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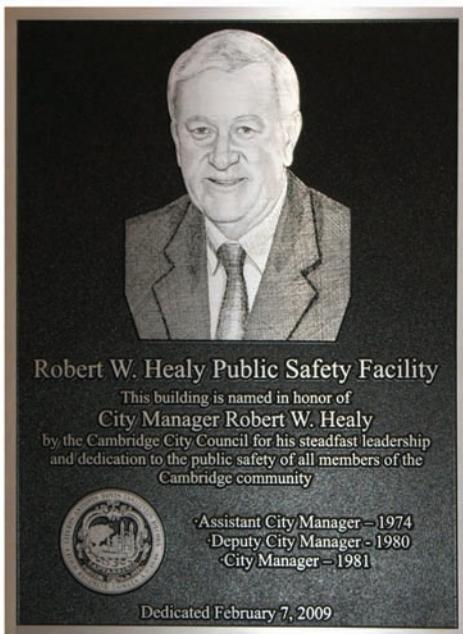
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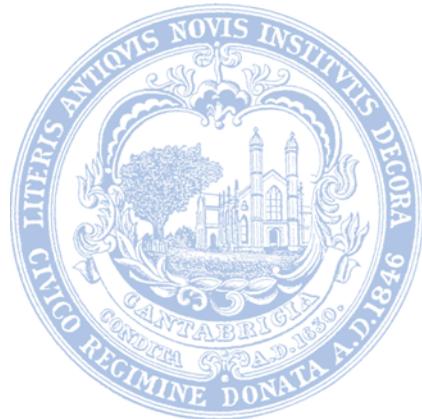
EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of *The Cambridge Life* is dedicated to Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy who is celebrating his 35th year with the City (having served the last 28 years as City Manager and the seven years prior to that as Assistant City Manager and Deputy City Manager).

Our cover story highlights the February grand opening of the new Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility named in honor of the long-time City Manager. The state-of-the-art building now houses the Cambridge Police Department and the Emergency Communications/911 Dispatch Center. Under Healy's leadership, an impressive number of capital improvement projects, including the acquisition and renovation of this building, have taken place over the years.



In January, the city celebrated the opening of the renovated War Memorial Recreation Center, also featured in this issue. Later this spring/summer, we expect to celebrate the opening of the new West Cambridge Youth and Community Center/VFW. And in late fall 2009, we will be celebrating the long-awaited reopening of the expanded Main Library. Both the West Cambridge Youth Center and the new Main Library projects will be featured in a future edition of *The Cambridge Life*.



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Photos above: Erin Pidot helps a client of the Cambridge Multi-Service Center complete application documents; 911 Dispatcher Dave Harmon and ECD Director George Fosque; Fresh Pond Summer Solstice bird walk; CRLS competitive swim team at practice.

Cover photo: Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy gets a helping hand from grandsons Brian and Timothy in cutting the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the new public safety facility named in his honor. Healy's other two grandchildren, Brendan and Addison, plus other Healy family members and City officials cheer on the ribbon cutting.

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a **SALUTE** to our **DHSP** **Volunteers**



The City's Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) provides a wide range of services that touch almost every sector of the city, from newborns to senior citizens, from school-aged

children to homeless families, from non-profit organizations to local employers. Many DHSP staff would readily agree that they are able to enhance their resources and better serve the community thanks to the assistance of their dedicated and devoted volunteers who often bring special skills and enthusiasm to the table. We dedicate this feature to a few of these very special people.

CHRISTINE - THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER TUTOR

The Community Learning Center (CLC), the City's Adult Basic Education Program at 19 Brookline Street, has an active and engaged group of 45 volunteers who work as either one-on-one tutors or classroom aides in both the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program and the High School Diploma program. Most volunteers commit to 1.5 hours per week. One particular tutor, Christine Stevens, enjoys working with students so much that she helps out in a class every week and tutors students after class as well. Wilfred, a cook who has a new baby girl, has made great progress due to the individual extra attention he had received from Christine on his English reading skills.

Christine says, "When I look at Wilfred, I see someone who is achieving the American dream. He has gone from washing dishes to becoming a chef." The CLC can always use more volunteers. Interested persons can contact Whit Hendon, the volunteer coordinator, at 617-349-6366, or send him an e-mail at whendon@cambridgema.gov.

"Jenny is an integral part of our program and we are so very lucky to have her with us each day."

JENNY - THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT AT HAGGERTY PRESCHOOL

Jenny DiScipio has been a Foster Grandparent with the Haggerty Preschool for over five years. She says that she can't imagine doing anything else. Prior to that, she volunteered as a Lunch Monitor and Foster Grandparent at the Haggerty Elementary School. At one point, she stopped volunteering for a short time, but missed being at the Haggerty so much that she decided to return to volunteering.

Jenny is actively involved in the daily activities of the classroom and is quick to lend a helping hand to both the teachers and children when needed. A warm, loving and caring person, she spreads her knowledge and patience among 17 eager three- and four-year old Haggerty Preschool children.





**ERIN, AN NSP
SITE COORDINATOR
AT CAMBRIDGE MULTI-
SERVICE CENTER**

Since 2002, the City of Cambridge Multi-Service Center at 19 Brookline Street has been the appreciative host for groups of National Student Partnership (NSP) volunteers from area colleges. While an individual or family that comes to the Center for help finding housing will be assisted by the Center's paid staff, student volunteers can offer follow-up assistance on completing benefits applications, preparing a résumé and beginning a job search. Clients may also be referred by other local agencies or they may just walk in on their own. Recent college graduates Mark Fopeano and Erin Pidot began as NSP volunteers at other sites and are now paid by AmeriCorps for their work as full-time NSP site coordinators at the Multi-Service Center. Erin says that her prior four years of volunteering "were by far the most rewarding thing I did and the best learning experience I had in college." Cambridge currently has 10 volunteers, each giving at least four hours per week. "This level of commitment allows people to really get involved and to grow personally," says Erin. Affiliated with the 12-city National Student Partnership, the Cambridge NSP office was begun by Harvard students.

