

AccessLetter

Cambridge Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Cities for All: A Universal Design Colloquium



On April 29 of this year, MIT's School of Architecture and Planning hosted a colloquium on Universal Design entitled "Cities for All." Moderated by Terry Szold, MIT Adjunct Professor of Land Use Planning, the event included a variety of architecture and design experts, inclusive design advocates, and municipal government officials.

The overarching theme of the event was to encourage architects and designers, teaching professionals, and architecture/design students to better understand how to internalize human-centered design principles. Presenters described a number of methods how this can be accomplished, especially as cities and urban landscapes are designed for the years and decades to come, keeping in mind our aging population.

MIT's Dean of Architecture and Planning, Adèle Naudé Santos, started the colloquium by encouraging attendees to embrace universal design concepts. "The closer you are to the human body and the things we actually have to work with on a daily basis, the more important this issue becomes," said Dean Santos. Human-centered design, said Santos, "engages a different kind of sensibility that says 'actually, this is something we all should do' [because] it's a kind of moral imperative. It's really a question of changing the mindset of architects and planners... That this is the right thing to do."

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Medical Marijuana Coming to Massachusetts



Over the coming year, medical marijuana dispensaries will be starting to open up in Massachusetts. But what exactly is medical marijuana, and how is it used? Passed by a large majority of Commonwealth voters in a statewide referendum in 2012, the medical marijuana law allows people with certain significant disabilities and chronic health conditions to obtain permission from their doctor to obtain marijuana (from authorized dispensaries) and use it to reduce or eliminate symptoms, without fear of state penalties.

Since 1996, at least 17 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws allowing marijuana to be dispensed and used for a variety of medical conditions. For example, some people with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) have found that medical marijuana reduces the progression of their disability.

Medical marijuana has been found to reduce nausea and increase appetite for some people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, or for some people living with HIV/AIDS. Some individuals with glaucoma have used medical marijuana to reduce intraocular pressure.

People with spinal cord injuries and similar neurological disabilities have found, in some cases, that muscle spasticity and chronic pain symptoms are reduced or eliminated through medical marijuana use.

(More on Medical Marijuana, page 3)

**Disability Reframed:
A Community Film Series hosts:**

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

**Saturday, July 26, 2014
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Cambridge Main Library
449 Broadway
See page 5 for more info**

Have Fun this Summer!

Every winter in Cambridge deserves a celebration come summer. It doesn't matter how rough or easy the winter was either, we all got through it together! There are plenty of recreational things for persons with disabilities to do this season so please have some fun and report back after the sun goes down!

The Massachusetts's Department Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and its Universal Access Program (UAP) offer a host of accessible events at state parks, forests, rivers and ponds. Most of the kayaking, canoeing, and adaptive cycling rides are about \$5 per person --confirm price when you pre-register—and rowing is free on Thursdays in Holyoke. Hikes, seaside strolls, and mansion tours are available too if getting wet isn't your thing. Visit www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/accessibility, or call 413.545.5353 (voice) or 413.577.2200 (TTY).

The Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers has a new location at 300 First Avenue in Charlestown. Activities in the adaptive sports program began in May and run through October: windsurfing, stand up paddling, cycling, outrigger canoeing, glide cycling, kayaking, paddle boating, rowing and tennis. These aren't free but if you buy a package there is a discount. Registration is required. In other parts of Massachusetts they also offer adaptive water skinning, golf, and archery. Visit www.spauldingrehab.org and search 'adaptive-sports'.

Adaptive sailing! The Piers Park Sailing Center is a nationally recognized non-profit sailing program committed to offering affordable, fully accessible, recreational education and is located right here at the Boston Harbor. Visit <http://piersparksailing.org/> or call 617.561.6677 for more information.

Free Fun Fridays offers FREE admission to designated cultural attractions every Friday somewhere in Massachusetts from June 27 - August 29, including 66 museums and venues like

the Franklin Park Zoo, Volleyball Hall of Fame, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and at least four Children's Museums. This array of free fun has been brought to you by the Highland Foundation. Visit www.highlandstreet.org or call 617.969.8900 for the schedule or more information.

