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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

We hope you will enjoy the 2010–2011 edition of *The Cambridge Life Magazine & City Resource Guide*.

For the eleventh consecutive year, the City of Cambridge has attained the distinct honor of earning three Triple A ratings from the major credit rating agencies. This is a significant accomplishment considering the current economic climate. In October, we celebrated the grand reopening of the magnificent Main Library, featuring more than 100,000 accessible square feet of space, with seating for over 200, nearly 100 public access computes, seven community meeting spaces, a multipurpose room that seats 100, and a performance space seating 230.

This latest issue highlights some newer initiatives from the Department of Human Services, including Family Nights at West Cambridge Youth & Community Center, Project Based Learning at King Open Extended Day Program and the launch of *Baby U*, a Cambridge replication of the pioneering Harlem Children's Zone, *Baby College*. We are proud to report that all six City preschools are now accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Additionally, Cambridge Community Schools recently marked its 40th Anniversary of serving our citizens by enhancing health, learning and the creative expression of the distinctive character of each of the city's diverse neighborhoods.

Also highlighted in this issue is the successful work of our Community Development Department with area businesses through the Façade Improvement and Best Retail Practices programs, an overview of the new CitySmart program and



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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

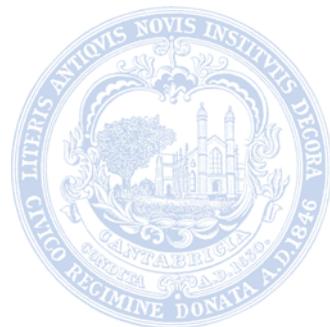
an update from the Healthy Parks and Playgrounds Task Force. The Department of Public Works has implemented a variety of efficiency and sustainability programs that we wanted to report on. As a city of many faces, we also encourage you to explore our artistic side and learn more about what it takes to be a Cambridge Street Performer.

Finally, this issue also serves as an A to Z resource guide, providing overviews of City programs and services, as well as contact phone numbers or Website addresses where you can find additional information. As always, we encourage you to visit our Website, www.cambridgema.gov for the latest City news and information.

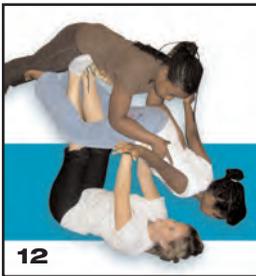
Sincerely,

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: The new crown jewels on the DPW Roof at 147 Hampshire Street; the Alexander Kemp Playground at Cambridge Common contributes to the health, learning and overall development of children; Lloyd Thayer “takes it to the streets” in Harvard Square (photo by Eric Rowley); Gymcrafts works their magic with West Cambridge youth during a Community Night.

Cover photos, clockwise from top left: The renovated Main Library shines at night (photo by Robert Benson); expanding minds in the new children’s room (photo by Joel Haskell); the teen lounge, an inviting space for homework and chatting (photo by Robert Benson); the sun-filled Beech Room, a wonderful place to read and share ideas (photo by Robert Benson).

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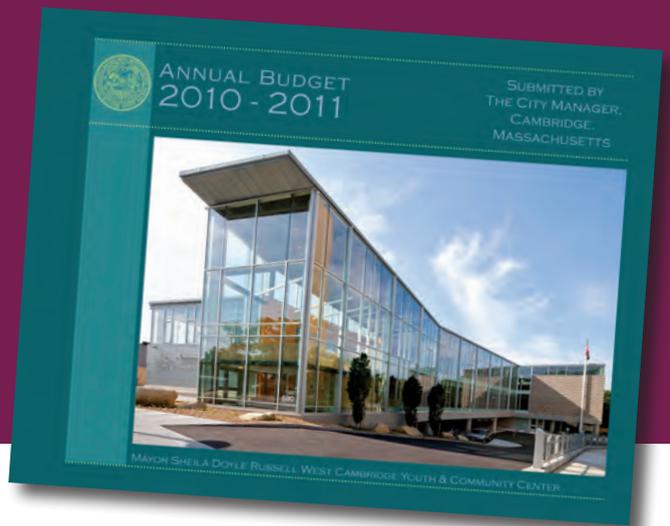
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CAMBRIDGE'S TRIPLE A RATINGS

City Earns Impressive
Honor for Eleventh
Consecutive Year



City Manager Robert W. Healy announced that Cambridge has continued its rare distinction of being one of approximately 23 cities in the nation to earn three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. The City has received Triple A ratings from Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings every year since 1999.

"We are extremely proud that we can still achieve this high honor, especially in light of the challenging financial climate we have been operating in these last few years," said Healy. "These ratings enable us to maintain our strong fiscal position and continue funding important capital projects and programs. Most importantly, it enables us to support the City Council goal of 'Evaluating City expenditures with a view of maintaining a strong fiscal position and awareness of the impact on taxpayers.'"

These ratings were in conjunction with the City's sale of \$33.2 million in General Obligation bonds in February 2010 to finance such capital projects as the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Renovation, Sewer Reconstruction and soil remediation related to the Yerxa Road Railroad Underpass Project.

EARNING TRIPLE A RATINGS ASSIGNMENTS: *How is Cambridge able to earn this impressive rating year after year?* *Sound and Consistent Financial Management and Fiscal Policies.*

Each of the three rating agencies noted the City's exceptional financial management in their report. Fitch also reported that the City's success is reflected in consistently strong financial results and reserve levels. According to Moody's Investors Service, the City administration's consistently conservative approach to budgeting has been a key factor in earning this top rating. Standard and Poor's notes the City's "manageable capital plan" and the "well embedded and likely sustainable" best practices implemented by its experienced management team experienced management team in the government's daily operations. They also noted that many of these "best practices" are supported by "formal policies," indicating that they are "likely to continue into the future and transcend changes in the operating environment or personnel."

STRONG, GROWING ECONOMY AND TAX BASE

In their reports, the rating agencies also acknowledged Cambridge's stable and diverse economic environment and tax base, anchored by

major educational institutions Harvard University and MIT, and key industries, such as healthcare, high tech, biotechnology and life sciences, as well as the presence of a significant tax-exempt sector. The rating agencies forecast that these industries will continue to support a deep, diversified and wealthy economy. Moody's notes that Cambridge's exceptionally strong and resilient financial standing positions the city to weather uncertain economic conditions more favorably than most similarly-sized cities.

BENEFIT TO CAMBRIDGE CITIZENS *How do these positive credit ratings affect you?*

The most immediate and tangible benefit to Cambridge citizens is the impact on taxes. How so? A city's credit rating impacts the interest rate at which it can borrow money (much the way your personal credit rating impacts the amount of interest you would be charged when borrowing money). The City's exceptional rating means that Cambridge pays a significantly lower interest rate than other cities pay when issuing bonds to fund capital building projects. This has been especially important in recent years when the City has bonded approximately \$260 million in tax supported debt for the following major projects:

- Cambridge Public Library
- Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility
- West Cambridge Youth & Community Center
- Cambridge War Memorial & Recreation Center
- CRLS Renovation Project

The significant savings in the Debt Service costs results in lower property tax bills for Cambridge taxpayers. ■

The Cambridge Public Library
A GREAT LIBRARY
 for a **GREAT CITY!**



Above: The Beech Room is infused with natural light from the “green” wall of the library façade.

Right: Families gravitate to the airy Children’s Room.



“This place is the best. What a gift to me. What a gift to my grandson. What a gift to the community!”

Sharon Grollman

The renovation and addition to the Cambridge Main Library was completed in October 2009. Our city has been planning, discussing and constructing this magnificent building since 1995. Throughout the process, Cambridge residents have helped shape the end result by sharing your visions for the function and structure of an ideal library.

- Residents requested a welcoming structure that would serve all members of our city – all neighborhoods, ethnic groups, ages, incomes and educational levels – without discrimination or barrier. The architectural answer to this call for an unimposing environment is the transparent facade of the building, the open flowing floor plan, and the welcoming spaces within.
- Another goal that Cambridge residents shared was the creation of a gathering place that would foster a sense of community and act as the “civic heart” of our city. The library renovation and addition meet this need with group spaces, study rooms, conference rooms, and unique spaces for both children and teens.
- Many residents expressed a need to inspire intellectual inquiry and create a “marketplace of ideas.” This need has been addressed by enlarged collections (that are creatively merchandised to promote their use) and robust programs designed to encourage interactive learning and idea sharing.

The library is at its best when it is filled with residents of all ages and backgrounds – as it has been since its opening day. In fact, on opening day, the Main Library served 1,750 visitors who checked out 5,000 items – and it hasn’t stopped!

FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

If you haven’t yet had a chance, come by the Main Library to take advantage of some of these wonderful offerings:

- Enjoy the **CHILDRENS ROOM**, a special place where

“I have died and gone to library heaven.”

Brian O’Keefe

children can grow, explore and develop a lifetime love of learning.

- Tap the expertise of the library’s helpful **RESEARCH LIBRARIANS**. If you think Google is the best way to get the definitive and accurate information you’re looking for, these seasoned professionals can show you how it’s done.
- Use the online resources available to you through the **ELIBRARY**. Services include:

nearly 150 public access computers, free wireless access at all library locations, and more!

- Relax with friends in the **TEEN LOUNGE**. This inviting space is designed

for reading, working on homework, chatting, web surfing, and even movie watching.

- Expand your horizons with a **MUSEUM PASS**. Did you know that your library card entitles you to reserve passes that offer discounts or even free admission to many museums? Participating museums include The Children’s Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Museum of Science and more.

If you haven’t explored the Cambridge Main Library recently – it’s a great time to take another look! ■



Architect William Rawn created a dramatic façade for the library addition that is the peer of the spectacular 19th century Main Library designed by Van Brunt and Howe. Photo by Bob Coe.

DPW GOES GREEN



Paul Lyle, Superintendent of Buildings, on the DPW Roof at 147 Hampshire Street.

The Department of Public Works has implemented a variety of energy efficiency and sustainability programs across divisions. From solar energy to recycled motor oil, DPW is greening its operations from the inside out.

GREENOVATING OUR CITY BUILDINGS

The City received a grant through the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Clean Energy Choice Program to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on several City buildings.

With the awarded funds, DPW installed the PV panels on the William Frazier Building at the Department of Public Works and the Frisoli Youth Center. A total of 5.26 kW will be installed; 2 kW on the Frazier Building and 3.26 kW on the Frisoli Center that will feed back into the grid. The project will feed real-time data into the City's Website for viewing.

RAIN GARDEN COMES TO DPW

Last fall, crews at DPW began the installation of a rain garden adjacent to the visitor parking lot at 147 Hampshire St. A rain garden is a man-made planted depression designed to contain, filter and soak up stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways, walkways or basement sump pumps and allows the water to soak back into the ground. Rain gardens capture stormwater before it runs off of hard surfaces and collects harmful substances such as road salt, pet waste, heavy metals, fertilizers and oils before draining to catch basins where it may find its way to local rivers like the Charles River and Alewife Brook.

A rain garden intercepts the initial runoff called the "first flush." The first flush contains the greatest concentration of pollutants. Capturing, treating and slowing down stormwater runoff through a natural process instead of conveying it directly to the stormwater

drain can prevent localized flooding, improve water quality and protect and conserve aquatic ecosystems. **For more stormwater management resources, visit:** www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/stormwater

COMPOST THAT STUFF

We are working hard to continue expanding composting programs in the City. In 2006, the City received a MassDEP grant to work with our business recycling hauler Save That Stuff, to offer food waste recycling services to Cambridge businesses including universities, supermarkets, hotels, cafeterias (hospitals & assisted living homes), restaurants, bars, florists and coffee shops. More and more businesses are realizing that composting is cost effective and earth-friendly.

Last year, the King Open School became the first public school in Cambridge to collect food waste for composting, as part of the Food to Flowers program. In the first 10 months of the program, the school collected over 10,000 pounds of food waste for composting. The Recycling Drop-off

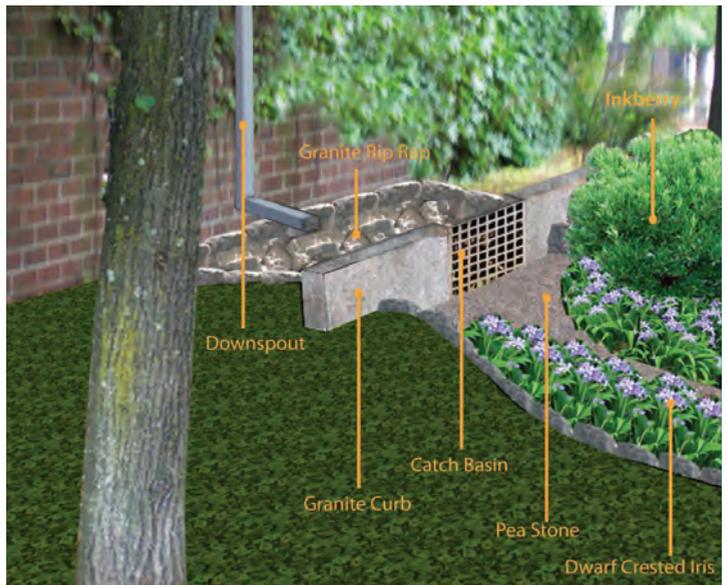


Center at DPW also accepts food waste from residents during open hours. This year, the Center collected 100,000 pounds of food waste; more than doubling last year's total.

Diverting organics from the waste stream helps the City meet the goals of the Cambridge Climate Protection Plan and the goals of the Massachusetts Solid Waste Master Plan. **To learn more about composting at home or work, please send an email to: compost@cambridgema.gov.**

SEWER SEPARATION CONSTRUCTION = CLEANER WATERWAYS!

The existing utilities were constructed over 100 years ago, and in some locations do not provide the degree of separation needed to protect the water quality in the Alewife Brook and Charles River. In reconstructing the infrastructure, we are reducing the incidents of combined sewer overflows (CSOs), improving the treatment of stormwater



diesel fuel, and use recycled motor and hydraulic oil, antifreeze and washer fluid. This is all part of the Vehicle Maintenance's green approach to its operations. Wipe rags used to clean vehicles are made from reclaimed fabrics, many of which served as hotel window curtains in their previous lives. The recycled rags are more economical and better for the environment.

Recycling is also a priority in the division. Truck and car parts at the end of their lives are recycled including batteries, engine parts, nuts, bolts, plow blades and pretty much all other metal parts. It's estimated that on an annual basis, 5 tons of metal parts are collected for recycling from the Vehicle Maintenance division alone.

The City is also moving towards a more fuel-efficient fleet. Across departments, Cambridge has over 20 hybrid vehicles, and that number will continue to rise. ■

For more information on DPW's green initiatives, please contact Kelly Dunn, Community Relations Manager at 617-349-4870 or kdunn@cambridgema.gov.



Weeks Bridge over the Charles River.

discharges, and minimizing the cost of unnecessarily conveying and treating stormwater at the MWRA sewage treatment facility. **For more information, please visit: www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/departments/engnr**

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: GREEN IS THE NEW ORANGE

You might not know it, but many of the orange DPW trucks you see on the roads have retreaded tires, run on cleaner-burning

DID YOU KNOW?

The Frazier Building at DPW and the Frisoli Youth Center join a growing list of buildings boasting green features. City LEED-certified buildings include:

- City Hall Annex
- West Cambridge Youth and Community Center
- Healy Public Safety Building
- Russell Field House
- War Memorial Recreational Facility
- The Main Library Expansion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Moving Cambridge Forward

STATE INVESTS IN CHARLES RIVER BRIDGES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has begun an eight-year, \$3 billion program to repair bridges across the state that are in need of significant repairs. The program includes bridges in the Charles River Basin affecting Cambridge residents, including the Craigie Bridge (at the Museum of Science), Longfellow Bridge, Boston University Bridge, Reid Overpass, Magazine Beach Footbridge, River Street Bridge, Western Avenue Bridge, Anderson Bridge and Weeks Footbridge. As of spring 2010, construction work is ongoing on the Craigie and Boston University Bridges, and design work has begun on many others. Construction will be phased in an attempt to reduce impacts on drivers, bikers, pedestrians and transit riders, and is expected to be finished by 2016. The City of Cambridge is working closely with MassDOT, the agency managing the design and construction, to minimize the disruption to residents, and to ensure that all modes of travel are accommodated in the new designs, and during construction.

For more information:

www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/et/infra/abp/index.html

www.eot.state.ma.us/acceleratedbridges

CAMBRIDGE GETS "CITYSMART"

CitySmart



FAST. FLEXIBLE. FUN.

The City of Cambridge is in the forefront of efforts to change the way people travel, shifting from reliance on the automobile to the use of more sustainable modes, such as walking, bicycling and mass transit. In 2009, the City received a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

to conduct a pilot social marketing program with the goal of changing travel habits through a massive outreach and marketing campaign.

Information about a wide range of transportation options was made available to residents, along with useful tools like maps and pedometers. Through direct mail, outreach events, posters and electronic media, CitySmart reached over 600 households in the Cambridgeport neighborhood. Changes in behavior were measured through telephone and online surveys.

