove snow/ice from sidewalks and curb ramps next to their home/business.
- ▶ **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](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Election). See page 17.

## UTILITIES

- ▶ **Electricity/Gas**  
**NSTAR** 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242 [www.nstar.com](http://www.nstar.com) Dig Safe 888-344-7233
- ▶ **Sewer** 617-349-4851  
[www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks)
- ▶ **Telephone**  
Cambridge area codes are 617 and 857.  
Dial 1 plus the area code for long distance calls.
- ▶ **Local & Long Distance Service**  
**AT&T** 800-205-6268 [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)  
**Comcast** 800-COMCAST [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)  
**Verizon** 800-837-4966 [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)
- ▶ **Water** 617-349-4770  
[www.cambridgema.gov/CWD](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CWD)  
Cambridge operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Website to pay online.

### SIGN UP FOR CAMBRIDGE ALERT NETWORK AT [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

- **CodeRed** alerts residents via phone, text, e-mail about Snow and other City emergencies, evacuations, major water outages or service disruptions.
- **Citizen Observer** is used by police to send neighborhood crime alerts via emails and text.
- **Cambridge E-LINE** is used to send email and text reminders about Street Cleaning & Trash/Recycling pickup and certain City news.

► **Important Numbers**

Emergency 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  
 Water Department 617-349-4770

► **Cambridge City Hall**

795 Massachusetts Avenue  
 Cambridge, MA 02139\*  
 617-349-4000 TTY 617-349-4242\*\*  
[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)  
[www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.gov](https://www.facebook.com/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.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager.aspx)  
 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](mailto:citymanager@cambridgema.gov)

► **City Council Office**

617-349-4280  
[www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil.aspx)  
 The City Council is the City's elected legisla-  
 ture. City Council meetings are held Mondays  
 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber of City  
 Hall. Meetings are broadcast live on 22-CityView  
 and via Webcast at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)  
 E-mail: [council@cambridgema.gov](mailto:council@cambridgema.gov)

► **Mayor's Office**

617-349-4321  
[www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.aspx)  
 Henrietta Davis, Mayor  
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School  
 Committee meetings and serves as the City's  
 political leader. E-mail: [mayor@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mayor@cambridgema.gov)

► **City Information Lines**

Construction Information 617-349-4870  
 Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955  
 Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.) 617-349-4044  
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854  
 Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4800  
 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**

22-CityView (Municipal Channel pg. 28) 617-349-4296  
 Affirmative Action (pg. 17) 617-349-4331  
 Animal Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-4376  
 Arts Council (pg. 28) 617-349-4380  
 Assessing (pg. 18) 617-349-4343  
 Auditing 617-349-4240  
 Budget 617-349-4270  
 City Clerk (pg. 18) 617-349-4260  
 City Council Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4280  
 City Manager's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4300  
 Community Development (pg. 20) 617-349-4600  
 Commission for Persons w/ Disabilities (pg. 21) 617-349-4692  
 TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission (pg. 25) 617-349-4680  
 Consumers' Council (pg. 17) 617-349-6150  
 Election Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4361  
 Electrical 617-349-4925  
 Emergency Communications (pg. 25) 617-349-6911  
 Emergency Management (pg. 25) 617-349-4842  
 Finance (pg. 18) 617-349-4220  
 Fire (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-4900  
 GLBT (pg. 17) 617-440-4329  
 Historical Commission (pg. 28) 617-349-4683  
 Human Rights Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4396  
 Human Services (pg. 21) 617-349-6200  
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140  
 Inspectional Services (pg. 18) 617-349-6100  
 Law 617-349-4121  
 Library (pg. 27) 617-349-4040  
 License Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-6140  
 Mayor's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4321  
 Peace Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4694  
 Personnel (pg. 17) 617-349-4332  
 Police (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-3300  
 Police Review & Advisory Board (pg. 17) 617-349-6155  
 Public Health Department (pg. 24) 617-665-3800  
 Public Works (pg. 19) 617-349-4800  
 Purchasing (pg. 20) 617-349-4310  
 Schools (pg. 23) 617-349-6400  
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation (pg. 19) 617-349-4700  
 Veterans' Services (pg. 17) 617-349-4761  
 Water (pg. 14) 617-349-4770  
 Weights & Measures (pg. 17) 617-349-6133  
 Women's Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4697

► **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge District Court (Medford) 781-306-2710  
 Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020  
 Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation 617-626-1250  
 Middlesex Probate Court 617-768-5800  
 Middlesex South Registry of Deeds 617-679-6300  
 Middlesex Superior Court (Woburn) 781-939-2700

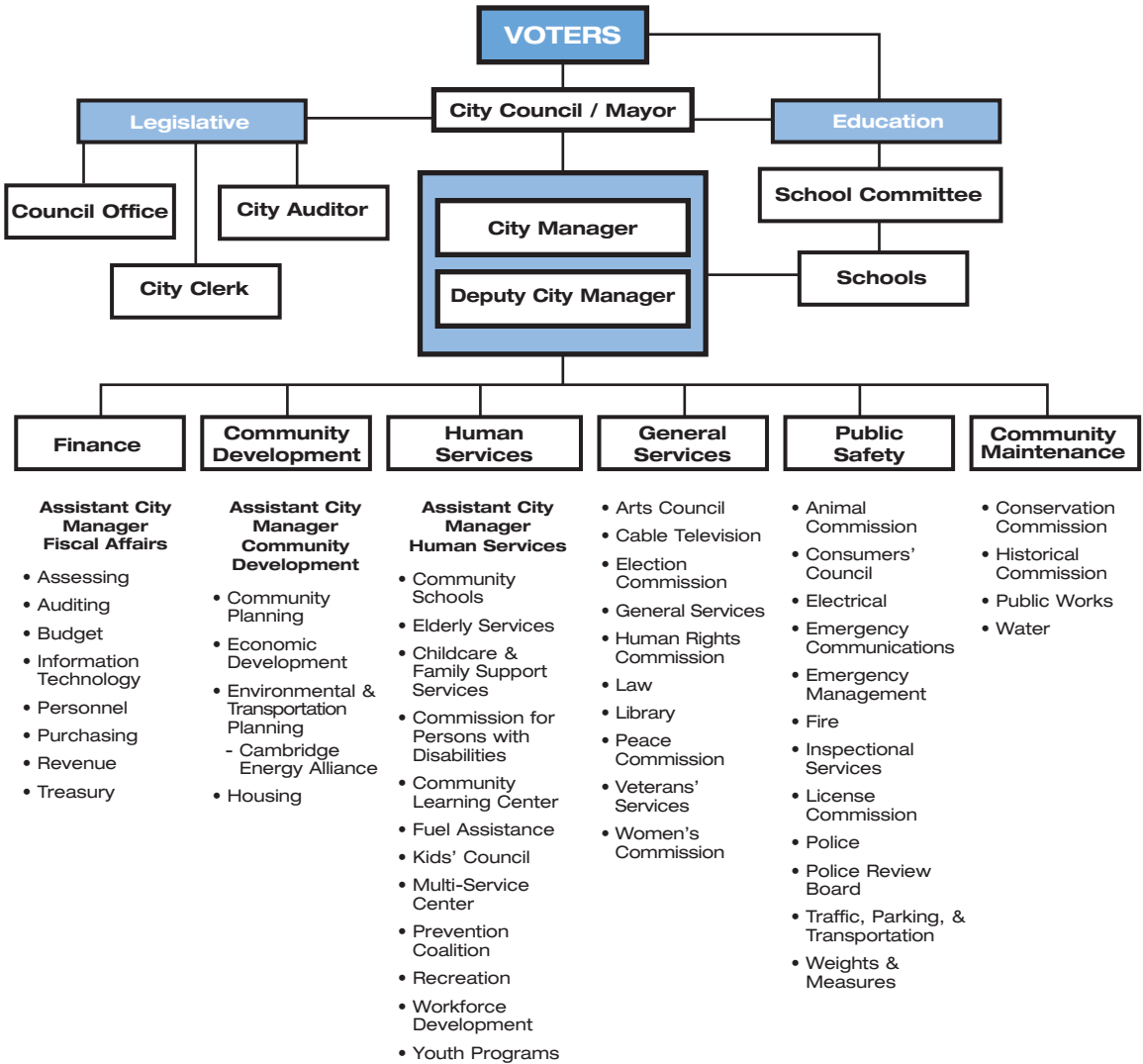
Check out the City's Website for more resources and helpful information:

- Sign up for Cambridge Alert Network
- View City Council meetings via Webcast
- Pay Bills Online
- Download Permit Applications
- Like Cambridge on Facebook



**[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)**

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

### ► Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government – Proportional Representation

The City of Cambridge is governed by the Plan E form of Government. Nine City Councillors and six School Committee members are elected at large every two years under the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which allows voters to vote for as many candidates as they wish, but they must indicate their order of preference among those candidates by numbering each choice. Once elected, the City Council then elects a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

The Mayor chairs the City Council and School Committee and serves as the City's political leader. The City Council appoints a City Manager to serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer.

For more information on voting and the election process, call the Cambridge Election Commission at 617-349-4361 or visit their Website, [www.cambridgema.gov/Election](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Election).

## CITY ORDINANCES

### ► Cambridge Municipal Code City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260

Cambridge Municipal Code, organized by subject matter and updated biannually, can be viewed online. Visit the City's Website, [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov), and click on "City Ordinances" under Quick Links section. The most recent and official version of the Code is on file at the City Clerk's Office.

## VOTING

- ▶ **Cambridge Election Commission**  
51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361  
[www.cambridgema.gov/Election](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Election)
- ▶ **Upcoming Elections**  
State Primary: Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012  
State/Presidential Election: Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012
- ▶ **Voter Registration**  
Call or visit the Cambridge Election Commission for registration, polling locations and absentee ballots. Alternatively, you can 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 Massachusetts resident and 18 years old on or before election day to register. Mail-In Voter Registration forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, firehouses, and at the City Clerk's office.

## RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

- ▶ **Affirmative Action Office** 617-349-4331  
[www.cambridgema.gov/aff.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/aff.aspx)  
Works to ensure compliance of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in accordance with the intent of the regulations and guidelines of federal and state agencies.
- ▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**  
617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235  
[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm)  
Addresses disability and access issues. See full listing on page 21.
- ▶ **Consumers' Council** 617-349-6150  
[www.cambridgema.gov/consumercouncil.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/consumercouncil.aspx)  
Information on consumer rights and free mediation service for resolving consumer disputes including retail & internet sales; auto sales & repair; banking, credit & debt collection; home improvement; cable TV & telephone; and landlord/tenant issues.
- ▶ **GLBT Commission**  
617-440-4329 [www.cambridgema.gov/glbtc.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/glbtc.aspx)  
Advocates for a culture of respect and monitors progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity.
- ▶ **Human Rights Commission**  
617-349-4396 [www.cambridgema.gov/hrc.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/hrc.aspx)  
Investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination in Cambridge in housing, employment, education and public accommodations.
- ▶ **Peace Commission**  
617-349-4694  
[www.cambridgema.gov/peace.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/peace.aspx)  
Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood and citywide level.
- ▶ **Personnel Department**  
617-349-4332  
[www.cambridgema.gov/personnel.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/personnel.aspx)  
City job openings are posted in City Hall, in libraries and on the Website. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.
- ▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**  
617-349-6155  
[www.cambridgema.gov/prab.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/prab.aspx)  
Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.
- ▶ **Veterans' Services Department**  
617-349-4761  
[www.cambridgema.gov/vet.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/vet.aspx)  
Provides financial assistance to needy veterans and/or their dependents. Assists veterans and their families in applying for federal VA benefits, as well as state and local veterans' programs and services.
- ▶ **Weights & Measures**  
617-349-6133  
[www.cambridgema.gov/weight.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/weight.aspx)  
Provides equity in the marketplace for consumers and businesses by providing quality inspections of weight, measure or pricing issues.
- ▶ **Women's Commission**  
617-349-4697  
[www.cambridgewomenscommission.org](http://www.cambridgewomenscommission.org)  
Advocates on behalf of all women and girls with other City departments and officials, local organizations, and state government to increase their opportunities through program development, policy recommendations, and public education on key issues.



Nominees and winners of the 2012 Fair Housing Poster and Essay contest sponsored by the Cambridge Human Rights Commission. This year's theme was "The Key to Fair Housing is to Not Discriminate."

- ▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376  
[www.cambridgema.gov/animal.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/animal.aspx)  
 Annual dog registration/licensing, rabies vaccination clinics and animal-related issues.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)  
 Issues Street Performer Permits.
- ▶ **Assessing Dept.** 617-349-4343  
[www.cambridgema.gov/assess.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/assess.aspx)  
 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.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cityclrk.aspx)  
 Official record keeper for the City. Issues: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates; Domestic Partnership Registration and Termination; and assorted Business Certificates.
- ▶ **Community Development Department** 617-349-4600  
[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd)  
 Planning Board special permits and sign certificates as may be required by zoning.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission** 617-349-4680  
[www.cambridgema.gov/ccs.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ccs.aspx)  
 Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.
- ▶ **Finance Dept.** 617-349-4220  
[www.cambridgema.gov/finance.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/finance.aspx)  
 Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes; water and sewer charges; municipal lien certificates.
- ▶ **Fire Dept.** 617-349-4918  
[www.cambridgefire.org](http://www.cambridgefire.org) Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, fuel storage and use.
- ▶ **Health Dept.** 617-665-3800  
[www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org)  
 Enforces regulations pertaining to biosafety, laboratory animals, asbestos in soil, tobacco, body art, body work therapy, tanning salons, and indoor ice rinks.
- ▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4683  
[www.cambridgema.gov/Historic](http://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.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/inspection.aspx)  
 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.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/license.aspx)  
 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](http://www.cambridgepolice.org) Permits to carry firearms.
- ▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800  
[www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks)  
 Issues permits for:
  - Special events and using parks for non-athletic use 617-349-4846
  - Filming or photographing on City property 617-349-4846
  - Newsrack vendors 617-349-4869
  - Construction-related permits (sidewalk obstruction and excavation, boom/concrete trucks, cranes) 617-349-4833
- ▶ **Recreation Division** 617-349-6200  
[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm)  
 To reserve a field for athletic use, call 617-349-6238.
- ▶ **Traffic & Parking** 617-349-4721 [www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic)  
 Permits for residential street parking, visitor parking, street obstruction/closure, construction truck/traffic clearance, moving vans, moving containers or crates, media vans, dumpsters, military personnel parking, traffic special permit (VIP reserved areas, parades, road races), and changes in quantity, use, or location of off-street parking spaces. Available forms include those for parking ticket and tow disputes, traffic sign and signal inquiries and complaints.
- ▶ **Water Department** 617-349-4770 [www.cambridgema.gov/CWD](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CWD)  
 Permits for: water-related construction, hydrant use and special events at Fresh Pond Reservation.