Go to page 4 in this newsletter for a special summer listing of events and fun things to do!

Cities for All (continued from page 1)

Representing the Boston Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Kristen McCosh and Kathryn Quigley said that disability advocates in a municipal government setting need to take a systemic approach to accessibility and human-centered design. McCosh said they seek to promote new interdepartmental collaborations to put a greater emphasis on access for all. When developers submit plans for new buildings to city officials, said Quigley, they should include sustainability provisions to maximize opportunities for people who want to age gracefully in their own community.

Josh Safdie, Studio Director at the Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD), described how he tries to get architectural students to think about things in a fundamentally different way. He challenges his students to adopt a tabula rasa approach, to think about radical transformation in an urban setting. "[Urban scale] master plans almost never talk about people," warned Safdie, who said this conventional approach runs the risk of the design failing the end user. Instead, designers should "start at the finish" and immerse themselves in the public life of the city, beginning with the human side. One very good way to do this, said Safdie, is for architects and designers to meet with users/experts, including people who are deaf or hard of hearing, people who are blind or low vision, and people who use wheelchairs and other mobility devices, to learn from their experience.

Valerie Fletcher, IHCD's Executive Director, explained that human centered design is a "framework for the design of places, things, information, communication, and policy that focuses on the user, on the widest range of people operating in the widest range of situations without special or separate design." By using this framework consistently, said Fletcher, "we have the opportunity to radically alter the experience of disability." Human centered design is about imaginative engagement and creative design solutions, said Fletcher, who argued that human centered design principles need to be fully integrated into the core curriculum of all architecture and design schools.

Watch the entire "Cities for All: A Universal Design Colloquium" at:
<<http://techtv.mit.edu/collections/sap/videos/28723-cities-for-all-a-universal-design-colloquium>>

Medical Marijuana (continued from page 1)

Other medical marijuana users experiencing chronic neurologic pain have been able to reduce or eliminate their use of addictive opioid painkillers.

In a conference hosted by the Disability Law Center, the Massachusetts Patients Advocacy Alliance and the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts in early May, attorneys and advocates for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions were briefed on the many dimensions of this new law. A panel of experts described how the law was carefully crafted to use the best practices developed by other states in implementing their medical marijuana laws, and to avoid some of the mistakes that other states have witnessed.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has drafted regulations to implement this new law, detailing how safe access to medical marijuana for qualifying patients (with their doctor's recommendation) will be provided, along

with the establishment of up to 35 medical marijuana dispensaries across the Commonwealth. People who qualify for medical marijuana, in consultation with their doctors, can choose from a variety of methods of administration, including tinctures, salves, foods, and vaporization. These methods can have an advantage over smoking medical marijuana, in that they can avoid the potential negative health consequences of inhaling smoke.

Conference panelists pointed out that, while marijuana is still illegal under federal law, states that have implemented medical marijuana laws have received some assurances from the Obama administration that they will not be subject to federal penalties, as long as they implement regulatory controls to prevent marijuana getting into the wrong hands. Still, many unanswered legal questions remain. For example, what might happen when employers take action against employees using medical marijuana consistent with state law? How might tenants with disabilities, living in federally subsidized housing and using medical marijuana, be subject to discriminatory treatment by landlords?

While some progress has been made since 2012 in putting the Massachusetts medical marijuana law into effect, there was criticism from some of the advocates that the Commonwealth has not acted quickly enough to implement this new law. Others at the conference criticized DPH for drafting regulations that were overly restrictive, thus thwarting the primary intent of the law, to ensure that medical marijuana be readily available to patients who need it.