This initial effort led to a modest shift from drive-alone trips to more sustainable modes, primarily walking and carpooling, as well as an increase in bicycle ownership. With additional information and attention on sustainable transportation, we hope to further decrease the degree to which residents use their cars for everyday trips.

After a successful first year, the City will extend the CitySmart program to a new neighborhood in 2010.

For more information:

www.cambridgema.gov/citysmart



CITY GRANTS SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS

The City's Economic Development Division offers two programs to help small businesses improve their stores, offices and restaurants.

The Façade Improvement Program provides matching grants and design services to enhance storefronts. Improvements may include architectural details, energy efficient storefront systems, exterior lighting, accessible entrances, signage and awnings.

Sofra Bakery and Cafe is an example of how simple upgrades to an out-of-date storefront can make a big difference. The construction team refurbished the distinctive porcelain wall panels, replaced or repaired the existing window and door systems, and introduced a new accessible entrance that includes a beautiful patio for outdoor dining.

The companion **Best Retail Practices Program** helps retailers and restaurant owners improve their establishments' interior appearance, marketing, advertising and operations to build a stronger customer base and boost sales. The program consists of a workshop presented by expert retail consultants, one-on-one in-store consultations and matching grants to qualified business owners for recommended improvements. Over the last eight years, 389 businesses have received help from this program.

For more information:

www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed

Click on Commercial Improvement



Alexander Kemp Playground at Cambridge Common.

TASK FORCE FOCUSES ON ENCOURAGING HEALTHY PLAY

In 2008, the City created a **Healthy Parks and Playgrounds Task Force** to explore the role of parks and playgrounds in the health, learning, and overall development of children, and the ways in which they support strong families and communities. The group was charged with recommending innovative approaches to the design and operation of public parks and playgrounds to better serve the diverse physical, developmental and social needs of all users, regardless of age or ability.

The Task Force relied on the knowledge of its members, whose collective expertise covers health, child development, education, design, park maintenance and operation, and recreational programming.



The group's discussion influenced the design of the newly renovated Alexander Kemp Playground, which features loosely structured areas for play, exploration and building with blocks,

and a user-controlled water system. The park, which has quickly become a regional attraction, is located near Harvard Square on the Cambridge Common, one of the oldest public parks in the country.

The work of the Committee is available on the City's website at: www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/cp/parks/healthy/index.html

WORKSHOPS AND COUNSELING AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

To help meet the housing needs of Cambridge residents, the City's Housing Division offers a comprehensive array of housing programs which includes first-time homebuyer education, counseling and financial assistance.

Homebuyer counselors offer monthly 4-session homebuyer workshops, which are free and open to all residents. Topics include finding a home, credit and budgeting, getting a mortgage, home inspections, legal issues and the closing process. The staff provides individual pre-purchase counseling to class graduates. The City also offers financial assistance to income-eligible residents who are purchasing their first home. Downpayment and closing cost assistance may also be available for new buyers.

The Housing Division also oversees a portfolio of City-assisted affordable units located around the city, and offers other housing services.

For more information on the City's first-time homebuyer programs, affordable units or to learn about other City housing programs:

www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/hsg ■



10 affordable units at 823 Main Street.

Show Off Your Skills as a Rock Star, Magician, Poet or Acrobat

CAMBRIDGE STREET PERFORMERS



TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

Do you swoon at the sound of a guitarist playing a romantic French *chanson* on a moonlit night? Do magic tricks catch your eye as well as your imagination? Or maybe heart-thumping rock n' roll puts a bounce in your step?

Cambridge is famous for its variety of street performers that enliven the cityscape, attracting thousands of residents and visitors to the city's squares, restaurants, cafés and shops.

WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THE CAMBRIDGE STREET PERFORMER PROGRAM?

Starting in the 1990s, the City of Cambridge formally sanctioned a Street Performer Program with a City ordinance to protect the artists' right to perform in public, outdoor spaces. As the City's official arts agency, the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) manages the Street Performer program, a national model for other cities.

HOW DO ARTISTS GET A PERMIT?

Do you have a song in your heart that you want the world (of Cambridge) to hear or a magic trick up your sleeve? Give it a try! Apply for a Street Performer permit.

Getting a permit is easy! Anyone can apply for a permit. There are no auditions. The application takes just five minutes to complete at the Cambridge Arts Council office in the City Hall Annex during business hours. The fee is \$40 for individuals and \$160 for groups

of four artists or more. The permits are good for the calendar year.

Once you have your permit, you can perform in most any Cambridge public space (not just Harvard Square). Getting a location is on a first-come basis; no space or timeslot reservation is required. The Cambridge Arts Council employs Street Performer Monitors to help facilitate the program, and act as liaisons between the performers, businesses, residents and City government.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To learn more about the history of street performing in Cambridge, take a look at "The History and Cultural Impact of Street Performing in America; Revival of Street Performances in Cambridge 1966-2003." The article was written by Stephen H. Baird, Founder and Executive Director of the Street Arts & Busker Advocates, and is available at www.cambridgeartscouncil.org under "Street Performers." ■



Top: Break Dancer in Harvard Square; Bottom: Lloyd Thayer in Harvard Square (photos by Eric Rowley).

PERMIT FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

- Time to complete a permit application: 5 minutes
- Permit Cost: \$40 Individual; \$160 Groups of four or more
- Permit Valid: Calendar year – from time of purchase to 12/31
- Who should apply: All artists, performing arts organizations and community groups are encouraged to apply. It's a great way to promote your art or event!
- Audition: None
- Location: Public space on first-come basis
- Where: Performances can occur in most any public space in Cambridge, not just Harvard Square.

Try out Jill Brown-Rhone Park in Central Square, Vellucci Plaza in Inman Square, Kendall Square and Porter Square Plaza, among others.

For more information and to apply for a permit, visit Cambridge Arts Council, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor or call 617-349-4380. www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

Cambridge Community Schools Program

Celebrating 40 Years of Service

Forty years ago, a group of Cambridge citizens and officials organized to keep the public school buildings open for community use in after school hours. The work of these residents led to the vote of the City Council establishing Community Schools in 1969. Since that time, Community Schools have been serving our citizens by enhancing health, learning, creative expression and a deep sense of community.

A RESOUNDING “THANK YOU!”

In December 2009, Cambridge Community Schools hosted a Glitter Gala to mark this 40th milestone and to celebrate the achievements of our dedicated administrators and volunteers. In a festive atmosphere filled with balloons, commemorative photographs and a tribute video, the Gala recognized the contributions of 200 Community Schools volunteers.

Special awards were presented to three individuals who have contributed to the program's lasting success: Paul Paravano, Co-Director of MIT's Office of Government and Community Affairs; James Maloney, Chief Operating Officer of the Cambridge Public Schools; and Carolyn Shipley, Chair of the Citywide Council for Community Schools. The fourth award recipient, Francis H. Duehay, former Cambridge Mayor and City Councillor and one of the original founders of the Cambridge Community Schools Program, was recognized at a separate event. Some Gala

attendees could trace their support of Community Schools back to 1969, including founding team members Milli Centanni, Barbara Hayes and John Gairachty (who was represented by his daughter, Cathy Burke).

HONORING A LEGACY, CONTINUING THE SERVICE

The Cambridge Community Schools Program continues to operate out of every elementary school in Cambridge, providing a broad range of programming for residents of all ages. Research indicates that enrichment activities foster the development of the whole child and contribute to their academic success. The Community Schools' contributions include:

- Classes such as music, foreign language, visual arts, dance and theater that encourage creativity and independent thinking.
- Programming such as book clubs, library visits, and chess which support the public school's emphasis on literacy and math skills.
- Activities such as soccer and karate contribute to physical fitness, skill-building and teamwork.
- Of course, homework assistance is an important part of each program.

PROGRAMS THAT SUIT, PROGRAMS THAT SING

The Community Schools Program celebrates the distinctive character of each neighborhood that it serves. To ensure that they are being responsive to each community, directors work with resident-led neighborhood councils to assess needs and tailor activities accordingly. For instance, in areas in which there is limited access to open space, some programming may focus on providing an opportunity for outdoor play.

In the past year, 1,400 children enrolled in 1,671 enrichment classes and 800 children enjoyed full-day licensed summer camps based in neighborhood schools. Senior citizens and adults participated in 253 classes and activities. After 40 years of popular programming, Community Schools holds to its mission conceived in 1969, helping to ensure that Cambridge continues to thrive as “a special place” for its residents. ■



King Community architectural building class.