**Issues and Concerns**

- Consumer disputes 617-349-6152
- Discrimination in housing, employment, other 617-349-4396
- Graffiti hotline 617-349-6955
- Noise complaints (construction-related) 617-349-6100
- Noise complaints (both repetitive and immediate) 617-349-3300
- Parking ticket issues 617-349-4700
- Potholes / sidewalks / street repairs 617-349-4854
- Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4800
- Public Works (svc. requests) [theworks@cambridgema.gov](mailto:theworks@cambridgema.gov)
- Recycling/Yard Waste [recycle@cambridgema.gov](mailto:recycle@cambridgema.gov)
- Rodent control 617-349-4899 or [rodents@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rodents@cambridgema.gov)
- Snow hotline (report unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903  
[www.cambridgema.gov/snow](http://www.cambridgema.gov/snow)
- Street light repair 617-349-4925
- Water Dept. 24-hr emergency service 617-349-4770
- **Cambridge iReport:** report it online [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

## FACILITIES & PUBLIC WORKS

### ▶ **Department of Public Works (DPW)**

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800  
[www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks)  
[www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeDPW)  
E-mail: [theworks@cambridgema.gov](mailto:theworks@cambridgema.gov)  
Cambridge Cemetery 617-349-4890  
Engineering 617-349-4845  
Parks/Forestry 617-349-4880  
Service Requests 617-349-4846  
Sewer Maintenance 617-349-4851  
Street Maintenance 617-349-4851  
24-Hour Emergency 617-349-4800

### ▶ **Street Cleaning 617-349-4800**

On designated street cleaning days, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. Check neighborhood signs for schedules or visit the DPW Website and click on Services > Street Cleaning.

### ▶ **Trash Collection 617-349-4800**

Weekly curbside pickup and pre-arranged pickup 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. For exemptions, call 617-349-4692. Trash in plastic bags can only be placed at the curb on collection day, no later than 7 a.m. Only heavy duty plastic bags will be collected. Hazardous waste drop-off is held 3 times per year. For a full schedule, visit the DPW Website.

### ▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4800**

A mandatory recycling ordinance requires residents, businesses and institutions to recycle. Recycling containers and weekly curbside pickup (on the same day as trash collection) are provided free to residents, K-12 schools and non-profits with fewer than 50 employees. Visit the DPW website or email [Recycle@cambridgema.gov](mailto:Recycle@cambridgema.gov) for more information and to receive the monthly email newsletter.

### ▶ **Traffic Parking & Transportation Department**

344 Broadway 617-349-4700  
[www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic)

For information on resident and disability parking, parking tickets, off-street parking, moving vans, street signs, traffic signals and more.

### ▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits 617-349-4700**

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

### ▶ **Parking Ticket Payment/Disputes 617-349-4700**

Tickets can be paid online at [www.cambridgema.gov/traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/traffic); by phone at 617-491-7277; by mail at P.O. Box 399113, Cambridge, MA 02139; and in person at 344 Broadway, Cambridge. Tickets can be disputed by using the online dispute form on the department's Website. 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](http://www.cambridgema.gov) or check 22-CityView. For a list and map of parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit [www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm).

### ▶ **Recycling Center**

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800  
Tuesday & Thursday, 4 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside including food waste, mercury items, non-alkaline batteries, plastic bags. Open to Cambridge residents and businesses with fewer than 50 employees. Visit the Website for a full list of items accepted.

### ▶ **Yard Waste 617-349-4800**

Separate yard waste is collected from the first full week in April through the second week in December 2012; collection dates are April 2 - December 14. Place yard waste in paper refuse bags or loose in barrels with City stickers. Call 617-349-4800 for stickers.

### ▶ **Snow Clearance 617-349-4800** [cambridgema.gov/snow](http://cambridgema.gov/snow)

Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks next to their property within 12 hrs after snowfall ends in the daytime and before 1 p.m. if it has fallen during the night. Treat ice with a melting substance within 6 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](mailto:streetlightrepair@cambridgema.gov).

## TRAFFIC & PARKING

### ▶ **Moving Van Permits**

617-349-4721

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

### ▶ **Permits 617-349-4721**

The Traffic Parking & Transportation Department issues permits for: block parties, street obstruction, moving vans, dumpsters and contractor parking. All applications are available online.

### ▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

Call number above with your license plate or check directly with these towing companies:  
B&B 617-492-5781  
Pat's 617-354-4000  
Phil's 617-547-3701

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

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

▶ **Community Development Department (CDD)**

344 Broadway 617-349-4600  
[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd)

CDD's mission is to enhance the character and diversity of the city's neighborhoods and support sustainable economic growth that expands opportunities for residents, enables a high quality of life within the community, and contributes to a healthy environment.

▶ **Community Planning (Division of CDD) 617-349-4651**

[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cpldiv.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cpldiv.aspx)

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. Staffs Planning Board.

▶ **Economic Development (Division of CDD)**

617-349-4637

[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/econdev.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/econdev.aspx)

Offers assistance to businesses, works to promote an environment for business growth and helps maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs

include business counseling, site search, façade improvement and best retail practices programs, and support for job training. Publishes quarterly development log.

▶ **Environmental & Transportation Planning (Division of CDD)**

617-349-4604 [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/etdiv.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/etdiv.aspx)

Provides information and planning/implementation for streetscape improvements, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle programs, vehicle trip reduction and climate protection initiatives.

**Cambridge Energy Alliance**

617-349-5323

[www.CambridgeEnergyAlliance.org](http://www.CambridgeEnergyAlliance.org)

Provides outreach and education to residents and businesses regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy.

▶ **Housing (Division of CDD)**

617-349-4622 [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/housing.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/housing.aspx)

Provides information and access to affordable rental and homeownership opportunities and support for affordable housing preservation and creation, home improvement loans, homeowner support, and education and financial assistance for first time homebuyers.

▶ **Cambridge Housing Authority**

617-864-3020 [www.cambridge-housing.org](http://www.cambridge-housing.org)

Develops and manages affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Call for information on public housing or rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.

**BUSINESS RESOURCES**

▶ **Biotech Resources**

[www.cambridgebiotech.org](http://www.cambridgebiotech.org)

Administered by the Economic Development Division (CDD), this website provides listings helpful to the biotech industry.

▶ **Business Certificates**

City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260

[www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk)

A person, partnership or corporation conducting business in Cambridge under a name other than their own or corporate name must file a business certificate with the City Clerk's Office.

▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce 617-876-4100**

[www.cambridgechamber.org](http://www.cambridgechamber.org)

▶ **Central Square Business Assoc. 617-864-3211**

[www.centralsquarecambridge.com](http://www.centralsquarecambridge.com)

▶ **East Cambridge Business Association**

[www.eastcambridgeba.com](http://www.eastcambridgeba.com)

▶ **Economic Development Division**

617-349-4637 [www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/econdev.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/econdev.aspx)

Programs to revitalize commercial districts, support entrepreneurship and preserve a strong employment base. Offers business development workshops and counseling, commercial façade and interior/operational improvement assistance (matching grants available), and site selection assistance.

▶ **Harvard Square Business Association**

617-491-3434 [www.harvardsquare.com](http://www.harvardsquare.com)

▶ **Inman Square Business Association**

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

▶ **Kendall Square Business Association**

[www.kendallsq.org](http://www.kendallsq.org)

▶ **Office of Workforce Development**

617-349-6234 [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm)

Helps employers meet their hiring needs by connecting them to adult and teen Cambridge residents looking for jobs. Businesses interested in hosting site visits for teens, or in conducting mock interviews to help adults and teens improve their interview skills, are encouraged to call.

▶ **Purchasing Department**

617-349-4310 [www.cambridgema.gov/purchasing.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/purchasing.aspx)

Administers purchasing for the City, ensuring that purchases are made in accordance with the law, are fair and competitive, and are obtained at the lowest possible cost. Visit the Website for a list of open bids, solicitation documents and information on doing business with the City.