For more information:

DPH Medical Marijuana web page:
<www.mass.gov/medicalmarijuana>

Massachusetts Patients Advocacy Alliance:
<www.compassionforpatients.com>

Events this Summer

- June 26 **Gubernatorial Forum on Disability Policy** – Free event at the Perkins School for the Blind @ 1pm, 175 North Beacon Street in Watertown. Each candidate will have 20 minutes to speak and answer questions. Bob Oakes, WBUR newscaster, has been invited to moderate. Written questions will come from the audience.
- June 29 **Adaptive Sailing with Courageous and Piers Park Sailing** – 12noon-4pm. Harbor View Apartment Dock, 250 First Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard. Free for registered participants. Call to register at 877.976.7272. Hosted by Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers.
- July 8 **Danehy Park Concert Series** – Free live music and family friendly + accessible too! 6pm at 99 Sherman Street, West Cambridge. Select Tuesdays this Summer: July 8 + 22, and August 5 + 19.
- July 10-12 **Usher Syndrome International Symposium** – Plenary sessions and posters at Harvard Medical School. [Family Conference on July 12](#). For details please visit: <www.Usher-Syndrome.org>
- July 22 **Danehy Park Concert Series** – Free live music and family friendly + accessible too! 6pm at 99 Sherman Street, West Cambridge. Select Tuesdays this Summer: July 8 + 22, and August 5 + 19.
- ** Three Events to Celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the ADA ****
- July 23 **Poetry Slam** – Free event showcasing poets with disabilities from 6:30-8pm at the Institute for Human Centered Design, 200 Portland St., Boston. Visit their blog for listing of AWECOME poets, <www.newenglandada.org/blog>. Please call to RSVP at (800) 949-4232.
- July 24 **ADA Celebration Day** – Food*Music*Friends*Fun @ Boston City Hall Plaza from 12noon–3pm. Free event for children, families & individuals of all abilities. For accommodation requests call 617.645.3682 or email <disability@boston.gov>. Updates & weather: <www.cityofboston.gov>
- July 26 24th Anniversary of the ADA!!**
- July 26 **Free Film * Disability Reframed Series** – 2-5pm at Main Cambridge Library, 449 Broadway St., Lecture Hall. “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter,” (1968) with Alan Arkin, Sandra Locke, and Cicely Tyson. Taking place in the Deep South, a Deaf man rents a room in the home of a struggling family as their teen-age daughter comes of age. Free movie starts at 2pm and group discussion to follow afterward.
- Aug 5 **Danehy Park Concert Series** – Free live music and family friendly + accessible too! 6pm at 99 Sherman Street, West Cambridge. Select Tuesdays this Summer: July 8 + 22, and August 5 + 19.
- Aug 6 **Boston Lyric Opera** – Free concert from 7-9pm at DCR Hatch Shell, Esplanade. Excerpts from Verdi, Mozart, and more! For weather alerts call (617) 987-2000.
- Aug 15 **Institute of Contemporary Art** – One of several events apart of Fun Free Fridays! Please visit <www.highlandstreet.org> for full summer schedule or call 617.969.8900 for more information.
- Aug 19 **Danehy Park Concert Series** – Free live music and family friendly + accessible too! 6pm at 99 Sherman Street, West Cambridge. Select Tuesdays this Summer: July 8 + 22, and August 5 + 19.

Weekly & Recurring Events

Access to Art tours – the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston offers a series of visitor centered, interactive tours designed for groups with disabilities or if persons with disabilities prefer an individual tour with a companion or care partner. There is no fee for these tours but most require pre-registration. Contact us for a sighted guide or other access accommodation: Hannah Goodwin at 617.369.3189 (voice), Valarie Burrow at 617.369.3302 (voice), 617.369.3395 (TTY), or email <access@mfa.org>. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Avenue and is accessible by the Green line “Museum of Fine Arts” stop, or the Orange line “Ruggles” stop. Please visit <www.mfa.org> for more information.

Injured Worker Support Meetings – Meetings are scheduled by appointment, often the 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:15 - 6:45 pm, but other times can be arranged. Appointments usually take place at 650 Beacon Street, Kenmore Square, Boston, 4th Floor Conference Room. RSI Action volunteers answer questions and provide resources and support to people with RSIs (Repetitive Strain Injuries) or other workplace injuries. To set up a meeting or more info, call 617.247.6827, or visit <www.rsiaction.org>.