Fitzgerald Community School participants in *Over the Moon*, the Cambridge Performance Project showcase. Photo by Nicole Burkart.



Cambridgeport Community School senior line dance class.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AT WORK

THE EVER-EVOLVING PROGRAMS OF THE DHSP CONTINUE TO MEET OUR NEEDS

Since the Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) was created in 1981, its programs have responded to changing community needs. Developments in knowledge, research and best practices within relevant fields have also guided program evolution. Here are some of DHSP's newer programs.

BABY U BEGINS IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE

Baby U, a Cambridge replication of the pioneering Harlem Children's Zone *Baby College*, was launched in North Cambridge with 30 families in January 2010. The 16-week program serves parents of children prenatal to age 3 with workshops and playgroups. The workshops provide parents with the latest information on parenting, with topics like child development ages and stages, nutrition and safety. The playgroups provide parents the opportunity to practice what they have learned in the workshops. Lei-Anne Ellis of Childcare and Family Support reports that "the interchange between the families and the facilitators is so warm and productive that the staff leave the workshops feeling energized."

Throughout the 16 weeks, **Baby U** conducts weekly home visits to support ongoing learning, connect families to helpful services and help model positive parent-child interactions.

The City anticipates offering **Baby U** for a second pilot neighborhood, Area 4, in fall 2010.

- Free - no charge to participants
- Childcare, food and transportation are provided

For more information: [Betsy Abrams, 617-620-4877](#)

PRESCHOOLS WORK FOR CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT

All six of the Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs preschools are proud to be accredited by the National Association for the

Education of Young Children (NAEYC). "Accreditation helps preschools improve continuously, upgrading and refining their practices based on research and increasing teacher educational requirements," said Just Holm, Preschool Manager.

Accreditation renewal will occur under more rigorous standards, including documentation of the life of each preschooler for nearly a full year. Teachers will provide families with in-depth assessments of their children's abilities in many domains, including personal and social development, language and literacy skills, and mathematical and scientific thinking. There will also be frequent informal check-ins with family members and other opportunities for family involvement. Especially visible will be increased emphasis on nutrition and health.

For more information:

[Just Holm, 617-349-6211](#)

KOED ENJOYS SUCCESS WITH PROJECT BASED LEARNING

The **King Open Extended Day Program** is using **Project Based Learning (PBL)** to plan and carry out afterschool themed activities and learning. Each of the seven classrooms selects a content area based on the children's interest, or relevance to the children's school work. Within the theme, the children choose the direction to take their investigation, progressively developing



(or “scaffolding”) skills and content. The PBL approach is meeting with great success.

At the end of each six-week PBL session, the 120+ children in the program and their families gather for a celebration, highlighting the children’s work with the presentation of a final product. *Our Community*, a theme recently explored by the K-2nd graders, featured reading about and visiting local businesses that help our community function, including a police station, post office and bakery. The children then created a map to highlight these resources.

For more information:

[Bucky O’Hare, 617-349-6078](#)

CAMBRIDGE WORKS SERVES YOUNGER ADULTS

The Office of Workforce Development (OWD) celebrated completion of the Cambridge Works program by its third group of residents in January 2010. OWD Director Susan Walsh explains that “The transitional jobs program serves younger residents (age 18-35) who, for a variety of reasons, have not been able to get or keep jobs. These residents have little work history or marketable skills, may have education barriers or have had a brush with the law.” The centerpiece of the Transitional Jobs model, a 13-week temporary job in a City department, is a vehicle for participants to learn job-readiness skills such as punctuality, responding to supervision, and working with others.

This work experience is coupled with intensive case management. Participants attend workshops to develop soft skills and address personal barriers that have prevented success. Participants also work with the program coordinator to prepare for unsubsidized private sector employment. The impact that the program and its staff have on participants is clear at each closing celebration, when participants tell their personal stories and express their gratitude for a second chance.

For more information:

[Michael Merullo, 617-349-7743](#)

WEST CAMBRIDGE OFFERS EXCITING COMMUNITY NIGHTS

The [Mayor Sheila Doyle Russell Youth & Community Center](#) in West Cambridge is a place of connection, inclusivity and enrichment for the whole community. The Center believes that teaching youth to invite new friends and experiences will help them grow to be welcoming, well-rounded adults in our community.

These connections can be seen during the Community Nights (Fridays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) when the Center is open for the whole community to gather, regardless of age. Sometimes special events highlight the skills of particular community members. The Center has brought in Gymcraftics to encourage people to exceed the expectations they have of their own ability, both physically and mentally. The Center has also hosted family game nights, jewelry making and Karaoke.

According to Director Nelita Depina, “Whether you are 2 or 82, you are welcome at ‘West.’”

For more information, or to find out about upcoming events: [617-349-6314](#)

For more information about DHSP programs, turn to pages 21 and 22 of this magazine. ■



Photos, Left to Right: Baby U helps parents identify and build on their parenting strengths, depicted here on their “hands”; The culmination of one PBL program: children created a visual representation of the theme “Where We Came From”; Graduates of the Cambridge Works program; Gymcraftics works their magic with West Cambridge youth during a Community Night.



REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN - FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

▶ **Adult Education and Employment Programs**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **CITY TV-8 (Municipal Channel)** For calendar information, community programs and City Council meetings on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

▶ **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

▶ **Excise Tax (automobile tax)** Bills are issued annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220. To pay online: www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **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

▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4721 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

▶ **Postal Service** Call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com

▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Call 617-349-4376 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html

▶ **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. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.

▶ **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 next to their home/business. See page 19.

▶ **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. See page 17.

UTILITIES

▶ **Electricity/Gas**

NSTAR 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242
www.nstaronline.com Dig Safe 888-344-7233
Provides electric and gas service in Cambridge.

▶ **Internet Access**

AT&T 800-867-5363
Comcast 800-COMCAST
Verizon 888-625-8111



CAMBRIDGE ALERT NETWORK

Sign up for this interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through optional e-mail or text message public safety alerts. Suspicious activities can easily be reported to the Police through the Text-A-Tip program.

www.cambridgema.gov/cpd

▶ **Sewer** 617-349-4851

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
The Sewer Division of the Dept of Public Works maintains the Cambridge sewer collection system.

▶ **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
Comcast 800-COMCAST
www.comcast.com
Verizon 800-837-4966
www.verizon.com

▶ **Water** 617-349-4770

www.cambridgema.gov/CWD

Cambridge operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.

▶ **Important Numbers**

Emergency: Police, Fire and Ambulance (including TTY) 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

▶ **Cambridge City Hall**

795 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02139*
 617-349-4000 TTY 617-349-4242**
www.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.cfm
 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

▶ **City Council Office**

617-349-4280
www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil.cfm
 The City Council is the City's elected legislature. City Council meetings are held Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber of City Hall. Meetings are broadcast live on CITY TV-8 and via Webcast at www.cambridgema.gov
 E-mail: council@cambridgema.gov

▶ **Mayor's Office**

617-349-4321
www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.cfm
 David P. Maher, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School Committee meetings and serves as the City's political leader. E-mail: mayor@cambridgema.gov

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



- Sign up for Cambridge E-Line
- View City Council meetings via Webcast
- Pay Bills Online
- Download Permit Applications

www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Information Lines**

Construction Information 617-349-6948
 Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955
 Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.) 617-349-4044
 Parks and Urban Forestry 617-349-6434
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854
 Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
 Recycling/Hazardous Waste 617-349-4005
 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**

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
 CITY TV-8 (pg. 28) 617-349-4296
 Community Development (pg. 20) 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons w/ Disabilities (pg. 21) 617-349-4692