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

51 Inman Street 617-349-6200

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2)

[www.facebook.com/cambridgedhsp](http://www.facebook.com/cambridgedhsp)

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

▶ **Adult Basic Education**

Community Learning Center 19 Brookline St.

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm) 617-349-6363

Provides basic literacy instruction, GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages. Special programs include computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents and homeless adults, a transition to college program, family literacy, citizenship preparation, and workplace education for local businesses.

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

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

**Baby University** 617-349-7706

**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

**Agenda for Children**

Out of School Time Initiative 617-349-4099

Literacy Initiative 617-665-3812

**Cambridge Prevention Coalition** 617-349-6283

The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm)

(Voice) 617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235

Provides information on disability and access issues, promotes equal opportunity for people with physical, mental or sensory disabilities, ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Publishes *AccessLetter*, a free bimonthly newsletter. Runs an occasional film series called *Disability Reframed: A Community Film Series*. Call for information on:

**Temporary Disability Parking Permits** 617-349-4692

**Taxi Discount Coupons** 617-349-4692

**Trash Exemptions** 617-349-4692

▶ **Employment Assistance**

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.

**Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program** 617-349-6234

**Office of Workforce Development** 617-349-6234

**Cambridge Employment Program** 617-349-6166

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

**Multi-Service Center** 617-349-6340

19 Brookline Street

The Multi-Service Center provides services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals, including housing search assistance, counseling as appropriate, shelter, and referral to food programs.

**Fuel Assistance Program** 617-349-6252

The Fuel Assistance Program provides winter heating assistance to residents based on need.

▶ **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. See more on page 25.

**Recreation** 617-349-6200

▶ **Seniors**

The Senior Centers offer enrichment, recreational and social activities, social services, meals programs, food pantry, counseling, support groups, transportation services and volunteer opportunities. Referral to home-based services and taxi coupons and other discounts are available for seniors age 60 and up.

**Council on Aging** 617-349-6220

**Citywide Senior Ctr.** 617-349-6060

806 Massachusetts Ave.

**No. Cambridge Senior Ctr.** 617-349-6320

2050 Massachusetts Ave.

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

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



Cambridge Seniors enjoy the Community Schools Valentine Party at the Russell Youth Center.

▶ **Childcare Programs (DHSP)**  
**617-349-6200 [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/childcare.cfm](http://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 old.

**Preschool Programs (ages 2.9 - 5 years)**  
**617-349-6254**

- East Cambridge Preschool  
(at Kennedy/Longfellow)
- Haggerty Preschool
- King Open Preschool
- Martin Luther King Jr. Preschool
- Morse Preschool
- Peabody Preschool

**Afterschool Childcare Programs (K- 5th grade)**  
**617-349-6254**

- Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool
- King Afterschool
- Morse Afterschool
- Peabody Afterschool

**King Open Extended Day Program (K - 6th grade)**

**850 Cambridge St. 617-349-6078**

Jointly sponsored by the Cambridge School Department and the Department of Human Services serving 120 children enrolled in the King Open School.

▶ **Community Schools and Neighborhood Councils**  
**617-349-6200**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/commschools.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/commschools.cfm)**

Provides a network of neighborhood services, offering educational, cultural, social and recreational opportunities for all ages, including individuals with special needs. Community School Directors work with their Neighborhood Councils to assess community needs and design quality, cost effective Out of School Time programs, including after school enrichment classes, two extended day partnerships with the School Department, full-day summer and vacation camps, and two preschool camp programs.

- 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**  
**617-349-6829**

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. Summer programs are located in the Morse School, 14 Granite St., Cambridge. All other programs are located at the Russell Youth & Community Center, 680 Huron Avenue.

▶ **Youth Centers 617-349-6200**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm)**

Serves youth ages 9 - 19, developing social, recreational, leadership and academic skills at five City youth centers throughout the city. Four centers have licensed afterschool programs with separate specialized middle school programs for 9 - 13 years olds, while five centers offer teen programs with work-based learning and enrichment activities, plus sports and leisure activities for teens, 14 - 19 years old.

- Area IV** 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262
- Frisoli** 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312
- Gately** 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277
- Moore (Teens Only)** 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273
- Russell** 680 Huron Avenue 617-349-6314

▶ **Center for Families**

**617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm)**

City-wide parent/child activities and family education/support programs.

▶ **Baby University 617-349-7706**

▶ **Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/cpc.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/cpc.cfm)**

The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

▶ **Kids' Council 617-349-6239**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidscouncil.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidscouncil.cfm)**

Advocates for the well-being of children, youth and families; makes policy recommendations concerning programs and services.

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

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

▶ **City Scholarship Fund 617-349-4220**

**[www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.aspx)**

Provides financial assistance opportunities for eligible Cambridge residents.



Students and teachers from the Baldwin School participate in the Recreation Department's "Fun Skate" program with Bob Goodwin.

▶ **Cambridge Public Schools (CPSD)**  
 159 Thorndike Street 617-349-6400 [www.cpsd.us](http://www.cpsd.us)  
**Link Line (Announcements) 617-349-6513**  
 Cambridge has 12, K-5 elementary schools, four Upper Schools (Grades 6-8) and one comprehensive high school (Grades 9-12). Learn more on the CPS website and the Schools at a Glance booklet, available at the Family Resource Family Resource Center.

▶ **School Registration**  
**CPS Family Resource Center**  
 459 Broadway (inside Cambridge Rindge and Latin School)  
 617-349-6551 [www3.cpsd.us/department/FRC/FRC](http://www3.cpsd.us/department/FRC/FRC)  
 Age eligibility for Kindergarten is to be 4 years old by March 31 or 5 years old by August 31. Children who are 3 by August 31 may apply for the limited number of seats available at the Tobin Montessori school. Children who are 3 years old by August 30 may apply to the Special Start program.

▶ **School Committee 617-349-6620 [www.cpsd.us](http://www.cpsd.us)**  
 Six members of the committee 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 (effective Sept. 2012)**
- Amigos School** (Grades K - 8)  
15 Upton Street 617-349-6567
  - Maria L. Baldwin School** (Grades K - 5)  
28 Sacramento Street 617-349-6525
  - Cambridgeport School** (Grades K - 5)  
89 Elm Street 617-349-6587
  - Fletcher / Maynard Academy** (Grades K - 5)  
225 Windsor Street 617-349-6588
  - Graham & Parks** (Grades K - 5)  
44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577
  - Haggerty School** (Grades K - 5)  
110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555
  - Kennedy / Longfellow School** (Grades K - 5)  
158 Spring Street 617-349-6841
  - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School** (Grades K - 5)  
359 Broadway 617-349-6562
  - King Open School** (Grades K - 5)  
850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540
  - Morse School** (Grades K - 5)  
40 Granite Street 617-349-6575
  - Peabody School** (Grades K - 5)  
70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530
  - Tobin School** (Grades K - 5)  
197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

▶ **Upper Schools (Grades 6-8 beginning Sept. 2012)**  
[www3.cpsd.us/ia2/ia](http://www3.cpsd.us/ia2/ia)  
 Visit the website to learn more.  
**Cambridge Street Upper School** <http://CambridgeStreet.cpsd.us>  
 850 Cambridge Street (King Open School) 617-349-3050

**Putnam Avenue Upper School**  
<http://PutnamAvenue.cpsd.us>  
 158 Spring Street (Kennedy-Longfellow School)  
 617-349-7780

**Rindge Avenue Upper School**  
<http://RindgeAvenue.cpsd.us>  
 70 Rindge Avenue (Peabody School)  
 617-349-4060

**Vassal Lane Upper School**  
<http://VassalLane.cpsd.us>  
 197 Vassal Lane (Tobin School) 617-349-6550

▶ **Public High School & Special Programs**  
**Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS)**  
 459 Broadway (Grades 9 - 12)  
<http://crls.cpsd.us> 617-349-6630