Mondays

NAMI Support Group for Caregivers – Free support group sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, for family members, friends and other caregivers of persons with mental illness who provide understanding, comfort, hope and help. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30pm at the Cambridge Hospital Learning Center, Conference Room A, 3rd Floor, 1493 Cambridge Street. For more information, <www.namimass.org/programs>, or call Elizabeth at 781.646.0397.

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Support Group – meets biweekly on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7-8:30pm at the Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge. This group is open to anyone with OCD or related disorder and is a casual, open discussion of the trials and triumphs! of living with OCD. Suggested donation \$5. For more information e-mail <ocdgroupcambridge@gmail.com>.

Tuesdays

CCTV Computer Lab Open to Public – Every Tuesday from 3-5:45 pm Cambridge Community Television at 438 Massachusetts Avenue offers free computer access, plus assistance from a friendly volunteer who can help with job searching, online job applications, basic computer skills, and much more. This drop-in time is open to the public and there is no need to sign up, just stop by! Call 617.661.6900 for more information.

Wednesdays

Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA (AACT) meets 1 – 3 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, 2nd floor Conference Room #2 and 3 on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Call 617.973.7507 (voice) or 617.973.7089 (TTY) or email <aact@ctps.org> to request interpreters.

Amputee Support Group – Offered by Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, all amputees, their family and friends are invited to socialize and discuss common areas of interest, including accessibility and resources, as well as to provide support and share coping strategies. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1-2:30pm on the 5th floor, in the Lantern Room 5, at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, 300

First Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard (accessible by MBTA bus routes 89 & 93). For more information, see <www.spauldingrehab.org/events/supportgroupevents> or contact Sally Johnson, LICSW at 617.952.6254 (voice), 1.800.439.2370 (TTY), or by email at <sejohnson@partners.org>.

Assistive Technology Resource Center (ARTC) Open House – The ARTC, which helps people with disabilities in Eastern Massachusetts make informed decisions about assistive technology they can use to increase their independence at home, on the job or in school, holds an open house on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 8:30am-4:30pm. These FREE monthly open houses provide an opportunity to see what kinds of assistive technology products are available, and to try them out. The ARTC is located at the Boston Easter Seals office, 89 South Street (one block from MBTA South Station). Visit <www.eastersealsma.org>, call 617.226.2634, or email <ATRC@eastersealsma.org> for more information.

Carroll Center for the Blind Information Day – Learn more about Carroll Center programs and our visual impairment services the 1st Wednesday of every month (except in January and July). See the campus, learn from rehabilitation instructors, and talk to graduates about their experience in adult and senior rehabilitation and technology programs. And lunch is provided free of charge! Sessions start promptly at 10am and end at 2pm. *Special dates are offered tours about summer offerings for youth.* Staff loves the chance to help participants become informed, relaxed, and motivated! To make a reservation (required), email <maureen.foley@carroll.org> or call 1.800.852.3131 ext. 225 w. the name of each guest attending. Family and friends are welcome!). The Carroll Center is located at 770 Centre Street in Newton.

DBSA-Boston (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Boston) Support Group meets every Wednesday from 7-9pm in the cafeteria in de Marneffe Building at McLean Hospital in Belmont. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday there is a lecture from 7-8pm, then group from 8-9pm. Call 617.855.2795 or visit <www.dbsaboston.org> for more information.

Free Music @ DCR's Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, 7pm – Every Wednesday from July 16-August 27 the Boston Landmarks Orchestra will host great music at no cost to you! They strive to involve PWD at all concerts and there will be volunteers to assist PWDs get to and from the T and vehicle drop-offs. Email <info@landmarksorchestra.org> and visit <www.LandmarksOrchestra.org> for more information. ***Summer Only***

Free tour of MFA in American Sign Language (ASL) – for visitors and their family and friends **who are fluent in ASL**. Monthly offering at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston, the tour explores a different part of the Museum each month. These tours will start at 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. No pre-registration is required; meet at the Sharf Visitor Center in the MFA. For more information about accessible programs contact Valarie Burrows at 617.369.3302 (voice), 617.369.3395 (TTY) or e-mail <access@mfa.org>.

