

## Background Information Regarding Off Leash Shared Use Hours Pilot Program

In spring 2008, the City began a series of meetings regarding establishing a shared use pilot program at five parks throughout the City. These meetings have focused on getting information and feedback from nearby residents, park users and dog owners on the general idea, and also the appropriate times, seasons, locations, and other considerations to take into account for such a program. In June 2009, additional community meetings were held concerning the two initial locations for the pilot program (Gold Star Mothers Park and Corcoran Park).



### Help Make the Pilot Program Successful!

The City is looking for residents to volunteer as liaisons between dog owners and city departments for each pilot program location. Please contact Mark McCabe, Director of the Cambridge Animal Commission at 617-349-4376 for more information.



## OTHER OFF LEASH OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAMBRIDGE DOG OWNERS

There are 2 DEDICATED OFF LEASH areas in Cambridge. These areas are fenced in and are intended exclusively for use by off leash dogs and their owners:

- **Pacific Street Park** – in between Pacific Street and Tudor Street in Cambridgeport (new surfacing will be installed summer 2009)
- **Danehy Park** (anticipated opening summer 2009) – At the New Street entrance to Danehy Park in North Cambridge

There are 2 SHARED USE OFF LEASH areas in Cambridge. These are areas where dogs are allowed off leash but that are not fully fenced or separated from other uses and activities:

- **Fresh Pond Reservation** – Fresh Pond Parkway in West Cambridge (excludes mowed grassy areas)
- **Fort Washington Park** – Waverly Street in Cambridgeport (currently closed for restoration; scheduled to reopen, without temporary fencing, in late summer 2009)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To report an issue regarding dogs in Cambridge parks - please contact the City of Cambridge Animal Commission at 617-349-4376

For additional information regarding City of Cambridge off leash opportunities and shared use pilot program - please contact the Community Development Department at 617-349-4603 or visit the web at: [www.cambridgema.gov/offleash](http://www.cambridgema.gov/offleash)

For additional information or concerns regarding off leash dogs specifically at: **Fresh Pond Reservation** - please call Fresh Pond Reservation Management at: 617-349-4762

**Danehy Park** - please call the Danehy Park maintenance office at: 617-349-4895 or Paul Ryder, Director of Recreation at 617-349-6200

**Pacific Street Park, Fort Washington Park, Corcoran Field and Gold Star Mothers Park** - please call the Department of Public Works at: 617-349-4880

Additional information is also available through the Cambridge Dog Owners Group (CDOG) at: [www.cambridgedog.com](http://www.cambridgedog.com) (this is a private group not affiliated with the City of Cambridge)

## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

### Off Leash Dog Guide and Shared Use Pilot Program Information



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

For the past several years city staff from the Community Development Department, Department of Public Works, City Manager's Office, Historical Commission, Department of Human Service Programs and the Animal Commission collaborated with City Council members and a group of residents to come up with strategies for creating new off leash opportunities for Cambridge licensed dogs.

## SHARED USE HOURS (PILOT PROGRAM)

Beginning August 1st, 2009, the City of Cambridge will begin a pilot program to provide shared use locations that will be available for off leash dogs during specified hours. Shared use locations are areas where dogs are allowed off leash but that are not fully fenced or separated from other uses and activities.

### Shared Use Hours Pilot Program Locations:

- **Gold Star Mothers Park** – Gore Street in East Cambridge
- **Corcoran Park** – Raymond Street in Neighborhood Nine

Off leash hours are from 6am to 9am, beginning on August 1, 2009. Off leash use is prohibited if the field is saturated due to rain or snow or if the park is scheduled for another use.

The pilot program will last for approximately one year. At the end of that period, physical conditions, feedback from users and the general public, and staff comments will be reviewed as part



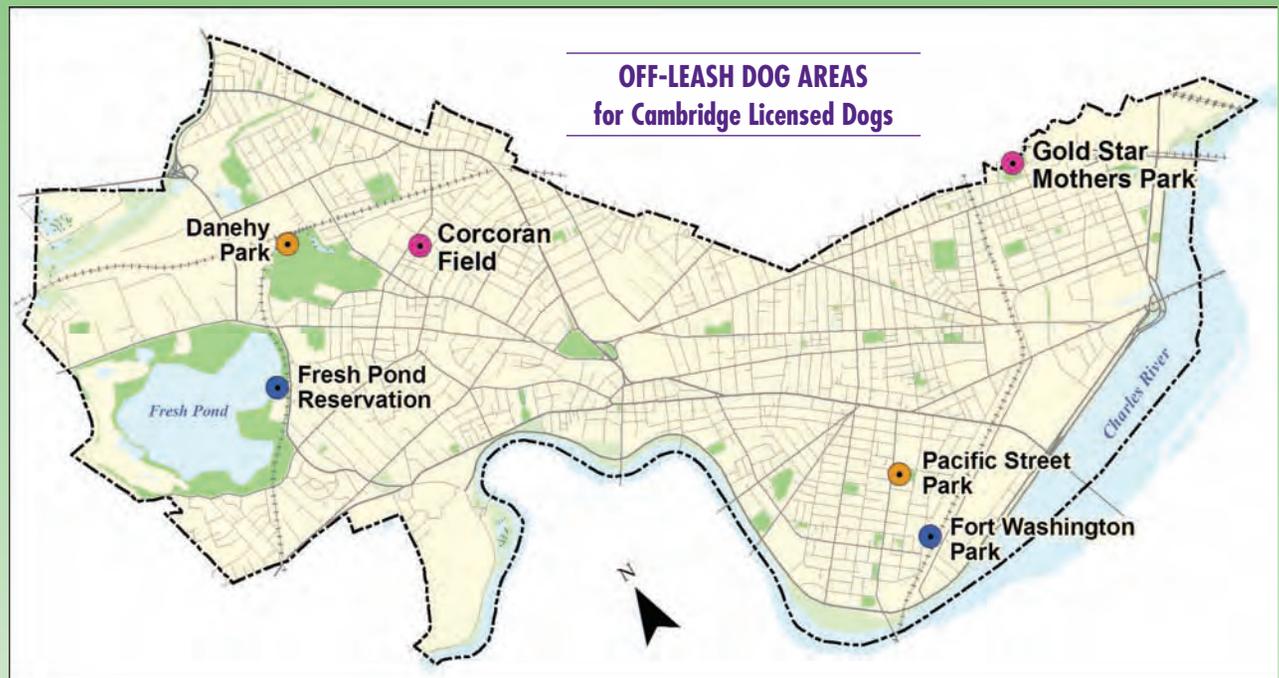
of the evaluation process. Recommendations will then be made regarding the continuation of the program.



### Important Things to Keep in Mind (for a complete list of rules please see signs posted at parks/off leash areas)

- Off leash hours are suspended when there are permitted or school based special activities in the park.
- There are no off leash hours when parks or fields are saturated with rain.
- Dogs must be leashed when Parks Division crews are working in the park.
- The owner/keeper of any dog(s) must appropriately remove and properly dispose of any and all feces left by the dogs.
- Dogs are not allowed in playground areas, sandboxes, tennis or basketball courts.

## LOCATIONS OF DEDICATED AND SHARED OFF LEASH AREAS AND LOCATIONS OF SHARED USE HOURS PILOT PROGRAM AREAS



● SHARED USE HOURS PILOT PROGRAM 6AM-9AM

Gold Star Mothers Park/Gore Street Park  
Corcoran Field/Raymond Park

● DEDICATED OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS

Danehy Park at New Street  
Pacific Street Park

● SHARED USE OFF-LEASH AREAS

Fort Washington Park  
Fresh Pond Reservation