**Rindge School of Technical Arts**  
<http://www.cpsd.us/RST> 617-349-RSTA

**High School Extension Program**  
 359 Broadway  
<http://www.cpsd.us/HSEP> 617-349-6880

▶ **Volunteering**  
**Cambridge School Volunteers**  
[www.csvinc.org](http://www.csvinc.org) 617-349-6794

- ▶ **Charter Schools**
- Benjamin Banneker Charter School (K-6)**  
21 Notre Dame Avenue 617-497-7771
  - Community Charter School (Grades 7 - 12)**  
245 Bent Street 617-354-0047

▶ **Special Education Schools**

- Farr Academy**  
71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922
- Threshold Program Lesley Univ**  
29 Everett Street 617-349-8181

- ▶ **Private Schools**
- Boston Archdiocesan Choir** (Grades 5 - 8)  
29 Mt Auburn Street 617-868-8658
  - Buckingham, Browne & Nichols** (PK - 12)  
80 Gerrys Landing Rd 617-547-6100
  - Cambridge Friends School** (Grades PK - 8)  
5 Cadbury Road 617-354-3880
  - Cambridge Montessori** (Age 2 - Grade 9)  
161 Garden Street 617-492-3410
  - Fayerweather Street School** (Grades PK - 8)  
765 Concord Avenue 617-876-4746
  - International School of Boston** (Grades 1 - 12)  
45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451
  - Matignon High School** (Grades 9-12)  
1 Matignon Road 617-876-1212
  - 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

▶ **Hospitals****Cambridge Hospital Campus**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

**Mount Auburn Hospital**

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-492-3500

**Spaulding Hospital (Acute & Rehabilitative Care)**

1575 Cambridge Street 617-876-4344

▶ **Cambridge Health Alliance****1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000****[www.challiance.org](http://www.challiance.org)**

This innovative system provides high quality care throughout Cambridge. Services are available at 3 hospital campuses and many community locations – including primary care, 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties and mental health services. It is a Harvard Medical School affiliate and it operates the Cambridge Public Health Department.

**CHA Doctor Finder Service 617-665-1305****Primary Care Appointment Line 617-665-1305****Mental Health Referral Line 617-591-6033**▶ **Cambridge Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****Cambridge Hospital Campus**

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

**Cambridge Birth Center**

10 Camelia Avenue 617-665-2229

**Cambridge Breast Center**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2001

**Windsor Street Health Center**

119 Windsor Street 617-665-3600

**Cambridge Family Health**

237 Hampshire Street 617-575-5570

**East Cambridge Health Center**

163 Gore Street 617-665-3000

**Cambridge Family Health North**

2067 Massachusetts Avenue 617-575-5570

**Teen Health Center**

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

▶ **Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD) 119 Windsor Street 617-665-3800****[www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://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 Cambridge Public Health Department Programs:**▶ **Environmental Health****617-665-3838**

Offers air quality investigations for residents, workers and businesses. Also 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 & Wellness****617-665-3852**

Oversees an early literacy initiative, a men's health program, and a dental education and screening program in the elementary schools. The division also coordinates a citywide domestic violence prevention program.

▶ **CambridgeSomerville ResourceGuide.org****[www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org](http://www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.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. Covers services including legal services, food pantries, family support, employment and immigration.

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center****99 Bishop Allen Drive****24 hour hotline 800-841-8371****[www.barcc.org](http://www.barcc.org)**

Comprehensive sexual assault services.

▶ **RESPOND, Inc.****P.O. Box 555, Somerville****617-623-5900 [www.respondinc.org](http://www.respondinc.org)**

Domestic violence services, including shelter.

▶ **Transition House 617-868-1650****Crisis: 617-661-7203 649 Mass. Ave.****[www.transitionhouse.org](http://www.transitionhouse.org)**

Domestic violence outreach and intervention.

- ▶ **Cambridge Police Department Emergency 9-1-1**  
**Non-Emergency 617-349-3300**  
**125 Sixth St. [www.CambridgePolice.org](http://www.CambridgePolice.org)**  
 Committed to the enforcement of laws and preservation of order that protect the rights and property of every person within the City of Cambridge. Provides police service to impact crime through the use of new and proven crime prevention strategies and partnerships with the community.
- ▶ **Crime/Drug Tip Hotline**  
**617-349-3359**  
 A 24-hour Hotline enabling citizens to provide CPD with confidential tips about illicit drug use and distribution or any other criminal activity.
- ▶ **Community Relations Unit**  
**617-349-3236**  
 Implements basic goals of Community Policing by actively engaging the community in identifying problems and solutions, and by establishing liaisons with community groups and formal organizations.
- ▶ **Neighborhood Sergeants Program** 617-349-9339  
[www.CambridgePolice.org/NeighborhoodSergeants](http://www.CambridgePolice.org/NeighborhoodSergeants)  
 Neighborhood Sergeants assigned to each Cambridge neighborhood coordinate outreach and problem-solving activities within their areas.
- ▶ **Youth & Family Services Unit** 617-349-3008  
 Offers support for youth and families through early intervention and by working with families to resolve issues that may lead to negative acts or crime. School Resource Officers also act as liaisons between CPD, schools, youth centers and other service providers in Cambridge.
- ▶ **Social Media / MyPD Smartphone App Available**  
 Visit CPD on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/CambridgePolice](http://www.twitter.com/CambridgePolice)) and YouTube ([www.YouTube.com/CambridgePolice](http://www.YouTube.com/CambridgePolice)). “MyPD” enables users to see department news & submit crime tips from the palm of their hand. Search for “MyPD” in the iTunes Store, Android Marketplace or visit [www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD](http://www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD).
- ▶ **Fire Department (CFD) Emergency 9-1-1**  
**Non-emergency 617-349-4900 [www.cambridgefire.org](http://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 fire prevention and safety information. CFD issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers, flammable storage, welding and torch use.
- ▶ **Emergency Communications Department**  
**Emergency 911 Administration 617-349-6911**  
**[www.cambridge911.org](http://www.cambridge911.org)**  
 Operates the City’s combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), linking residents with police, fire and emergency medical personnel responding to emergencies and other public safety concerns.

## PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION

- ▶ **Parks / Playgrounds / Off Leash Dog Areas** 617-349-4880  
**[www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks)**  
 Cambridge has about 80 parks, playgrounds, tot-lots, and two fenced in Off Leash Dog areas at Danehy Park and Pacific St. Park. For more information, visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov), click on Living Page under Cambridge Resources, then see Parks and Playgrounds. For maintenance requests, call the number listed above.
- ▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**  
**617-349-6200 [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm](http://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 Recreation Center** 617-349-6237  
**1640 Cambridge Street**  
 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 with children’s amusement rides, crafts, performers, free hot dogs and soda. Permits are required for use of athletic fields and barbeque pits.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4762  
 Made up of a 155-acre pond 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 Treatment Plant, 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](http://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](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CCC)**  
 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.

▶ **Main Library**

**449 Broadway**

[www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org) **617-349-4040**

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

Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. (Oct. through Apr.)

The Cambridge Public Library (CPL) holds over 100 programs each month. From children's singalongs and storytimes to author readings and special events in the Main Library's magnificent new lecture hall, there's something for everyone. Check out our calendar of events to find what you're looking for.

▶ **Book Groups**

From our Great Books group that reads the classics to our Chick Lit group, there's a group for everyone. They're enjoyable, informative and a fantastic way to meet individuals from our community.

▶ **Library Card Benefits**

A library card is easy to obtain and gives you access to over 6 million books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and online resources. You just need an ID and proof of your Massachusetts address to obtain one.