Magical Environments in Jamaica Plain, 5:30-7:30pm –Every Wednesday from July 16-August 13. Free! Visual arts, storytelling, and bookmaking using recycled materials and art supplies. For children ages 6-12 with and without disabilities, in English and Spanish. Families and caregivers most welcome. **Please register soon:** Call Ed Pazzanese at 617.522.4832 or email <edwardpazzanese@gmail.com>. ***Summer Only***

NAMI Connection – Support group for adults with mental illness sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), meets every Wednesday and Friday 10:30-12:00 at the Cambridge Somerville Recovery Learning Center, 35 Medford Street, Suite 201 in Somerville. The group is free and open to all who self-identify as having a mental illness, regardless of diagnosis. For more

information, contact Janel Tan at 617.863.5388 or <tanj@vinfen.org>. *We are moving to the first floor this summer, exact room# TBA.*

Open Support Group for Adults on the Autism Spectrum – Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 pm at the offices of the Asperger's Association of New England (AANE), 85 Main St., Suite 101, Watertown, MA. A \$5 donation is suggested. RSVP to 617.393.3824, x310 or <Jamie.Freed@aane.org>.

Senior Support Group for Caregivers over 60 – meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Family Resource Center, 20 Gould Street in Reading. Share and learn with other seniors who have adult family members with developmental disabilities. For meeting times or more information, contact Judy Santa Maria at 781.942.4888, x4022 or <familysupport@theemarc.org>.

Spaulding Stroke Support Group – This community-based support group offered by Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (SRH) provides socialization and education for stroke survivors, meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30pm at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, 300 First Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard (accessible by MBTA bus routes 89 & 93). Contact Karen Halfon at 617.952.6560 (voice), 1.800.439.2370 (TTY), or e-mail at <khalfon@partners.org>. Visit us at <www.spauldingrehab.org>.

Thursdays

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD) Monthly Meeting – generally meets on the 2nd Thursday, at 51 Inman Street, 2nd floor Conference Room, 5:30-7pm with opportunity for public comment. Call 617.349.4692 (voice), 617.492.0235 (TTY) or e-mail <ccpd@cambridgema.gov> for more information or to request accommodations. ****No Meeting in August****

DBSA-Boston (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Boston) Support Group – meets at Mass. General Hospital every Thursday, 7 - 9 p.m. in the Schiff Conference Center Room, Suite 4A on the 4th floor in the Yawkey Building. Follow the signs. Meetings are free and open to public. For more information call 617.855.2795 or e-mail <mghgroup@dbsaboston.org>.

Spaulding Riders Club – Every other Thursday from May 29-September 18. Community cycling club consciously inclusive of athletes with physical disabilities and seek to assist members to find the right assistive devices. Cyclists meet @ Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 300 First Avenue, Charlestown at 5:30pm and rides begin promptly at 6pm. Rides are open to everyone regardless of disability status. Please pre-register: Call Mark Priest at 617.952.6861 or email <mpriest1@partners.org>. If you have already been fitted to an adaptive cycle and would like to rent one there is a nominal fee of \$5.00. *****Summer Only*****

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Support Group – Offered by the Greater Boston Chapter, National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Weekly support group meets every Thursday from 4-5pm, is for anyone affected by SCI, to help and inspire the newly injured through role models and peer mentors, and to support individuals and family members as they begin their post-injury journeys. This group is held at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 6th floor, Lantern Room, 300 First Ave, Charlestown Navy Yard (accessible by MBTA bus routes 89 & 93). E-mail <sciboston@aol.com> for more information.

Fridays

Free Fun Fridays is Back! – Every Friday from June 27-August 29. Free admission at designated cultural attractions throughout Massachusetts. Summer program includes Boston Children's Museum,

JFK Library, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Visit <www.highlandstreet.org> for the Free Fun Fridays schedule or call, 617.969.8900. ***Summer Only***

NAMI Connection – a support group for adults with mental illness sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), meets every Wednesday and Friday 10:30am-12:00pm at the Cambridge Somerville Recovery Learning Center. See Wednesday listing for details.