Photos, from left to right: Senior Center Volunteer Bill Cobham reviews a party menu with Food Service Manager Julie King and Assistant Cook Jamie Knight; Foster grandparent Jenny DiScipio helps a group of Haggerty Preschool children create shapes with playdough; Erin Pidot helps a client of the Cambridge Multi-Service Center complete application documents; CLC Tutor Christine Stevens reviews materials with students during a class break.



**BILL AND WAI LING
OF THE
CAMBRIDGE
SENIOR CENTER**

William Cobham is a member of the Council on Aging Board of Directors where he is relentless in seeking to improve the lives of seniors by advocating with local and state government on issues important to seniors.

The Massachusetts Council on Aging honored William in 2001 for his advocacy

with its Legislative Award. A tireless advocate for Cambridge seniors, William is also willing to roll up his sleeves and help as a server at the monthly Senior Center theme parties. Often working alongside staff until each and every senior has been served and after the party is over, William is there helping with the clean up, too.

Willing to do anything to make sure that the Senior Center programs and activities are running smoothly, Wai Ling is another remarkable volunteer. She stepped in and volunteered to assist with the Asian seniors, realizing that the language barrier was an obstacle to the smooth running of programming for them. With Wai Ling as a communication pipeline, Asian seniors are now participating in more of the Senior Center's programming. Wai Ling also assists the Activities Coordinator with clerical paperwork and often stops in the office and asks, "How can I help?" Always pleasant and a very modest woman, Wai Ling does not like to call attention to the many contributions she makes to the senior center and its programs.

Coming from varied backgrounds and spanning all ages, these volunteers and so many others are essential to the varied programs of the Department of Human Services. What they all share in common is the joy and fulfillment that comes from their special commitment as a DHSP volunteer – and for that, our hats are off to them! ■

A Tribute to Safety

Robert W. Healy

Public Safety Facility Opens



In February, Cambridge City officials celebrated the grand opening of the new public safety facility named in honor of City Manager Robert W. Healy for his dedicated service to the City of Cambridge since 1974. Mr. Healy's devotion to our great city is second to none and with his special commitment to public safety, the dedication of this facility in his name was a fitting tribute.

During the ceremony, several city and elected officials and community representatives recognized Healy for his many contributions to Cambridge over the years. The event was emceed by Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi. Among the many guest speakers were retired Cambridge Police Chief Tony Paolillo and former Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson.

ABOUT ROBERT W. HEALY

Robert W. Healy has served as Cambridge City Manager for the past 28 years and as Assistant City Manager and Deputy City Manager for seven years prior to that. When Mr. Healy was appointed in 1981, Proposition 2 1/2 had just been passed and the city's credit rating was suspended by Wall Street rating agencies.

This prevented the city's entry into the market for much needed capital improvements.

Restoring fiscal strength and stability to the city became Healy's highest priority. During his tenure, Cambridge has seen its financial position improve

substantially. For the past ten years, Cambridge has had the rare distinction of being one of only a handful of cities in the nation to earn and maintain three Triple A bond ratings from the three major credit rating agencies. Under Mr. Healy's leadership, an impressive number of capital improvement projects have taken place over the years, including the acquisition and renovation of this building, now dedicated as the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility.

ABOUT THE FACILITY

Construction build-out of the 110,000 square foot facility that now houses the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) and the City's Emergency Communications/ 911 Dispatch Center incorporated green building technologies into the design. It is anticipated that the design of this building will result in a U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Silver level certification.



ABOUT CAMBRIDGE POLICE

The Cambridge Police Department, which includes 273 sworn officers and 38 civilians, is committed to the enforcement of laws and preservation of order that protect the rights and property of every person within the City of Cambridge. Its mission is to provide the highest quality of police service and to impact crime, and its associated elements, through the utilization of new and proven crime prevention strategies and problem-solving partnerships with our community. Sign up to receive public safety alerts. For more information, visit www.cambridgepolice.org.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPT./911 DISPATCH CENTER

The Emergency Communications Department (ECD), which also relocated to the new public safety facility, operates the City's Combined Emergency Communications and 911 Dispatch Center. They respond to over 50,000 emergency calls and alarms per year and manage the coordinated dispatch of police, fire, emergency medical service and other resources as needed. Dispatchers also answer over 200,000 non-emergency calls annually and perform thousands of computer transactions on the state Criminal Justice Information System and other computer systems in support of police officers seeking license, warrant, arrest history and other information. ■



ECD DIRECTOR FOSQUE RECEIVES 911 AWARD

Last fall, ECD Director George L. Fosque received the Massachusetts 2008 Jeff Grossman 911 Award, which was established by Grossman's colleagues in memory of a man who, without consideration for personal gain or recognition, devoted a major part of his life to improving public safety and 911 in particular. Through his efforts, Grossman was largely responsible for the implementation of the initial Massachusetts statewide 911 system in the early 1990's. Like Grossman, Fosque has dedicated his recent professional career to 911 on a local, state and even national level. He returned to city employ in 1994 to plan and create the Emergency Communications Department which opened in 1996 and combined 911, police dispatch and fire alarm functions into one organization. Holding an MBA and having worked in many areas of the criminal justice system since 1969, Fosque is active in many Cambridge public safety initiatives; he represents all Mass. 911 centers on the State 911 Commission; and looks out for the interests of all New England 911 centers as part of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee of the National 911 organization. We salute him for his accomplishments.