Your Cambridge Public Library card:

- Puts all the resources of the Minuteman Library Network, including 42 public and six academic libraries, at your fingertips;
- Allows you to reserve and renew items in person, by phone or online;
- Lets you borrow most books, audio books and CDs for 3 weeks and magazines and DVDs for one week with the option to renew;
- Gives you access to public computers at any Cambridge Public Library location.

▶ **Museum Passes**

Your library card also entitles you to reserve passes that offer discounts or free admission to museums and institutions including:

- Children's Museum
- Griffin Museum of Photography
- Harvard Natural History Museums
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts
- MIT Museums
- New England Zoos (Franklin Park, Stone Zoo)
- The Sports Museum
- Discovery Museums
- Harvard Art Museum
- Institute of Contemporary Art
- JFK Museum/Library
- Museum of Science
- Peabody Essex Museum
- U.S.S. Constitution Museum

The Friends of the Public Library fund many of these pass programs.

▶ **Children's Collection**

The children's collection includes books, music, movies, audio books, magazines, traditional and online games and multicultural resources. All children's programs are free and open to all. They feature music and storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, activities and book discussions for school-aged children, performances and events for families, and special programs for parents and caregivers.

▶ **eLibrary**

The Cambridge Public Library was the first library in the world to offer free, high speed internet access (beginning in 1994). This commitment to digital resources has not wavered. Each year, CPL hosts over 200,000 hours of free access to the Internet.

**eLibrary services:**

- Nearly 150 public access computers

- Free wireless access at all of our locations
- 24/7 access to the library catalog and your library account to reserve or renew materials
- Access to more than 30 electronic research databases
- On-site access to databases such as Ancestry.com
- Online reference assistance
- Desktop publishing and scanners (Main Library)
- Downloadable audio books and ebooks
- Mango language instruction online
- State-of-the-art computer classrooms (Main and Central Square)
- Blog for Cambridge READS, Teen Room, and Cambridge Room
- Express Lane self-checkout (Main Library only)

▶ **Returns**

You may return library materials to any Cambridge Public Library location or other Minuteman member library. All locations have after hour return boxes.

▶ **Library Branch Locations:  
(See Website for hours)**

**Boudreau Branch**

245 Concord Avenue

617-349-4017

**Central Square Branch**

45 Pearl Street

617-349-4010

**Collins Branch**

64 Aberdeen Avenue

617-349-4021

**O'Connell Branch**

48 Sixth Street

617-349-4021

**O'Neill Branch**

70 Rindge Avenue

617-349-4023

**Valente Branch**

826 Cambridge Street

617-349-4015



**A Cambridge Public Library patron enjoys some relaxing reading time.**

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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

The Website includes tools for trip planning and access to real-time transit tracking applications, such as NextBus.

▶ **Bus Routes**

Fare is typically \$1.25 with CharlieCard. Includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to subway & express bus. Some “zoned local” routes or longer rides cost more. Charlie Ticket cash fare is \$1.50.\*

▶ **Subway (the “T”)**

Cambridge is served by the red and green lines.

Cambridge stations are: Alewife, Porter, Harvard, Central and Kendall on the red line, and Lechmere on the green line. With some exceptions, the fare is \$1.70 with CharlieCard (includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to express bus). Fare is \$2 with CharlieTicket or cash.\*

▶ **Commuter Rail**

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 617-517-9740 [www.EZRide.info](http://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 10 minutes during peak hours, Monday-Friday, except holidays. Cash fare is \$2.\*

\* These new, higher fares are expected to go into effect on July 1, 2012.

## REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

▶ **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV)** 617-351-4500  
[www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv)

**Boston RMV (full service)** 630 Washington Street, Boston  
Details such as hours of operation and services available at various branches, as well as current wait times, are available at the Website listed above by clicking on the “Quick Links” tab, followed by “Branch Info.”

▶ **Driver’s License**

If you have moved to Cambridge from out of state, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver’s license. Visit the RMV Website and click on “Convert my Out-of-State Driver’s License” to obtain an application and a list of the documents you will need to bring to an RMV office. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere in the state, notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days.

▶ **Vehicle Registration**

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. A full description of the registration process is provided at [www.mass.gov/rmv/regs](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/regs).

▶ **Vehicle Inspection**

Your vehicle must undergo a safety and emissions inspection within 7 days of registration. To find an inspection station in your area, visit [www.mass.gov/rmv/stations](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/stations), then click on “Mass Vehicle Check Inspection Station Locator.”

## POST OFFICE

**Post Office**  
800-275-8777 [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

**Main Branch: Central Square,**  
770 Massachusetts Avenue

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

## TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

▶ **Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)**  
866-654-1003  
[www.checkercabcambridge.com](http://www.checkercabcambridge.com)

The City’s License Commission works with a dispatch service company that provides wheelchair-accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Cambridge-based taxicab companies participate in the ACT program.

▶ **Cambridge Taxicab Companies**

<b>Ambassador Brattle</b>	617-492-1100
<b>Cambridge Cab Company</b>	617-776-5000
<b>Checker Cab</b>	617-497-9000
<b>Classic Cab</b>	617-492-0555
<b>Star Taxi</b>	617-876-8888
<b>UTS Cab</b>	617-661-2500
<b>Yellow Cab</b>	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).

▶ **Car Sharing & Bicycle Delivery**

While not managed by the City of Cambridge, car sharing, hourly car rental and bicycle delivery businesses help keep Cambridge a walkable city, benefiting all of us. Some options include:

**Connect by Hertz** [www.connectbyhertz.com](http://www.connectbyhertz.com)  
**Metro Pedal Power** [www.metro pedalpower.com](http://www.metro pedalpower.com)  
**Mint Cars On-Demand** [www.drivemint.com](http://www.drivemint.com)  
**Relay Rides** [www.relayrides.com](http://www.relayrides.com)  
**Zipcar** [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com)

▶ **Arts, Historical, Music, Tourism Organizations**

**Cambridge Art Association**  
617-876-0246 [www.cambridgeart.org](http://www.cambridgeart.org)

**Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)**  
617-349-4380 [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)  
For Street Performer permits, artist grants, public art commissions, cultural events and artist/performer resources.

**Cambridge Artists Coop**  
617-868-4434 [www.cambridgeartistscoop.com](http://www.cambridgeartistscoop.com)

**Cambridge Center for Adult Education**  
617-547-6789 [www.ccae.org](http://www.ccae.org)

**Cambridge Historical Commission**  
617-349-4683 [www.cambridgema.gov/Historic](http://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](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)

**Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center**  
617-577-1400 [www.cmacusa.org](http://www.cmacusa.org)

**Cambridge Office for Tourism**  
617-441-2884 [www.cambridge-usa.org](http://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](http://www.cambridgemusic.org)

**Longy School of Music of Bard College**  
617-876-0956 [www.longy.edu](http://www.longy.edu)

**Passim School of Music**  
[www.clubpassim.org](http://www.clubpassim.org)

▶ **Museums**

**Gray Herbarium, Harvard**  
617-495-2365 [www.huh.harvard.edu](http://www.huh.harvard.edu)

**Harvard University Art Museums**  
617-495-9400 [www.artmuseums.harvard.edu](http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu)  
During the renovations, selected works from the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Sackler collections are on display at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum.