Second Fridays are FREE at the MIT Museum – Jump-start your weekend with the MIT Museum! Get up close and personal with Kismet the Robot, or see the world in 3-D through our one-of-a-kind holography exhibit. Enjoy performances, demonstrations, and lectures throughout our galleries. Mix and mingle; relax and unwind. Museum admission, including the galleries and additional activities, is free from 5-8pm on the 2nd Friday of every month. The Museum is located in Building N51 at 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. See <web.mit.edu/museum/programs/secondfridays.html> or call 617.253.5927 for more information.

Saturdays

Boston Acquired Brain Injury Support Group (BABIS) – The mission of this free support group is to provide a positive forum for peer socialization, hope and education for people with acquired brain injury, their family and friends. This group is held on the 1st Saturday of the month, from 10am-12pm at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, 300 First Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard (accessible by MBTA bus routes 89 & 93). No registration required, just show up! For more information, call Sally Johnson, LICSW at 617.573.2539 (voice), 1.800.439.2370 (TTY), e-mail <babisgroup@hotmail.com>, or visit <www.babis.info>.

Beyond the Spectrum: Adventures in Art for Children with Autism – Offered by the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Artful Adventures offers a specially designed program for children ages 8-12 on the Autism Spectrum, including Asperger Syndrome, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Upon arrival children will be divided into groups by age and/or needs, and the program meets on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Each class lasts an hour and a half and combines gallery exploration with an art-making activity. Pre-registration is required by the prior Tuesday. The cost is \$8.00 per child (includes materials and museum admission), and one adult is admitted free with each child ticket, which also includes discounted parking. The program meets in the Education Center in Druker Family Pavilion, Room 159 at 10:20am before the start of each class. For more information, or to pre-register, go to <www.mfa.org/programs/community-programs/beyond-the-spectrum>, call 617.369.3303 or email <artfuladventures@mfa.org>.

Access to Art: Second Saturdays -- For individuals with memory loss or dementia, and their care partners. Second Saturdays meet at 10am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register for a tour please contact Valarie Burrows at 617.369.3302 (voice) or email: <access@mfa.org>.

Sundays

CCTV Computer Lab Open to Public – Every Sunday from 4-5:30pm Cambridge Community Television at 438 Massachusetts Avenue offers free computer access, plus assistance from a friendly volunteer who can help with job searching, online job applications, basic computer skills, and much more. This drop-in time is open to the public and there is no need to sign up, just stop by! Call 617.661.6900 for more information.

Wenham Museum Spectrum Express -- Welcomes families with members on the autism spectrum to come enjoy the model railroad trains and their other favorite exhibits the 1st Sunday of each month at 9am at regular admission prices or free for members. The museum opens to the general

public at 10am. Visit <www.wenhammuseum.org/youth_families.html> or call our Welcome Desk at 978.468.2377 with any questions.

Feeling for Form Tours of MFA for blind & low vision visitors -- The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston offers a series of guided tours for visitors who are blind or have low vision who want to build a deeper relationship with the Museum. Each monthly session focuses on a different collection and includes wayfinding and verbal description of spaces. The Sunday tours are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm, with the exception of some holiday weekends, and require pre-registration at least one week in advance. Contact Valarie Burrows at 617.369.3302 or <vburrows@mfa.org> to register. Family and friends are invited to come along. Guided tours can also be scheduled on request, please contact Hannah Goodwin at 617.369.3189 or <access@mfa.org> for more information.

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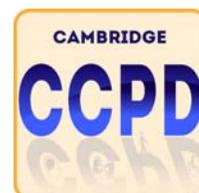
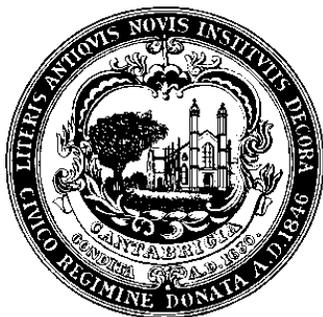
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