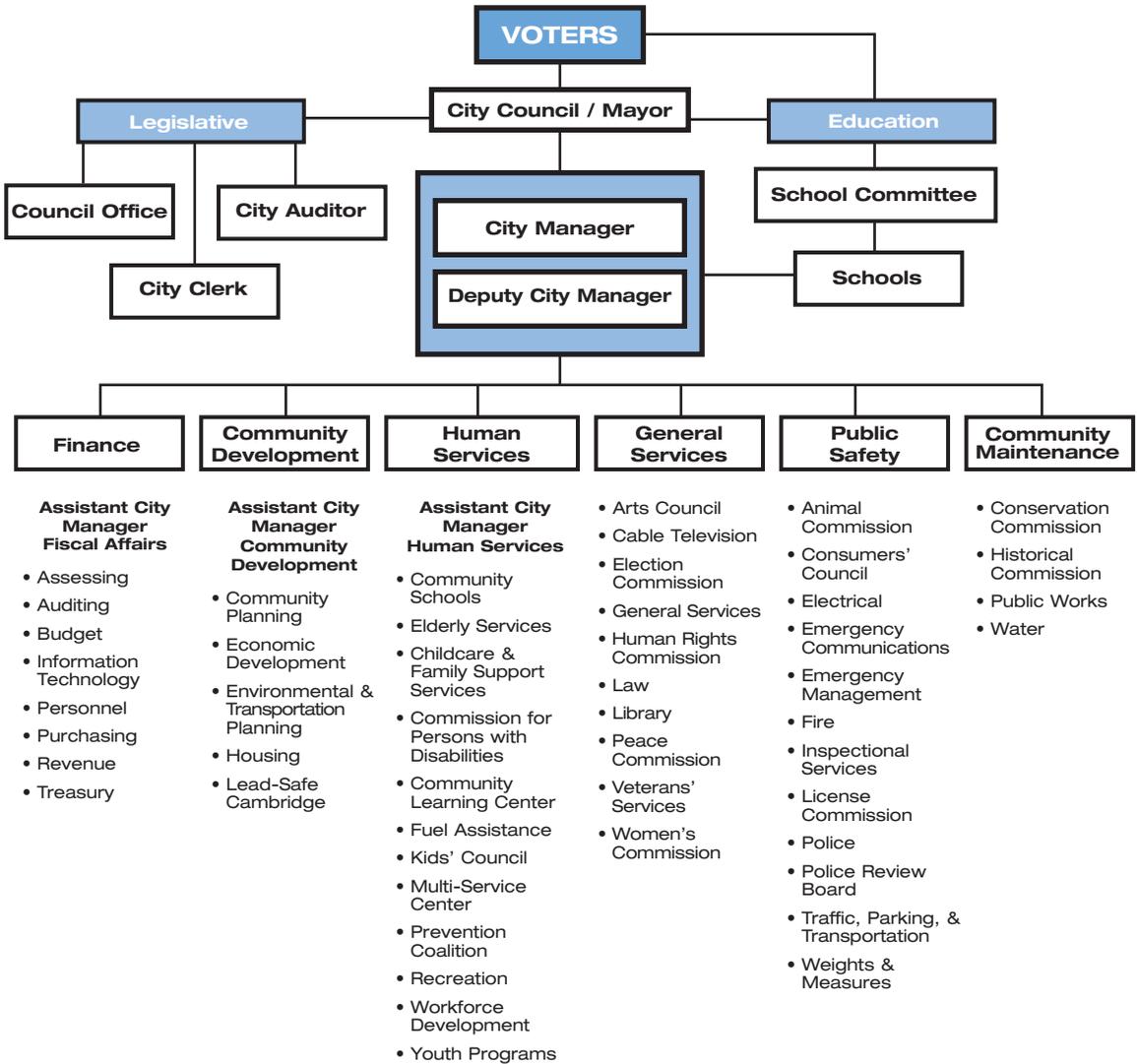
TTY 617-492-0235

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
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 Schools (pg. 23) 617-349-6400
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 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 Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000

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 Web site, 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 Web site, www.cambridgema.gov, and click on "Cambridge Municipal Code" located in the lower left corner. 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
- ▶ **Upcoming Elections**
 - Please refer to pages 30 and 31 of this publication for information on upcoming elections.
- ▶ **Voter Registration**

Call or visit the Cambridge Election Commission for registration, polling locations and absentee ballots. Alternatively, you can now 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 at least 18 years old by election day to register. Election mail-in 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/dept/aff

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

Addresses disability and access issues. See full listing on page 21.
- ▶ **Consumers' Council**
617-349-6150 www.cambridgema.gov/consumer

For information on consumer rights and assistance in resolution of the full range of consumer disputes, including auto sales, home repair, debt collection and landlord/tenant issues.
- ▶ **GLBT Commission**
617-440-4329 www.cambridgema.gov/GLBT

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

Investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination in Cambridge in housing, employment, education and public accommodations.

- ▶ **Personnel Department**
617-349-4332
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/personnel.html

City job openings are posted in City Hall, in libraries and on the Web site. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.
- ▶ **Peace Commission**
617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/peace

Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood and citywide level.
- ▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**
617-349-6155
www.cambridgema.gov/PRAB

Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.
- ▶ **Weights & Measures**
617-349-6133
www.cambridgema.gov/weight

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.cambridgema.gov/Women

Advances the equal status of women and girls through programming, policy and legislation; provides technical assistance, advocacy and consultation to government, local agencies and individuals.
- ▶ **Veterans' Services Department**
617-349-4761
www.cambridgema.gov/vet

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.



Filament/Firmament Opening

In spring 2010, the Cambridge Women's Commission, Cambridge Arts Council and Cambridge Public Library unveiled a new permanent public art installation, *Filament/Firmament*, by sculptor Ellen Driscoll at the main Library. Designed to commemorate the status and contribution of women to Cambridge, *Filament/Firmament* consists of etched glass, zinc wall panels, woven cable, text and textile imagery. A dedicated Web database featuring the Cambridge Women's Heritage Project accompanies the physical work and includes stories of remarkable

women and their contributions to Cambridge and society in general. Visit www.filamentfirmament.org.

▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
 Annual dog registration/licensing, rabies vaccination clinics and animal-related issues.

▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
 Issues Street Performer Permits.

▶ **Assessing Dept** 617-349-4343
www.cambridgema.gov/Assessor
 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
 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
 Planning Board special permits and sign certificates as may be required by zoning.

▶ **Conservation Commission** 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
 Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.

▶ **Finance Dept** 617-349-4220
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes; water and sewer charges; municipal lien certificates.

▶ **Fire Dept** 617-349-4918
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
 Regulates massage therapists, body art establishments, indoor ice rinks, and tanning salons. Oversees care and use of laboratory research animals and issues recombinant DNA permits to biotech firms.

▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4683
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
 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
 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 Permits to carry firearms.

▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800
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
 To reserve a field for athletic use, call 617-349-6238.

▶ **Traffic & Parking** 617-349-4721 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
 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) 617-349-4860
- Public Works (svc. requests) theworks@cambridgema.gov
- Rodent control 617-349-4899 or rodents@cambridgema.gov
- Snow hotline (report unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903
www.cambridgema.gov/snow
- Street light repair 617-349-4925

FACILITIES & PUBLIC WORKS

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

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
E-mail: theworks@cambridgema.gov
Cambridge Cemetery 617-349-4890
Engineering 617-349-4845
Service Requests 617-349-4846
Sewer Maintenance 617-349-4851
Street Maintenance 617-349-4851
24-Hour Emergency 617-349-4860

▶ **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 Web site 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; dates are listed on pgs 30 - 31. 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. For a list of how and what to recycle, call 617-349-4005 or visit the DPW website and click on Services > Recycling. Businesses curbside recycling service available with Save That Stuff; call (617) 241-9998.

▶ **Traffic Parking & Transportation Department**

344 Broadway 617-349-4700
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; 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 Web site. 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 or check CITY TV-8. For a list and map of parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm.

▶ **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

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 2010; collection dates are April 5 - December 17. 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

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.

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 Web site or at the department.

▶ **Community Development Department (CDD)**

344 Broadway 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD

The mission of the Community Development Department is to enhance the physical environment and quality of life for Cambridge's highly diverse population. This is accomplished by planning and managing physical change and encouraging economic growth to strengthen the City's tax base, produce affordable housing and employment opportunities, and provide services to residents.



Families enjoy water play feature at Dana Park.

▶ **Community Planning Division (CDD)**

617-349-4651 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/cp

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.

Economic Development (CDD)

617-349-4637 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

- ▶ Offers assistance to businesses, works to promote an environment for business growth and helps maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs include business counseling, façade improvement and retail best practices programs, real estate site search, support for job training and production of a development log.

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

617-349-4604 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/et

Provides information and assistance on streetscape improvements, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle programs, vehicle trip reduction, climate protection and preventing childhood lead poisoning.

▶ **Housing Division (CDD)**

617-349-4622 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/hsg

Provides information and support for affordable rental housing production, homeownership opportunities, home improvement loans, and education and financial assistance for first time homebuyers.

Cambridge Housing Authority

617-864-3020 www.cambridge-housing.org

Develops and manages affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Call for information on public housing or Section 8.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

▶ **Biotech Resources**

www.cambridgebiotech.org

Administered by the Economic Development Division, this Web site provides listings helpful to the biotech industry, including business resources, academic and research institutes, City agencies and resources, and commercial real estate ventures.