Photos, above: 911 Dispatcher Dave Harmon and ECD Director George Fosque; City officials at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility (Shawn Dolan). **Photos, opposite:** An exterior shot of the new Public Safety Facility; City Manager Robert W. Healy; Jackie Healy and Robert W. Healy.

PUTTING ARTISTS ON THE MAP

CAMBRIDGE'S FIRST CITY-WIDE OPEN STUDIOS

Hundreds of Cambridge artists work behind closed doors in studios of varying sizes and shapes, ranging from basements, offices, lofts, spare bedrooms, garages, attics, sheds and alcoves. Just as varied as the studios, so are the works that are produced there - paintings, jewelry, fiber arts, ceramics, film, literary works, mixed-media pieces and more!

Discover the wide array of art that emerges from these unique spaces, when artists throughout Cambridge open their doors to the public for the first ever city-wide Cambridge Open Studios (COS). Events occur over three weekends in April and May 2009. Much of the artwork is available for purchase, so it's a great way to find a unique gift or bring art into your own work space or home.



Pineapple Aqua, oil painting by Karen Carmean

Along the way, you'll discover public artworks from Cambridge's award-winning public art collection of over 170 works in parks, municipal buildings and open spaces.

BUILDING ON PAST SUCCESS

For 2009, COS represents an expansion of the Open Studios weekends that have taken place for more than a decade in Cambridge. In past years, Open Studio weekends were organized by Cambridgeport Artists Open Studios (CAOS) and North Cambridge All Arts Open Studios (NoCa) in the spring and fall. The newly formed Cambridge Open Studios combines these two events, adding opportunities to include artists in Mid-Cambridge and other neighborhoods of the city.



Flame-painted vessels by Judith Motzkin, photo: Judith Motzkin

East Cambridge, an up-and-coming cultural district with its growing number of galleries, restaurants, and new residences and businesses, is an important addition to Open Studios. Shelley Neill, Executive Director of Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center in East Cambridge, notes that COS will reveal how many artists and arts organizations thrive in these neighborhoods.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

On the heels of Cambridge Open Studios is the Multicultural Arts Center's Boomtown Festival, June 1-12, which segues right into the 30th Cambridge River Festival, a mile-long celebration of the arts along the Charles River, on Saturday, June 13, 2009. These events flow right into Summer in the City, a park-based, multicultural arts and performance series throughout Cambridge in July and August. And that's just the start to all the doors that Cambridge Open Studios will open!

For more information and to participate in Cambridge Open Studios, visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org or contact the Cambridge Arts Council at 617-349-4380. ■

CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS

North/West: 4/25 - 4/26, noon - 6 p.m.

Central: 5/9 - 5/10, noon - 6 p.m.

East: 5/30 - 5/31, noon - 6 p.m.

DOUBLE DUTY

FAMILY FLU CLINIC DOUBLES AS EMERGENCY DISPENSING SITE EXERCISE

By Suzy Feinberg and Lynn Schoeff

Early on a Saturday morning last November, families began to line up outside the Tobin School for what would be the largest flu clinic ever held in Cambridge. Over a three-hour period, 920 people, including nearly 400 children, would receive a free flu vaccine. The Cambridge Public Health Department was prepared for the big turnout because the clinic had been designed to test the department's ability to administer vaccine during a major public health emergency, such as a flu pandemic.

TESTING THE MASS VACCINATION PLAN

After the anthrax scares of 2001, Massachusetts required all municipalities to have a written plan identifying medicine and vaccine emergency dispensing sites (EDS). The Cambridge plan identifies seven potential sites. While the Health Department had participated in EDS exercises in neighboring towns, it had never fully tested its own plan.

"We were largely confident our plan would work because it is based on current research. But we still needed to test it," said Lynn Schoeff, Director of Emergency Preparedness for Cambridge Health Alliance.

Schoeff and Louise Rice, the department's Director of Public Health Nursing, agreed that the EDS exercise should be integrated into one of the Health Department's annual flu clinics so that a genuine service would be provided to the community.

GENERATING CITYWIDE PARTICIPATION

The planners realized that one of their biggest challenges would be recruiting enough participants to make the exercise realistic and worthwhile. The goal was to administer vaccine to 800 to 1,000 people during the three-hour period.

The Health Department focused its marketing campaign on families in response to new federal guidelines that all children and teens receive

an annual flu shot. The department stocked up on 200 doses of painless nasal spray vaccine, which was not widely available last year. Staff delivered flyers via "backpack express" to Cambridge public school families, notified doctors' offices and

engaged community partners in promoting the clinic. The team also enlisted the support of local clinicians and City departments (such as fire, EMS, police, schools, human services, public works, and traffic and parking) that would be called upon in a real health emergency. More than 80 staff and volunteers registered visitors, helped with forms and administered vaccines.

To accommodate the estimated 600 people who arrived in the first 90 minutes of the clinic, organizers quickly set up additional family stations and assigned more vaccine dispensers.

Katherine Gamble of Cambridge, who came to the flu clinic with her son, was impressed with the clinic's tight organization. "If there was an

actual emergency, I'd be anxious about the emergency itself, but I wouldn't be anxious about coming here," Gamble told the *Cambridge Chronicle*. "Everyone seemed to know what their role was." ■



Top: Getting ready for a flu shot! **Bottom:** The flu clinic in full swing in the Tobin School cafeteria. Most families were able to complete their paperwork and get vaccinated in under 15 minutes.

green ladies

Fresh Pond Stewards Award Honors
Susan Agger and Elizabeth Wyld



Last October, City officials honored two very special ladies, Susan Agger and Elizabeth Wyld for their long-standing commitment to Fresh Pond Reservation. Their deep roots in environmental stewardship, knowledge of local flora and fauna, and their keen understanding of the effects of human intervention to preserve the best of our local environment have been instrumental in exposing thousands of Cambridge students, families and others to this wonderful part of the City's natural environment.