**Harvard Museum of Natural History**  
617-495-3045 [www.hmn.harvard.edu](http://www.hmn.harvard.edu)

**Longfellow National Historic Site**  
617-876-4491 [www.nps.gov/long](http://www.nps.gov/long)

**MIT-List Visual Arts Center**  
617-253-4680 [web.mit.edu/lvac](http://web.mit.edu/lvac)

**MIT Museum**  
617-253-9607 [web.mit.edu/museum](http://web.mit.edu/museum)

**Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology**  
617-496-1027 [www.peabody.harvard.edu](http://www.peabody.harvard.edu)

▶ **Galleries**

**AIB Gallery @ University Hall** 617.585.6600  
[www.lesley.edu/aib/portfolio/index.html](http://www.lesley.edu/aib/portfolio/index.html)

**Cambridge Arts Council Gallery**  
617-349-4380 344 Broadway  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

**Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center**  
617-577-1400 [www.cmacusa.org](http://www.cmacusa.org)

**Chandler Gallery**  
617-349-6287

**Gallery 263**  
[www.gallery263.com](http://www.gallery263.com)

**Mobius**  
617-945-9481 [www.mobius.org](http://www.mobius.org)

**Out of the Blue Art Gallery**  
617-354-5287 [www.outoftheblueartgallery.com](http://www.outoftheblueartgallery.com)

▶ **Theaters**

**Actors' Shakespeare Project**  
617-547-1982 [www.actorsshakespeareproject.org](http://www.actorsshakespeareproject.org)

**American Repertory Theatre**  
617-547-8300 [www.amrep.org](http://www.amrep.org)

**Brattle Theatre**  
617-876-6837 [www.brattlefilm.org](http://www.brattlefilm.org)

**Central Square Theater**  
617-576-9278 [www.centralsquaretheater.org](http://www.centralsquaretheater.org)

**ImprovBoston Theater**  
617-576-1253 [www.improvboston.com](http://www.improvboston.com)

**Sanders Theatre**  
Harvard Box Office: 617-496-2222

▶ **Community Television\***

**Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) Channels 8, 9 and 96**  
**617-661-6900** [www.cctvcambridge.org](http://www.cctvcambridge.org)  
Offering three community access cable channels, CCTV is a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations.

**Cambridge Educational Access Channels 98 and 99**  
[www.cpsd.us/ceatv/channels.htm](http://www.cpsd.us/ceatv/channels.htm)  
Programming for Cambridge Public Schools. SMART TV98 cablecasts educational programs, original work from students, school events and more. CPS TV 99 offers school news and more.

**22-CityView (Municipal Channel)**  
**Channel 22** 617-349-4296  
[www.cambridgema.gov/dept/cable.html](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dept/cable.html)  
Provides both original and acquired programming drawn from and relating to the City of Cambridge. City Council meetings are broadcast live on Mondays and repeated during the week.

\* Reflects Channel Changes.

To view more Cambridge arts and culture organizations, please visit [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

▶ 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](http://www.afsc.org)

**Breakthrough Cambridge**

158 Spring Street 617-349-6647 [www.breakthroughcambridge.org](http://www.breakthroughcambridge.org)

**Cambridge At Home**

1770 Massachusetts Avenue 617-864-1715  
[www.cambridgeathome.org](http://www.cambridgeathome.org)

**Cambridge Camping Association**

99 Bishop Richard Allen Dr. 617-864-0960 [www.cambridgecamping.org](http://www.cambridgecamping.org)

**Cambridge Cares About AIDS**

17 Sellers Street 617-661-3040 [www.ccaa.org](http://www.ccaa.org)

**Cambridge Community Center**

5 Callender Street 617-547-6811 [www.cambridgecommunitycenter.org](http://www.cambridgecommunitycenter.org)

**Cambridge Community Services** 99 Bishop Allen Drive

617-876-5214 [www.cambridgecommunity.org](http://www.cambridgecommunity.org)

**Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee**

11 Inman Street 617-868-2900 [www.ceoccambridge.org](http://www.ceoccambridge.org)

**Cambridge Family & Children's Service**

60 Gore Street 617-876-4210 [www.helpfamilies.org](http://www.helpfamilies.org)

**Cambridge Family YMCA**

820 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-9622 [www.cambymca.org](http://www.cambymca.org)

**Cambridge School Volunteers**

459 Broadway 617-349-6794 [www.csvinc.org](http://www.csvinc.org)

**Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse**

42 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

**Charles River Conservancy**

4 Brattle Street 617-608-1410 [www.charlesriverconservancy.org](http://www.charlesriverconservancy.org)

**Child Care Resource Center, Inc.**

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-547-1063 [www.cccinc.org](http://www.cccinc.org)

**Community Dispute Settlement Center**

60 Gore Street 617-876-5376 [www.communitydispute.org](http://www.communitydispute.org)

**Community Learning Center** 19 Brookline Street

617-349-6363 [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm)

**Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation**

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-6391 [www.friendsoffreshpond.org](http://www.friendsoffreshpond.org)

**Homeowners Rehab Inc.**

280 Franklin Street 617-868-4858 [www.homeownersrehab.org](http://www.homeownersrehab.org)

**HomeStart, Inc.**

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502 617-234-5340 [www.homestart.org](http://www.homestart.org)



**A Cambridge Schools Volunteer from Genzyme with his Reading Buddy from Fletcher-Maynard Academy School.**

**Just-A-Start Corporation**

1035 Cambridge Street #12  
617-494-0444 [www.justastart.org](http://www.justastart.org)

**Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers**

1046 Cambridge Street  
617-864-7600 [www.maps-inc.org](http://www.maps-inc.org)

**On the Rise** 341 Broadway

617-497-7968 [www.ontherise.org](http://www.ontherise.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](http://www.eldercare.org)

**Wellmet Project**

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-491-2377  
[www.wellmetproject.com](http://www.wellmetproject.com)

**The Women's Center**

46 Pleasant Street 617-354-6394  
[www.cambridgewomenscenter.org](http://www.cambridgewomenscenter.org)

**YWCA Cambridge**

7 Temple Street 617-491-6050  
[www.ywcacam.org](http://www.ywcacam.org)

▶ Here is a sampling of upcoming events in Cambridge. For additional information, visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

### May

**Cambridge Open Studios East & Central** 5/12 – 5/13  
**Cambridge Open Studios North & West** 5/19 – 5/20  
 Cambridge Arts Council [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

Meet artists throughout Cambridge working in a range of mediums and purchase work directly from them. Free event. Noon to 6 p.m.

**Fresh Pond Day** 5/19  
[www.cambridgema.gov/CWD](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CWD)

The culmination of water week is Fresh Pond Day at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway. Enjoy activities for all ages, including nature walks, water facility tours, demonstrations and displays. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**National Public Works Week** 5/20 – 5/26  
[www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks) 617-349-4800

**Memorial Day Parade and Observance** 5/28  
 Veterans' Services Department [www.cambridgema.gov/vet](http://www.cambridgema.gov/vet)  
 Parade at 9:30 a.m. from Cambridge Common to Cambridge Cemetery. Observance at 11 a.m.

### June

**MOVE ME: A Public Art Project** through 6/15  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

This "pop-up" art project by Roberta Paul and Beth Kantrowitz/bkprojects features vehicles "wrapped" with sketches of migratory animals traveling through Cambridge and a related exhibition in the CAC Gallery at Cambridge Arts Council, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor.

**Cambridge River Festival** 6/2  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

Featuring live music, visual arts, theatrical and dance performances, family entertainment, art-making activities and workshops, crafts, international food and more! Free. Memorial Drive, along the Charles River. Noon to 6 p.m.

**Dragon Boat Festival** 6/9 – 6/10  
[www.bostondragonboat.org](http://www.bostondragonboat.org)

A cultural event on the Charles River featuring dragon boat races, arts and crafts demonstrations, music, dance, martial arts and Asian foods. Free.