▶ **Business Certificates**

City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260

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

▶ **Central Square Business Assoc.**

617-864-3211

www.centralsquarecambridge.com

▶ **Economic Development Division**

617-349-4637

www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

Programs aimed at revitalizing commercial districts,

supporting entrepreneurship and preserving a strong employment base. Offers individual business development assistance, commercial façade and interior improvement assistance (matching grants available), site selection assistance, and training for entry level biotech and health care employment.

▶ **Harvard Square Business Association**

617-491-3434 www.harvardsquare.com

▶ **Inman Square Business Association**

www.inmansquare.com

▶ **Office of Workforce Development**

617-349-6234 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

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 Web site for a list of open bids, solicitation documents and information on doing business with the City.

▶ **Women in Business Connection**

617-661-WIBC www.wibconnection.org

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

51 Inman Street 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

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

▶ **Adult Basic Education**

Provides basic literacy instruction, high school diploma and 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.

Community Learning Center 617-349-6363
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

▶ **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.

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283
 The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

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

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm
 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. Call for information on:

Temporary Disability Parking Permits 617-349-4692
Taxi Discount Coupons 617-349-4692
Trash/Recycling 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.

Office of Workforce Development
 617-349-6234
Cambridge Employment Program
 617-349-6166

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

The Multi-Service center provides services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals, including housing search assistance, counseling as appropriate, advocacy for elders and persons with disabilities, and referral to food programs. Services are available to the Haitian population regardless of homeless status. The Fuel Assistance Program provides winter heating assistance to residents based on need.

Fuel Assistance Program 617-349-6252
Multi-Service Center 617-349-6340

▶ **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.

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.



Agenda for Children Training

The Agenda for Children Out of School Time Initiative provides staff who work in City sponsored and private non-profit Afterschool and Summer Programs, with ongoing professional development opportunities. Pictured here on March 5, 2010 approximately 60 staff participated in a city-wide training on Promising Teaching Practices.

▶ **Childcare Programs (DHSP)**
617-349-6200 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.

Preschool Programs (ages 2.9 - 5 years)
617-349-6200

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

Afterschool Childcare Programs (K- 5th grade)
617-349-6200

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

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

▶ **Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools** **617-349-6200**
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/commschools.cfm

Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools offer educational, recreational and social programs for all ages, including afterschool enrichment classes, school vacation programs and summer camps.

- 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**
617-349-6200

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 W. Cambridge Youth & Community Center, 680 Huron Avenue.

▶ **Youth Centers** **617-349-6200**
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 licensed afterschool programs and two specialized middle school programs for 9-13 years olds, while five teen programs offer 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 & Middle School Program** 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312
 - Gately*** 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277
 - Moore** 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273
 - West Cambridge** 680 Huron Avenue 617-349-6314
- * Middle School Partnership at Gately 617-349-3004

▶ **Center for Families**
617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

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

▶ **Kids' Council** **617-349-6239**
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.html

Administered by the Finance Department, this fund provides financial assistance opportunities for eligible Cambridge residents wishing to pursue post secondary education. Each year, the City awards 20-30 scholarships of approximately \$2,500 each, supported by donations from Cambridge residents and businesses.



Fun Skate
 Department of Human Service Programs
 Recreation Division
 Manager Bob Goodwin teaches Sydney Collazo how to skate and keep her balance at the City sponsored Fun Skate Program during the February School Vacation CambridgePort

and Harrington Community Schools field trip. Not shown is regular volunteer Police Officer, Christopher Ponte.

▶ **Cambridge Public Schools**
 159 Thorndike Street 617-349-6400 www.cpsd.us
School Closings & Events 617-349-6513
Office of Public Information 617-349-6512

Cambridge has 12 elementary schools (most of which are K-8), and one comprehensive high school (9-12). The Schools at a Glance booklet and the Family Resource Map of Cambridge are available through the Office of Public Information, the Family Resource Center, and online.

▶ **School Registration**
Cambridge Family Resource Center
 15 Upton Street

617-349-6551 www.cpsd.us/frc/CambFamRes.cfm
 Kindergarten entry age Sept. 2010 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2010
 Kindergarten entry for Sept. 2011 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2011
 The Family Resource Center, open year-round, registers students for school and connects families with local services, including pre-school and afterschool programs. Call schools to arrange tours.

▶ **School Committee** 617-349-6620 www.cpsd.us
 Six members of the board 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**

- Amigos School** (Grades K - 8)
101 Kinnard Street 617-349-6567
- Maria L. Baldwin School** (Grades K - 8)
28 Sacramento Street 617-349-6525
- Cambridgeport School** (Grades K - 8)
89 Elm Street 617-349-6587
- Fletcher / Maynard Academy** (Grades K - 8)
225 Windsor Street 617-349-6588
- Graham & Parks** (Grades K - 8)
44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577
- Haggerty School** (Grades K - 6)
110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555
- Kennedy / Longfellow School** (Grades K - 8)
158 Spring Street 617-349-6841
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School** (Grades K - 8)
100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6562
- King Open School** (Grades K - 8)
850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540
- Morse School** (Grades K - 8)
40 Granite Street 617-349-6575
- Peabody School** (Grades K - 8)
70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530
- Tobin School*** (Grades K - 8)
197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

*The Montessori Program is available to children between the ages of 3 and 8.

▶ **Public High School**
Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
 459 Broadway (Grades 9 - 12)
www.cpsd.us/crls 617-349-6630

Rindge School of Technical Arts
<http://rindgetech.com> 617-349-RSTA

High School Extension Program
 15 Upton Street
www.cpsd.us/hsep 617-349-6880

▶ **Charter Schools**
Benjamin Banneker Charter School (K-6)
 21 Notre Dame Avenue 617-497-7771

Community Charter School (Grades 7 - 10)
 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 School
 29 Mt Auburn Street
 (Grades 5 - 8, Boys) 617-868-8658

Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School
 80 Gerrys Landing Rd
 (Grades PK - 12) 617-547-6100

Cambridge Friends School (Grades PK - 8)
 5 Cadbury Road 617-354-3880

Cambridge Montessori School
 161 Garden Street
 (Grades PK - Grade 9) 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

North Cambridge Catholic High School
 40 Norris Street
 (Grades 9 - 12) 617-876-6068

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

▶ **Volunteering**
Cambridge School Volunteers
www.csvinc.org 617-349-6794

▶ **Hospitals****The Cambridge Hospital**

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 617-665-2300****www.challiance.org**

This innovative healthcare system provides high quality care throughout Cambridge. It includes three hospitals, primary care practices, the Cambridge Public Health Department and Network Health. The Alliance offers comprehensive health services including 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties, mental health and primary care.

Primary Care Line 617-665-1305**Mental Health Referral Line 617-591-6033**▶ **Cambridge Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****The Cambridge Hospital**

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

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 617-575-5550

Teen Health Center

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

▶ **Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD) 119 Windsor Street 617-665-3800****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**617-665-3655**

Oversees an early literacy initiative, a newborn home visiting program, a men's health program, a healthy eating and physical activity campaign, and dental screenings in the elementary schools. The division also coordinates a citywide domestic violence prevention program.

▶ **CambridgeSomerville ResourceGuide.org****www.CambridgeSomerville****ResourceGuide.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**

Comprehensive sexual assault services.

▶ **RESPOND, Inc.****P.O.Box 555, Somerville****617-623-5900 www.respondinc.org**

Domestic violence services, including shelter.

▶ **Transition House 617-868-1650****Crisis: 617-661-7203 649 Mass. Ave.****www.transitionhouse.org**

Domestic violence outreach and intervention.

- ▶ **Police Department***
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-3300
www.cambridgepolice.org
CPD uses modern approaches and techniques to decrease crime and improve delivery of services to the community. The department also issues permits to carry firearms. Call the non-emergency line for immediate noise disturbances, including car or house alarms.
*CPD has relocated to 125 Sixth St.
- ▶ **Police Community Relations Unit/
Crime Prevention** 617-349-3236
www.cambridgepolice.org/prevention.html
Provides crime prevention tips, neighborhood meetings (scheduled as needed), block parties (and a limited number of funding grants), residential security surveys, rape aggression defense classes, bicycle safety, and school resource officers. A Sergeant is assigned to each neighborhood.
Domestic Violence Community Liaison 617-349-3371
Youth and Family Services Unit 617-349-3008
Drug Tip Hotline 617-349-3359
- ▶ **North Cambridge Crime Task Force**
617-349-4293 www.ncctf.nhfind.com
A neighborhood coalition working together to reduce crime.
- ▶ **Fire Department (CFD)**
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 617-349-4900 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. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Emergency Communications Department**
Emergency 911 Administration 617-349-6911
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.
- ▶ **Emergency Management Department**
617-349-4842 www.cambridgema.gov/EM
Develops and coordinates the City's emergency plans. Provides the public with emergency preparedness and disaster relief information.

PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION

- ▶ **Parks and Forestry Division
of Public Works**
617-349-4880
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Public Works maintains approximately 80 parks, playgrounds and tot lots throughout the city. To download a terrific listing of Cambridge parks and playgrounds, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/osmap.pdf
- ▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**
617-349-6200 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 Pool & Fieldhouse** 617-349-6237
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St.
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 featuring children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, roving performers, free hot dogs, chips and soda. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4762
Made up of a 155-acre lake 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 Purification Facility, 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 A nine-hole course located at 691 Huron Avenue.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission**
344 Broadway 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
The Commission 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.

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

▶ **Bus Routes 617-222-3200**

Fare is typically \$1.25 with CharlieCard. Includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to subway & express bus. A few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. Fare is \$1.50 with CharlieTicket. Includes free transfer to local bus. Does not apply to cash-on-board rides.

▶ **Subway (the “T”) 617-222-3200**
www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_subway.asp

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.

▶ **CharlieCards & CharlieTickets**

The MBTA furnishes reusable, rechargeable CharlieCards and CharlieTickets. For regular travel, the most affordable, flexible and convenient way to ride is with the CharlieCard. Load a monthly T-Pass on your CharlieCard for unlimited travel on Subway and Local Bus. Weekly passes are also available.

CharlieCard: Plastic, stored-value, online account management and auto-reload features. Riders pay standard T fare.

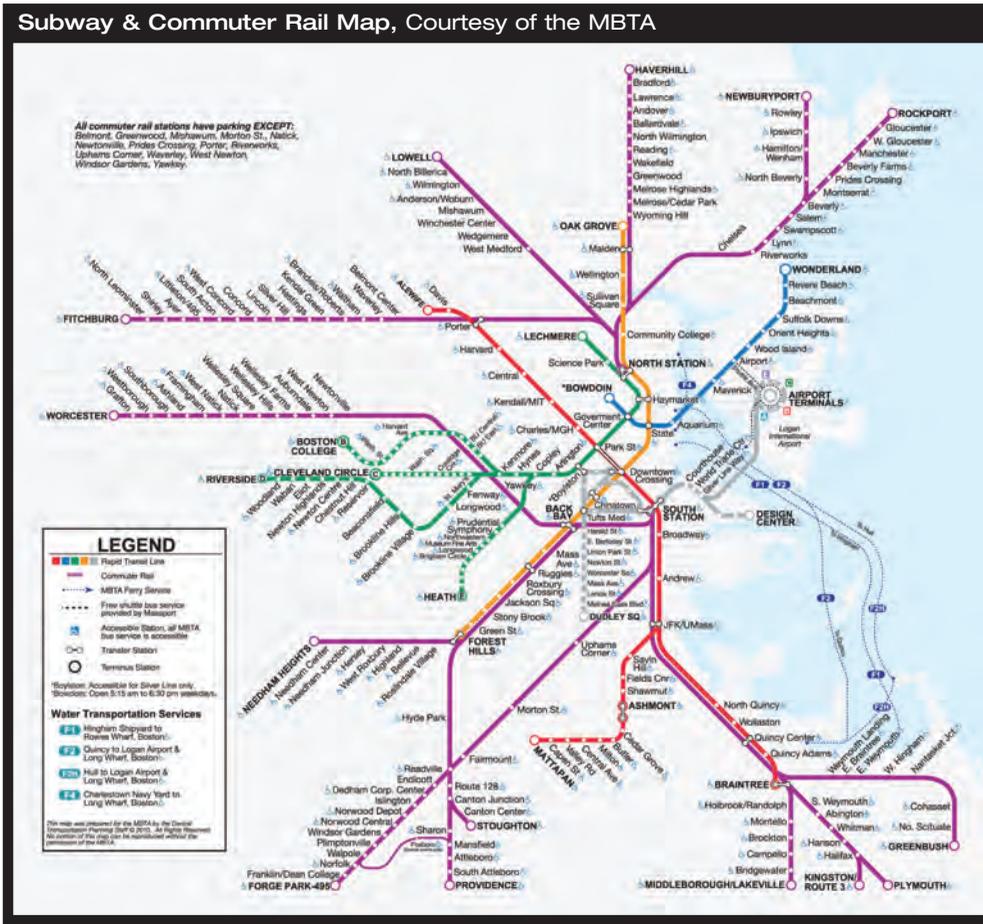
CharlieTicket: Paper, stored-value. Riders pay standard fare plus a surcharge. No surcharge when storing a T-Pass.

▶ **Commuter Rail 617-222-3200**

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**

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. The fare is \$1.



REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

► **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles**
617-351-4500 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 to retain driving privileges. Visit www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv and click on “Convert my Out-of-State Driver’s License” to take an online questionnaire that will help you complete the application form for your transaction and create a list of required documents that you will need to bring with you when you visit a Registry of Motor Vehicles branch office. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within Massachusetts, you must 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.

► **Vehicle Inspection**

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

LIBRARIES

► **Libraries**

617-349-4040 www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org
Offers books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, magazines, museum passes, online resources and reference help, as well as children’s and adult programs. To obtain a library card, present two pieces of identification, one of which shows your name and local address. In addition to the Cambridge locations, your library card provides borrowing privileges at member libraries of the Minuteman Library Network. Collections in French/Kreyol, Spanish, Portuguese and Bengali. Free computer and wireless Internet access available at all locations. Call or check website to confirm branch hours of operation.

Main Library

449 Broadway 617-349-4040

Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Fri. & Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun. (Oct. – Apr.) 1 – 5 p.m.

Library Branch Locations:

Boudreau, 245 Concord Avenue 617-349-4017
Central Square, 45 Pearl Street 617-349-4010
Collins, 64 Aberdeen Avenue 617-349-4021
O’Neill, 70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-4023
O’Connell, 48 Sixth Street 617-349-4019
Valente, 826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

► **Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)**
888-872-6721 www.brattlecourier.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**

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

POST OFFICE

► **Post Office**

800-275-8777 www.usps.com

**Main Branch: Central Square,
770 Massachusetts Avenue**
Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.,
Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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



In addition to the recent addition, the Main Library has undergone a significant restoration of the historic Library, returning it to its original beauty. (photo by Robert Benson)

▶ **Arts, Historical and Tourism Organizations**

Cambridge Art Association
617-876-0246 www.cambridgeart.org

Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)
617-349-4380 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

Cambridge Center for Adult Education
617-547-6789 www.ccae.org

Cambridge Historical Commission
617-349-4683 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

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center
617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org

Cambridge Office for Tourism
617-441-2884 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

▶ **Museums**

Gray Herbarium, Harvard
617-495-2365 www.huh.harvard.edu

Harvard University Art Museums
617-495-9400 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

Longfellow National Historic Site
617-876-4491 www.nps.gov/long

MIT-List Visual Arts Center
617-253-4680 web.mit.edu/lvac

MIT Museum
617-253-9607 web.mit.edu/museum

Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology
617-496-1027 www.peabody.harvard.edu

▶ **Galleries**

AIB Gallery @ University Hall 617.585.6600
www.lesley.edu/aib/portfolio/index.html

Cambridge Arts Council Gallery
617-349-4380 344 Broadway
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center
617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org

Out of the Blue Art Gallery
617-354-5287 www.outoftheblueartgallery.com

Pierre Menard Gallery
617.868.2033 www.pierremenardgallery.com

▶ **Theaters**

Actors' Shakespeare Project
617-547-1982 www.actorsshakespeareproject.org

American Repertory Theatre
617-547-8300 www.amrep.org

Brattle Theatre
617-876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org

Central Square Theater
617-576-9278 www.centralsquaretheater.org

ImprovBoston Theater
617-576-1253 www.improvboston.com

Sanders Theatre
Harvard Box Office: 617-496-2222
www.fas.harvard.edu/~memhall/sanders.html

▶ **Community Television**

Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) Channels 9, 10, and 22
617-661-6900 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
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.

CITY TV-8 (Municipal Channel) Channel 8 617-349-4296
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 Mondays (5:30 p.m.) and repeated Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m.).