FRIENDS OF FRESH POND

Intrigued by a biodiversity walk in 2001, Elizabeth Wyld decided to learn more about the wide range of plants and animals that can be found on the Reservation. The following year, Elizabeth worked with Ranger Jean Rogers to create the Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation, which today boasts over 200 members. Throughout the year, the Friends group develops and presents a variety of tours and nature programs that expose the Cambridge community to this beautiful and lively site. These programs are led by volunteers, professional naturalists and Cambridge Water Department staff. In 2008, the Friends offered 76 programs to the public. They have also designed a variety of maps and informational brochures, made inventories of local flora and fauna, and developed a website,

www.friendsoffreshpond.org to promote their efforts and encourage public involvement. To recognize the incredible contributions made by so many people who love this special place in Cambridge, the Friends collaborated with the Cambridge Water Department to create the Fresh Pond Stewardship Program in 2007. Over the past two years, the "Fresh Pond Stewards" have given over 900 hours of their time removing invasive weeds and planting native plant species for the betterment of the Reservation.

FRESH POND EVENTS

In February, the Friends hosted *Reflections on the Pond*, a free, week-long exhibit of art related to Fresh Pond Reservation, including paintings, drawings, photos, sculptures, jewelry, poetry and journaling by artists of all ages. This spring, the Friends will be participating in the

Top of page: Elizabeth Wyld and Susan Agger; **Below:** Water quality testing at Black's Nook.



Above: Summer Solstice bird walk;
Right: Fern ID and drawing workshop.



Cambridge Science Festival, April 25 – May 3. For more about related events, visit www.CambridgeScienceFestival.org.

“Elizabeth has contributed countless hours of her time to educating the public about the wonders of Fresh Pond and we salute her hard work and devotion to this wonderful natural place,” said Richard C. Rossi, Cambridge Deputy City Manager.

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ MAYNARD ECOLOGY CENTER

Susan Agger has served as coordinator of the Cambridge Public Schools’ Thomas M. Maynard Ecology Center (MEC) since 2002. Her work represents an incredible effort to educate and expose Cambridge’s school age population to their local natural environment. Susan coordinates curriculum related field investigations at Fresh Pond Reservation and the Alewife Reservation, to help teach students about ecosystems, soils, erosion, glacial landforms, water quality testing,



Woodland soil exploration.

habitats, purple loosestrife bio-control and biodiversity. Between September and December 2008, over 700 students participated in field investigations.

“Cambridge is so fortunate to have the kind of educational resources that allow kids to experience these unique ecosystems first-hand,” explained Agger, adding that Black’s Nook Pond is a popular destination for field investigations. “They are getting a lot of meaningful field experience in addition to their classroom work. We go out and collect specimens and record water quality data. But it is important to point out that any living specimens that visit the Maynard Ecology Center are taken back to the pond. We have to be model stewards of our environment.”

SCIENCE EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Susan works with local science teachers to help develop standards-based outdoor science education. She also hosted a professional development forum for teachers attending a national science conference in 2008. As a member of the

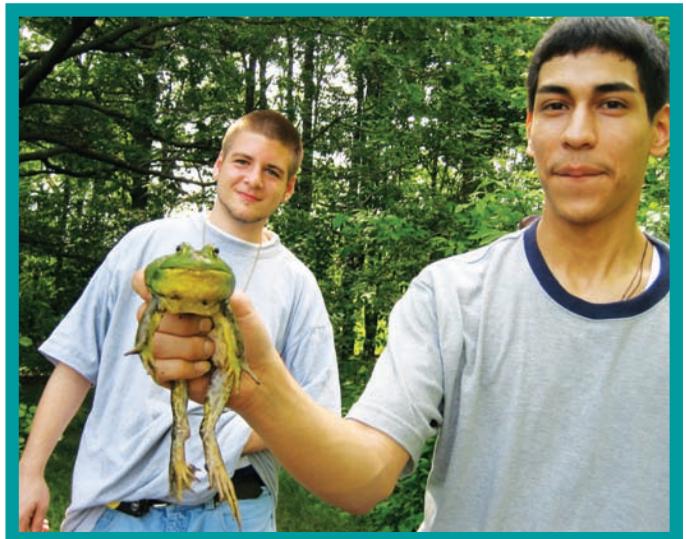
Fresh Pond Planning Committee, Susan occasionally helps with weekend programs at the reservation. In turn, the Friends of Fresh Pond have generously sponsored school buses that enable more students to participate in field studies.

“Susan’s wide-ranging efforts to support and enhance public education about the local environment are greatly appreciated and we also commend her as a dedicated steward of Fresh Pond,” said Rossi.

All of these activities at Fresh Pond are a win-win for everyone – the students, the community and the city. Susan and Elizabeth hope that their efforts in collecting data, creating inventories and developing diagrams through the Friends of Fresh Pond Group and at the Maynard Ecology Center can serve as a useful resource for the Cambridge Water Department. So, next time you get the chance, check out the natural wonder that is Fresh Pond Reservation. ■



Above: Studying life cycles in lab;
Right: Exploring their environment.