**Secret Gardens of Cambridge** 6/10  
 617-349-4032

Stroll through an eye catching array of front, back and side yards across four neighborhoods. Coordinated by Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. Tickets on sale at many locations. 10 a.m. – 4p.m.

**Taste of Cambridge** 6/12  
[www.tasteofcambridge.com](http://www.tasteofcambridge.com)

The annual food extravaganza moves to Sidney St. in Central Square. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rain Date 6/14.

**Hoops 'N' Health** 6/16  
 Cambridge Public Health Dept. 617-665-3769

Basketball/flag football tournament and health fair at Hoyt Field. Free food, music and children's games. Free and open to the public. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**City of Cambridge Dance Party** 6/29  
[www.cambridgema.com](http://www.cambridgema.com) 617-349-4301  
 Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for the entire Cambridge community. 7 – 11 p.m.

**Library Summer Reading Programs**  
[www.cambridgema.gov/cpl](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl) 617-349-4409  
 Programs for all ages.

### SEE MORE CALENDAR LISTINGS AT [WWW.CAMBRIDGEMA.GOV](http://WWW.CAMBRIDGEMA.GOV)

Find City sponsored programs, classes and events in the City Calendar of the website. On this calendar, you can view listings by category for a particular date, such as only public meetings. Look for additional city and community events on the Community Events Calendar managed by the Cambridge Office for Tourism. This link can be found in the Community Resources section toward the bottom of the City's website.



### CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! [www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org)

Cambridge Public Library holds over 100 programs each month. From children's sing-alongs and story times to author readings and special events in the Main Library's lecture hall, there's something for everyone. Take a look at our Calendar of Events online. Check out our variety of book groups. They're fun, informative and a fantastic way to meet others. Get free and discounted passes to area museums with your Library Card. Check it out Today!



### CAMBRIDGE ALERT NETWORK [www.CambridgeMA.gov/AlertNetwork](http://www.CambridgeMA.gov/AlertNetwork)

**Cambridge Alert Network** communicates City information through three notification services. **CodeRED** notifies subscribers via land line/cell phones, text messages and emails in the event of City emergencies, including snow emergencies and major service disruptions. All Cambridge land lines are automatically registered with **CodeRED**. **Citizen Observer** is used by Cambridge Police Dept. to send email and text alerts to subscribers about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, crime-prevention, etc. **Cambridge E-Line** sends routine reminders via email and text message, such as trash/recycling pick-up, street cleaning and other City information. To register, visit the website or call 617-349-9490.

**CAMBRIDGE  
 ALERT  
 NETWORK**

## July

### Summer in the City

www.cambridgeartscouncil.org 617-349-4380  
An array of multicultural and interactive performances throughout the City's public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater and puppetry for children ages 4 – 11. Free and open to the public.

### Open Archives Tours 7/9 – 7/12

www.cambridgearchives.org 617-547-4252  
Visitors are invited behind-the-scenes at a dozen Cambridge archives to view rare drawings, manuscripts, early photographs, and letters. Advance registration is required; visit the website for details and to register.

### Family Nights in the Park Every Weds

Dept. of Human Services 617-349-6200  
Movies and more in Cambridge parks.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection 7/21

Cambridge Public Works  
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks  
Parking Lot at Danehy Park at the intersection of Field and Fern Streets. Cambridge residents only; proof of residency required. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## August

### Summer in the City

www.cambridgeartscouncil.org 617-349-4380  
An array of performances. See July listing.

### Cambridge Discovery Days 8/4 & 8/11

www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html  
617-349-4683  
Free walking tours and events all about Cambridge history. Visit website for schedules.

### Family Nights in the Park Every Weds

Dept. of Human Services 617-349-6200  
Movies and more in Cambridge parks.

## September

### State Primary Election 9/6

617-349-4361  
Call Election Commission for voter registration info or polling locations.

### Cambridge Carnival 9/9

A festive celebration rooted in African traditions and featuring a dazzling costume parade, music, dancing, food and more in Kendall Square.

### Danehy Park Family Day 9/22

www.cambridgema.gov  
Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last! Free and open to the public from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Amusement rides, roving performers, Children's stage. Free hot dogs, chips, soda, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Riversing 9/23

www.revels.org  
Thousands gather for a public sing along the

Charles River at the Weeks Footbridge, 6 p.m. Parade and family events start at 5 p.m. at Winthrop Park, Harvard Square.

### Cambridgeport History Day 9/29

www.cambridgehistory.org  
Commemorates the War of 1812 in Cambridgeport, with the dedication of historic markers on streets named for 1812 battles and commanders, and on guided walking tours. "If this house could talk . . ." shares neighborhood stories, both historic and personal, as residents and businesses write and display handwritten signs that tell tales about their properties.

## October

### Eat Up Kendall 10/2

Kendall Square Association www.kendallsq.org  
Tasting of area restaurants and music at Technology Square. 5:30 – 8 p.m., Rain Date 10/9.

### Oktoberfest and Honk Festival 10/7

Harvard Square. Bus. Assoc. www.harvardsquare.com  
Featuring six stages of live entertainment, food, artworks, jewelry, vintage clothing. Noon – 6 p.m. Raindate Oct. 8.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10/20

Cambridge Public Works www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks  
Parking Lot at Danehy Park at the intersection of Field and Fern Streets. Cambridge residents only; proof of residency required. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Head of the Charles Regatta 10/20 – 10/21

www.hocr.org 617-868-6200  
The world's largest 2-day regatta attracts more than 8,000 racers from around the world. The races take place along the Charles River, from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. beginning at the BU Bridge.

### Rib Fest 2012 10/21

East Cambridge Business Association www.eastcambridgeba.com  
"Smoke This" Rib and Street Fair will take place on Cambridge St. in East Cambridge, between Fulkerson and Fifth St. Noon – 4 p.m.

## November

### Family Literacy Fun Day 11/3

Dept. of Human Services 617-349-6200  
A day of fun activities for families, including: book making, face painting, literacy games, puppet making, sing-alongs, story tellers, giveaways, and a magician. Light Lunch will be served. 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.

### State/Presidential Election 11/6

www.cambridgema.gov/election 617-349-4361  
Call Election Commission for voter registration info or polling locations.

### Veterans' Day Observance 11/12

Cambridge Veteran's Services www.cambridgema.gov/VET  
Join us in the Cambridge Cemetery at 11 a.m. as we gather to honor our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country.

## December

### SparkleFest 11/23 – 12/31

www.harvardsquare.com 617-491-3434  
A month-long celebration of the holiday season with various events in Harvard Square.

### Holly Fair 12/15 – 12/16

www.ccae.org/hollyfair.html 617-547-6789  
Celebrate the holiday season at Cambridge's oldest crafts fair – held at Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 42 Brattle Street, Harvard Square. Sat. 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Sun. Noon – 5 p.m.



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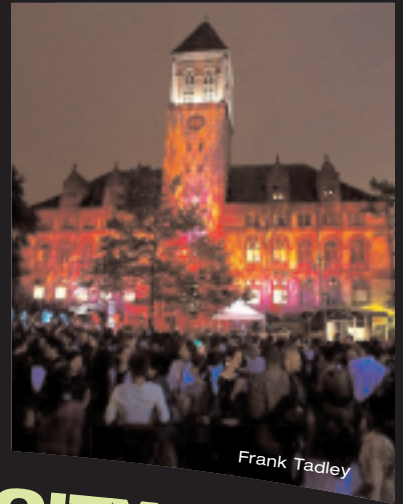
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## 33rd CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL

A celebration of the arts and summertime fun  
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Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this  
Friday night dance party for all of Cambridge.  
June 29, 2012 7 – 11 p.m.  
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A mix of dance, song, storytelling, theater and  
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Enjoy crafts, amusement rides, free hot dogs  
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