▶ **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

Breakthrough Cambridge

158 Spring Street 617-349-6647 www.breakthroughcambridge.org

Cambridge At Home

1770 Massachusetts Avenue 617-864-1715
www.cambridgeathome.org

Cambridge Camping Association

99 Bishop Richard Allen Dr. 617-864-0960 www.cambridgecamping.org

Cambridge Cares About AIDS

17 Sellers Street 617-661-3040 www.ccaa.org

Cambridge Community Center

5 Callender Street 617-547-6811 www.cambridgecommunitycenter.org

Cambridge Community Services

99 Bishop Allen Drive 617-876-5214 www.cambridgecommunity.org

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee

11 Inman Street 617-868-2900 www.ceoccambridge.org

Cambridge Family & Children's Service

60 Gore Street 617-876-4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Cambridge Family YMCA

820 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-9622 www.cambymca.org

Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse

42 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

Charles River Conservancy

4 Brattle Street 617-608-1410 www.charlesriverconservancy.org

Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-547-1063 www.cccrcinc.org

Community Dispute Settlement Center

60 Gore Street 617-876-5376 www.communitydispute.org

Community Learning Center

19 Brookline Street 617-349-6363 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-6391 www.friendsoffreshpond.org

Homeowners Rehab Inc.

280 Franklin Street 617-868-4858 www.homeownersrehab.org

HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502 617-234-5340 www.homestart.org

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

432 Columbia Street 617-494-0444 www.justastart.org



Cambridge Neighborhood Apartment Housing Services, a program of Homeowners Rehab Inc., works with Cambridge families in danger of losing their homes. With assistance from CNAHS, Hermann and Margaly, Haitian immigrants with a young son, were able to reduce their monthly payments to a level they can afford - and they will be able to remain in their home!

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

1046 Cambridge Street 617-864-7600 www.maps-inc.org

On the Rise

341 Broadway 617-497-7968 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

Wellmet Project

130 Bishop Allen Drive 617-491-2377 www.wellmetproject.com

The Women's Center

46 Pleasant Street 617-354-6394 www.cambridgewomenscenter.org

YWCA Cambridge

7 Temple Street 617-491-6050 www.ywcacam.org

▶ Here is a sampling of upcoming events in Cambridge. For additional information, visit www.cambridgema.gov.

May

Dance Month www.dancecomplex.org
A month-long celebration of dance.

GoGreen Month www.cambridgema.gov/gogreen
May is a month-long celebration of transportation options, recycling, and energy conservation. Events include Bike Week events, commuter appreciation days, transportation fairs and presentation of the GoGreen Business awards for outstanding environmental efforts.

MayFair in Harvard Square 5/2
www.harvardsquare.com Noon – 6 p.m.

Water Week 5/2 – 5/8
www.cambridgema.gov/CWD
A week of tours and demonstrations by the Cambridge Water Department.

Cambridge Holocaust Commemoration 5/4
Peace Commission 617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/peace
An interfaith evening of remembrance, readings and candlelighting.

Fresh Pond Day 5/7
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.

Special Election for State Senator 5/11
www.cambridgema.gov/election 617-349-4361

National Public Works Week 5/16 – 5/22
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks 617-349-4800

Memorial Day Parade and Observance 5/31
Veterans' Services Department www.cambridgema.gov/vet
Parade at 9:30 a.m. from Cambridge Common to Cambridge Cemetery.
Observance at 11 a.m.

Cambridge Open Studios
Open Studios East 5/8 – 5/9
Open Studios Central 5/22 – 5/23
Cambridge Arts Council www.cambridgeartsCouncil.org
Meet artists throughout Cambridge working in a range of mediums and purchase work directly from them. Free event.

June

Library Summer Reading Programs
www.cambridgema.gov/cpl 617-349-4409
Programs for all ages.

Cambridge River Festival 6/5
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 6/12
www.bostondragonboat.org
A cultural event on the Charles River featuring dragon boat races, arts and crafts demonstrations, music, dance, martial arts and tasty Asian foods. Free admission.

FIRST MONDAYS @ CAC GALLERY

May 3, June 7, August 9, October 4, November 1, December 6
Join the Arts Council for these receptions in the CAC Gallery featuring visual arts, live performance, community and food. FREE and open to the public.
The CAC Gallery is in the City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, 2nd Fl. www.cambridgeartsCouncil.org



FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

Four-week workshop covering topics such as: overview of the home buying process, credit & budgeting, obtaining a mortgage, and an introduction to Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Participants are expected to attend all four classes, which begin promptly at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For additional information, call 617-349-4622 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/CDD.



FAMILY NIGHTS IN THE PARK – Featuring Screen on the Green July – Aug (Wednesday evenings)

Enjoy a family movie on a theater size screen. Also featuring jugglers, clowns and magicians. Movies begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 617-349-6200.

- 7/14 Sennott Park
- 7/21 Donnelly Field
- 7/28 Hoyt Field
- 8/4 Greene Rose Heritage Park
- 8/11 Rindge Field
- 8/18 Glacken Field

Secret Gardens of Cambridge 6/13

Self-guided tour of private gardens, green spaces and historic locations throughout the city. Tickets will be available at Cambridge Public Library locations and at local businesses. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 6/19

Cambridge Public Works
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Held at the Mass National Guard Armory at 450 Concord Ave. from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cambridge residents only – proof of residency required.

Hoops ‘N’ Health 6/19

Cambridge Health Alliance 617-665-3769
Annual basketball and flag football tournament and health fair features DJ, live entertainment, free food, prizes and children’s games. Free and open to the public. Hoyt Field, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Taste of Cambridge 6/24

www.tasteofcambridge.com
This food tasting extravaganza at the Charles Hotel upper and lower courtyards features samples of food and drink from restaurants throughout the city. Tickets: \$40.

City of Cambridge Dance Party 6/25

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.

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.

Family Nights in the Park Every Weds

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

August

Summer in the City

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

Family Nights in the Park Every Weds

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

Cambridge Discovery Days 8/7 & 8/14

www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html
617-349-4683
Explore historic and architectural Cambridge in all its diversity on informative walks and at events throughout Cambridge.

Cambridge Carnival August TBA

Cambridge Carnival International, Inc.
www.cambridgecarnival.org
A colorful and festive celebration in Kendall Square featuring dazzling handmade costumes, music, parades, dancing, food and craft exhibits.

September

State Primary Election

www.cambridgema.gov/election 9/14
617-349-4361
Call or visit the Election Commission for registration information and polling locations.

Urban-Ag Fair

www.harvardsquare.com 9/19
Cooking demonstrations, competitions, local garden and community displays, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Winthrop Park, Harvard Square.

Riversing

Charles River Conservancy and Revels www.revels.org 9/19
A public sing celebrating the first day of fall along the Charles River at the Weeks Footbridge, 6 p.m.

Danehy Park Family Day

www.cambridgema.gov 9/25
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.

October

Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month TBA

City of Cambridge 617-349-4697
Candlelight vigil on the lawn of City Hall at 6 p.m. to mourn those who have died, celebrate survivors, and commit to end the violence.

Oktoberfest

Harvard Sq. Bus. Assoc. www.harvardsquare.com 10/10
Featuring live music, international food, a traditional beer garden, and excellent people watching. Held in Harvard Square from 12 – 6 p.m.

Head of the Charles Regatta

www.hocr.org 10/23 – 10/24
617-868-6200
The world’s largest 2-day regatta attracts 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.

November

State Election

www.cambridgema.gov/election 11/2
617-349-4361
Call or visit the Election Commission for registration information and polling locations.

Family Literacy Fun Day

Dept. of Human Services 617-349-6200 11/6
A day of fun activities for families, including: book making, face painting, literacy games, puppet making, sing-alongs, story tellers, giveaways, and a magician. From 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.

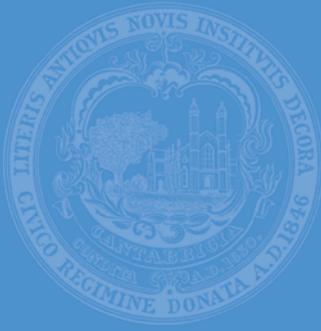
Veterans’ Day Observance

Cambridge Veteran’s Services www.cambridgema.gov/VET 11/11
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 Welcome Kiosk in Harvard Square

www.harvardsquare.com 12/12
617-491-3434
Holiday event features a welcome kiosk that will be visited by Santa.



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31st CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL

A celebration of the arts and summertime fun
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June 5, 2010 Noon – 6 p.m.
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
(617) 349-4380

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY

Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this
Friday night dance party for all of Cambridge.
June 25, 2010 7 – 11 p.m.
www.cambridgema.gov
(617) 349-4301

SUMMER IN THE CITY

A mix of dance, song, storytelling, theater and
puppetry presented in City parks and public spaces.
July and August, 2010
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
(617) 349-4380

DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Enjoy crafts, amusement rides, free hot dogs
and sodas, music, performers and more!
September 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
www.cambridgema.gov
(617) 349-4301



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