A GRAND REOPENING

THE RENOVATED CAMBRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER REOPENS



Earlier this year, City and School officials hosted a grand reopening ceremony of the newly renovated War Memorial Recreation Center at 1640 Cambridge Street. The ceremony included the dedication of a special plaque in memory of William E. Gurry (1916-1983), former Director of Recreation Programs & Pool Manager for the Cambridge War Memorial facility. A lifelong Cambridge resident, Gurry's commitment to youth, family, interscholastic athletics and public recreation was second to none. Members of Gurry's family attended the event and accepted the plaque on his behalf.

REMEMBERING CAMBRIDGE VETERANS

The War Memorial facility was originally named in honor of the Cambridge men and women who were killed in action in service to

our country and city, from the Revolutionary War through the present. The dedication ceremony also honored these brave Cambridge residents for their great sacrifice.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY

Construction to renovate this late 1950's era building included improving and updating building systems, providing universal accessibility and revamping the layout of the locker rooms, restrooms, classrooms and administrative offices. The 78,000 square foot facility houses three pools, a gymnasium with basket-

ball and volleyball courts, a state-of-the-art fitness room, a multipurpose room and separate locker room facilities for school and public use.

SPRING/SUMMER 2009 REGISTRATION

This spring, the Cambridge Recreation Division will be offering a variety of programming and clinics for youth and adults, including tennis, volleyball, aqua aerobics, gymnastics, swim instruction, life conditioning, karate, volleyball and more. The 26,000 square foot field house adjacent to the War Memorial also includes basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, plus outdoor tennis courts adjacent to the building.

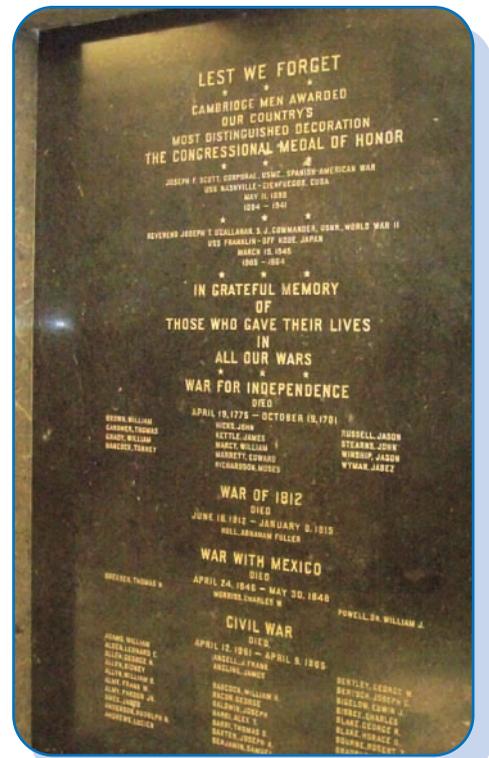
WALK-IN REGISTRATION HOURS (MARCH 9 - 31) CAMBRIDGE RECREATION FRONT DESK

Monday – Friday, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Classes will begin the week of March 30. Many classes and programs are available for nominal fees but they do fill up quickly so interested



persons are encouraged to register early! Individuals and families, residents and non-residents can sign up for classes, swimming and a variety of leagues.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL POOL

Reserve your spot for a Birthday Party at War Memorial Pool. Dates must fall on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Space is limited as only one party can be held per day and can be reserved for a nominal fee, payable two weeks in advance of the date. On Sundays, gym parties will be available from 12 - 2 p.m. also for a nominal fee. Games will be provided and led by a staff member.

For a hard copy of the War Memorial program booklet, call 617-349-6237 or visit the Department of Human Services' website at www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/war.cfm to view the online version. ■

Opposite Page: CRLS competitive swim team at practice. **Top Right:** One of the plaques in memory of Cambridge veterans killed in action (photo by Tim Dineen). **Above:** CRLS Game in progress.

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

▶ **Cable Television**

Comcast

800-COMCAST www.comcast.com

▶ **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 800-967-5363

Comcast 800-COMCAST

Verizon 877-483-5898



Sign up for Cambridge Alert Network, a new 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 800-501-3045 www.att.com

Comcast 800-COMCAST

www.comcast.com

Verizon 800-870-9999

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

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 **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
 E. Denise Simmons, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School Committee meetings and serves as the City's political leader. E-mail: mayor@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
 Historical Commission (pg. 28) 617-349-4683
 Human Rights Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4396
 Human Services (pg. 21) 617-349-6200
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140
 Inspectional Services (pg. 18) 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library (pg. 27) 617-349-4040
 License Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-6140
 Mayor's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4321
 Peace Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4694
 Personnel (pg. 17) 617-349-4332
 Police (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-3300
 Police Review & Advisory Board (pg. 17) 617-349-6155
 Public Health Department (pg. 24) 617-665-3800
 Public Works (pg. 19) 617-349-4800
 Purchasing (pg. 20) 617-349-4310
 Schools (pg. 23) 617-349-6400
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation (pg. 19) 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services (pg. 17) 617-349-4761
 Water (pg. 14) 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures (pg. 17) 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4697

