## Media Advisory

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#### **City of Cambridge Announces Service Changes and Closures**

Public Schools and City Buildings Closed Wednesday, January 28; Parking Ban remains in Effect;

Trash/Recycling Collection to Occur One Day Behind Schedule

**Cambridge, MA—Jan. 27, 2014** — City Manager Richard C. Rossi announced a series of storm related closing and services impacts for the City of Cambridge. On Wednesday, January 28 the following City services will be impacted:

- Cambridge Public Schools will be closed on Wednesday, January 28.
- City Buildings will be closed on Wednesday, January 28. All programs and public meetings have been cancelled.
- The temporary Emergency Shelter at the War Memorial Recreation Center will close at 6pm this evening. Residents can call the Emergency Communications Center at 617-349-3300 if they have questions or need assistance finding shelter.
- The Snow Emergency Parking Ban will remain in effect and will be reevaluated midday on Wednesday. The City will monitor conditions over night. Residents signed-up to receive emergency notifications through the City's Alert Network will receive notifications when the ban is lifted (www.cambridgema.gov/alertnetwork). Additionally, information will be posted on the City's website and social media channels.
- Curbside collection of trash/recycling will take place tomorrow. DPW will be one day behind for pickup for
  the remainder of the week. Due to the large amount of snow received in the area, trash and recycling
  trucks may not be able to access certain streets. If this does happen, DPW asks residents to place their
  trash/recycling out on the curb for pickup the following day. In the event the roadway conditions do not
  allow for trucks to access the roadway the following day, residents should remove all trash and recycling
  from the curb and place their contents curbside the following week on their regularly scheduled day.
- As the storm begins to wind down, snow removal equipment will continue with their assigned routes, pushing snow as far back to the curb line or line of parked cars on all of the City streets. From the start of the storm and usually well into the next day or two, DPW will push back snow many times on the same streets to clear snow to the maximum extent possible.

"As the blizzard begins to wind down over the next 10-12 hours, a great deal of work still lies ahead for us," said Owen O'Riodan, Commissioner of Public Works. "Our crews will continue to work around the clock to open up major arteries, crosswalks, and to clean up around public buildings. We are asking the public to be patient with us as we strive to improve the conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists city-wide."

The city asks for the public's understanding if a Public Works plow pushes snow back into a driveway or parked car. This is an unavoidable reality as crews work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.

Further updates will be available at <a href="www.cambridgema.gov">www.cambridgema.gov</a>. In addition, the public is encouraged to follow updates on <a href="mailto:Twitter at @CambMA">Twitter at @CambMA</a> and on <a href="Facebook at CambridgeMA.Gov">Facebook at CambridgeMA.Gov</a>. The City will be utilizing the hash tag #CambMASnow on Twitter to help the public follow the conversation. Members of the public can also call 617-

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349-4800 or 617-349-4700 for information. Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up to receive notification of snow emergency parking bans at <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov/AlertNetwork">http://www.cambridgema.gov/AlertNetwork</a>.