▶ **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000

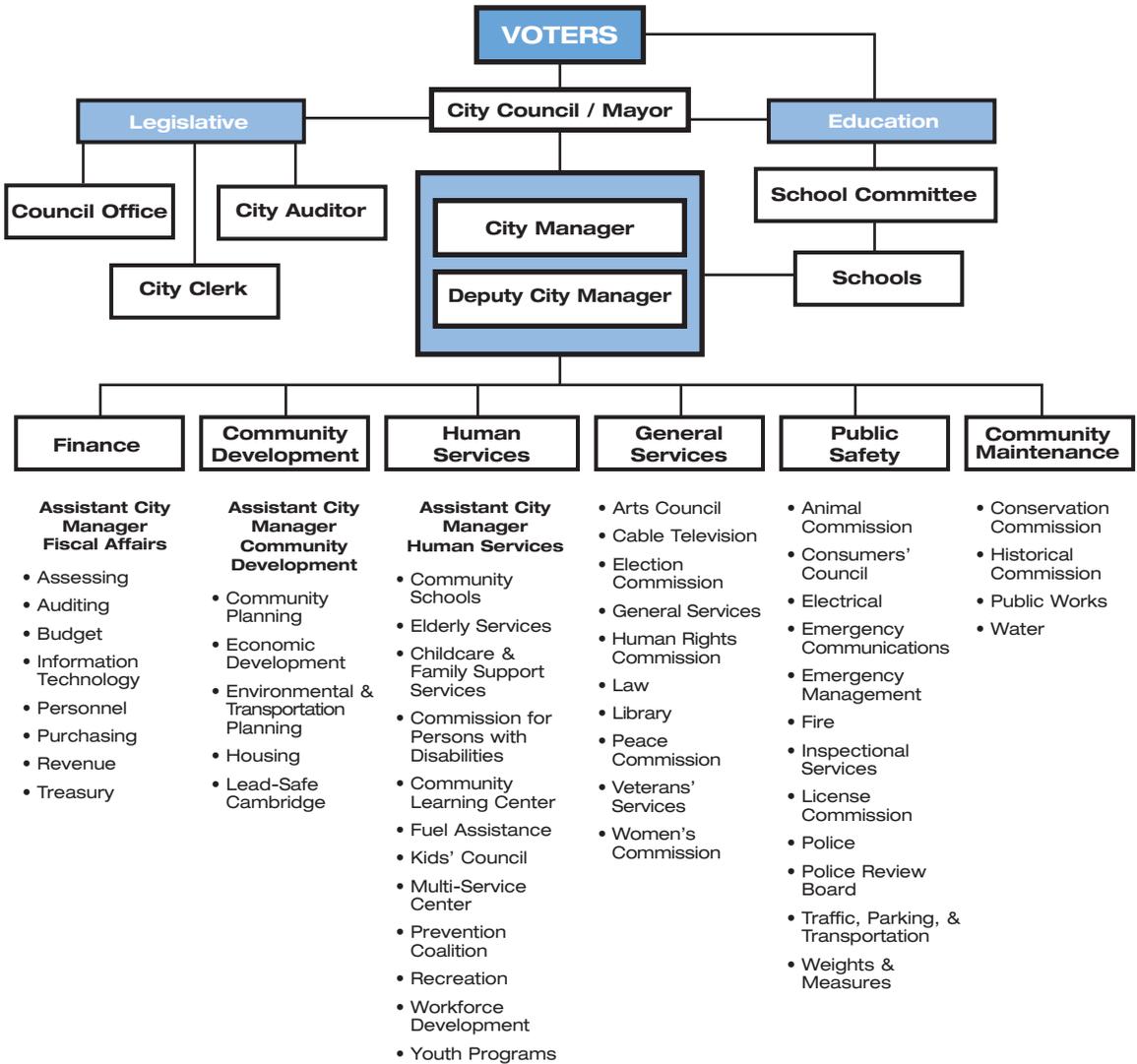
Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information:



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

www.cambridgema.gov

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 Election**
 - The Cambridge Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.

You Find Your Strength



A guide for women who are homeless, by women who are or have been homeless in Cambridge and Somerville

A Guide for Women Who Are Homeless

When a woman becomes homeless, her first days on the street are confusing. Most information about how to survive is learned through word of mouth and is often inadequate. As a first-of-its-kind publication, *You Find Your Strength: A Guide for Women Who Are Homeless* by Women Who Are or Have Been Homeless in Cambridge and Somerville aims to provide women with a practical tool to improve

their own self-care, increase their knowledge of available services, and as a result reduce their time of homelessness. For more information about the guide, please call the Women's Commission at 617-349-4697.

▶ **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
 Reserving a field for athletic use.

▶ **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 2009; collection dates are April 6 - December 11. 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.

▶ **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.

▶ **Lead Safe Cambridge (CDD)**

617-349-5323 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/lead

Provides information and support to prevent childhood lead poisoning and financial assistance for deleading.

▶ **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. 617-441-7707**
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 and organizations.

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

▶ **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.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.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.

The Center for Families provides fun and educational activities and resources for parents and families with young children from birth to age 6. Programming includes parent and child playgroups; community-building activities to bring families together; parent support groups and workshops; and information and assistance in finding resources for all family members. The Center for Families began in 1994 as an initiative of the Kids' Council and is a part of the Department of Human Services Childcare and Family Support Services Division. For more information, visit www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm or call 617-349-6385.



▶ **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 Gately Youth Center, 70R Rindge Ave., Cambridge.

▶ **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 one specialized middle school program 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 4** 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** 110 Cushing Street 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.



Yovanni, a CRLS student working at the MLK Jr. preschool through the Office of Workforce Development, reading to a group of children.

▶ **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
 459 Broadway (at the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School)
 617-349-6551 www.cpsd.us/frc/CambFamRes.cfm

Kindergarten entry for Sept 2009 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2009
 Kindergarten entry for Sept 2010 must be 4 years old by March 31, 2010
 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)
100 Putnam Avenue 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 6.

▶ **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
www.rindgetech.com 617-349-7782

High School Extension Program
 359 Broadway 617-349-6880
www.cpsd.us/hsep

▶ **Charter Schools**
Benjamin Banneker Charter School (K-8)
 21 Notre Dame Avenue 617-497-7771

Community Charter School (Grades 7 - 10)
 245 Bent Street 617-354-0047

▶ **Special Education Schools**
Castle School
 298 Harvard Street 617-354-5410

Farr Academy
 71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922

▶ **Private Schools**
Boston Archdiocesan Choir School
 29 Mt Auburn Street
 (Grades 5 - 8, Boys) 617-868-8658

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

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

Cambridge Montessori School
 161 Garden Street
 (Toddler - Grade 6) 617-492-3410

Fayerweather Street School (Grades PK - 8)
 765 Concord Avenue 617-876-4746

German School Boston (Grades PK - 5)
 54 Essex Street 617-497-8454

International School of Boston (PK - 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

Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

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.

CHA Connections Line 877-637-2273**Mental Health Referral Line 617-665-1560**▶ **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 CPHD Programs:****Environmental Health Unit****617-665-3838**

Offers air quality investigations to residents, workers and businesses and 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 Programs**617-665-3655**

Oversees an early literacy initiative, a newborn home visiting 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 617-841-8371 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.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

▶ **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.

▶ **Reusable, Rechargeable CharlieCards & Tickets**

The MBTA recently introduced fare vending equipment and the 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**
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**
1-866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

Boston RMV (full service)

630 Washington Street, Boston

Details such as hours of operation and current wait times available at www.mass.gov/qrmv/boston.shtm.

Cambridge RMV (limited services)

Cambridgeside Galleria Mall, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge

Details such as hours of operation and current wait times available at www.mass.gov/qrmv/cambridg.shtm.

▶ **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. 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/index.htm.

▶ **Vehicle Inspection**

Your vehicle must undergo a safety and emissions inspection within seven days of registration. To find an inspection station in your area, call 877-387-8234 or visit www.mass.gov/rmv/stations/index.htm, then click on "Vehicle Inspection Stations."

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

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

Main Library is closed until fall 2009. See website for updates. During renovations, visit the Central Square branch, Mon. – Thurs. 9 – 9, Fri. & Sat 9 – 5.

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



The renovated main library is scheduled to reopen in fall 2009.

► **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/information/index.html
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

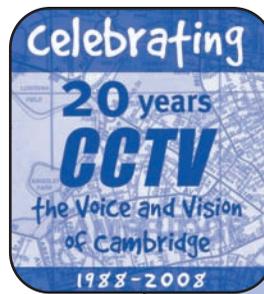
ImprovBoston Theater
617-576-1253 www.improvboston.com

Sanders Theatre
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.

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.).



CCTV Stands Out

Did you know that CCTV has been broadcasting for 20 years? Were you aware that CCTV has been recognized as one of the best Public Access Channels in the U.S. for 7 years in a row? Did you know about the recently established citizen journalism group that reports on local

news stories? See how much more there is to learn about this vibrant city resource at www.cctvcambridge.org.

▶ **Cambridge is full of wonderful resources that allow its citizens to help one another. Opportunities abound to volunteer or to receive services offered by this sampling of organizations. Consider making volunteering part of your regular routine.**

American Friends Service Committee

2161 Massachusetts Avenue 617-661-6130 www.afsc.org

Cambridge At Home

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

Cambridge Camping Association

99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive 617-864-0960

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

56 Brattle Street 617-864-6688

Charles River Conservancy

1 Education Street 617-619-2850 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

Concilio Hispano 105 Windsor Street

617-661-9406 www.conciliohispano.org

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Society

41 Hampshire Street 617-876-5160

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

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

HomeStart, Inc.

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



Participants in the Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation's "Nature Lives!" program take a walk with naturalists and find that there is a lot happening in, on, and above ground.

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

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

Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers 1046 Cambridge Street

617-864-7600 www.maps-inc.org

Mount Auburn Hospital Volunteer Svcs.

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-499-5016

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

Summerbridge Cambridge

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

Wellmet Project

675 Massachusetts Avenue 617-491-2377
www.wellmetproject.com

YWCA Cambridge

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

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

April

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops April 1, 15, 22, 29
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622

Free, four-week workshop includes an overview of the homebuying process, obtaining a mortgage, legal issues, home inspections, and information on Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Class time: 6 – 8 p.m.

23rd Annual 5 Mile CITYRUN and 3 Mile CITYWALK 4/5
www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp2/cityrun.cfm

Course starts and finishes at the Fresh Pond Clubhouse, 691 Huron Ave. Reporting time is 8:45 – 10 a.m. Race starts at 10:30 a.m.

First Mondays @ CAC Gallery 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

Informal reception with exhibiting artist, a live dance, theatrical or musical performance, and food tasting by a local purveyor. CAC Gallery, 344 Broadway. Free. 6 – 8 p.m.

Pricing Strategies for Small Businesses 4/8
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed

Improve overall business profitability, 8-10 a.m.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic – Dogs Only 4/11
 Cambridge Animal Commission 617-349-4376

This annual clinic will be held at the Department of Public Works at 147 Hampshire Street from 9 – 11 a.m. \$10 per dog.

Patriots' Day Observance 4/20
 Veterans' Services Department www.cambridgema.gov/vet

The observance will be held at 10:45 a.m. at the Cambridge Common. Reenactment of General Dawes warning that "The British are coming!"

Financial Literacy Classes 4/16 – 5/21
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed

Learn how to get finances in shape to reach personal goals including retirement, saving for college, buying a home and starting a business. Class time: 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cambridge Open Studios, North/West Cambridge 4/25 – 4/26
 Cambridge Arts Council www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 4/25
 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.

Cambridge Science Festival (see box) 4/25 – 5/3

May

Dance Month (17th Annual) May
www.dancecomplex.org 617-547-9363

A month-long celebration of dance.

GoGreen Month (see box) May

Water Week 5/3 – 5/9

Fresh Pond Day 5/9
 Cambridge Water Department www.cambridgema.gov/CWD

Enjoy tours and demonstrations during the week, culminating with the second annual Fresh Pond Day: Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway. Activities for all ages, including nature walks, water facility tours. Parking is limited; free shuttles available.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL
 April 25 – May 3

Kickoff: Sat. April 25, Noon – 4 p.m.
Kresge Auditorium at MIT, Mass. Ave.
Free & open to all! Free parking & shuttle bus.



The Cambridge Science Festival celebrates the world-renown science, technology, engineering and math going on right in our own backyard. During nine days in April, the City of Cambridge erupts with more than 100 free & open events designed to excite, engage and educate the public. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.cambridgesciencefestival.org. We take curiosity to a whole new level!

GO GREEN MONTH
 Month of May

GoGreen Month, occurring annually in May, is a month-long celebration of transportation options, recycling, and energy conservation. Events include Bike Week celebrations, commuter appreciation days, transportation fairs and presentation of the GoGreen Business awards for outstanding environmental efforts. For more information and a detailed calendar of events, please visit www.cambridgema.gov/gogreen.



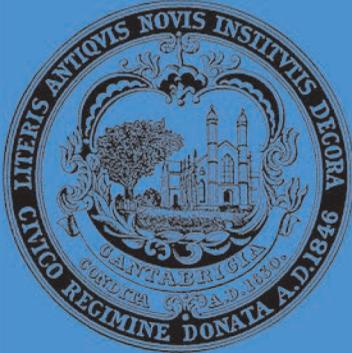
SUMMER IN THE CITY
 July – Aug
 (dates and times vary)



Cambridge Arts Council produces an array of multi-cultural and interactive performances throughout the City's public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater, and puppetry for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Free. For more information, visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

- MayFair in Harvard Square** 5/3
www.harvardsquare.com Noon – 6 p.m.
- Managing a Business in Hard Times** 5/5
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed
Class time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- First-Time Homebuyer Workshops**
May 6, 13, 20, 27
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
A free, 4-week workshop. See April listing.
- Cambridge Holocaust Commemoration** 5/6
Peace Commission 617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/peace
20th Annual commemoration at Temple Beth Shalom, 8 Tremont St. featuring the Cambridge Community Chorus, readings, remembrances and an address by Anna Ornstein. 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Cambridge Open Studios, Central Cambridge** 5/9 – 5/10
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org See April listing.
- Community Bike Ride** 5/16
www.cambridgebikes.org 617-349-4671
Discover new places in the city on these free bike tours organized by the Cambridge Bicycle Committee in honor of GoGreen Month.
- National Public Works Week** 5/17 – 23
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks 617-349-4800
- Envisioning Your Business Idea** 5/20
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/ed
The basics of a business plan & goals, 8 – 10 a.m.
- Memorial Day Parade and Observance** 5/25
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, East Cambridge** 5/30 – 5/31
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org See April listing.
- June**
- Library Summer Reading Programs** June
www.cambridgema.gov/cpl 617-349-4409
Programs for all ages.
- Exhibition by Michael Oatman** 6/1 – 7/15
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
CAC Gallery will become a studio for taping video portraits to be incorporated into artwork for West Cambridge Youth Center / VFW.
- First-Time Homebuyer Workshops**
June 3, 10, 17, 24
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD
617-349-4622
A free, 4-week workshop. See April listing.
- Dragon Boat Festival (30th Anniv)** 6/6 – 6/7
www.bostondragonboat.org
A cultural event on the Charles River. Arts and crafts. Tasty Asian foods. Free admission.
- Cambridge River Festival (30th Anniv.)** 6/13
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Featuring live, nationally and locally known Jazz, Folk, Gospel, Latin, and World music, visual arts, theatrical and dance performances, family entertainment, art-making activities and workshops, crafts, international food and more! Free. Noon to 6 p.m.
- Taste of Cambridge** 6/18
www.tasteofcambridge.com
This food tasting extravaganza is in a new location. The event at the JFK School of Gov't Park on Memorial Drive features samples of food and drink from restaurants throughout the city. Tickets are \$40 at the door.
- Hoops 'N' Health** 6/20
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.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection** 6/20
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.
- July**
- Summer in the City** July (dates & times vary)
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.
- First-Time Homebuyer Workshops** July 8, 15, 22, 29
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A free, four-week workshop. See April listing for details.
- August**
- Summer in the City** August (dates & times vary)
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org 617-349-4380
An array of multicultural and interactive performances. See box.
- National Night Out Against Crime** 8/4
www.nccf.nhfind.com 617-349-4293
Community cookout, crime and drug prevention information. Main event at Rindge Field, 70 Rindge Avenue, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Events will include a morning out, afternoon out and evening event.
- Cambridge Discovery Days** 8/8 & 8/15
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.com
A colorful and festive celebration in Kendall Square featuring dazzling handmade costumes, music, parades, dancing, food, and craft exhibits.
- September**
- Danehy Park Family Day** 9/26
www.cambridgema.gov
Amusement rides, roving performers, Children's stage. Free hot dogs, chips, soda, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Cambridge Life



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* Vice Mayor Brian Murphy resigned in Feb. 2009 to accept a position with the state. Sam Seidel became Vice Mayor. Following a recount from the last Council election, Larry Ward became a new City Councillor.



JOIN US IN THE CITY

COME TO EAT, COME TO DANCE, COME TO PLAY

30th CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL

A celebration of the arts and summertime fun
along the Charles River

June 13, 2009 Noon – 6 p.m.

www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

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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 26, 2009 7–11 pm

www.cambridgema.gov

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