

PAST AND PRESENT

Cambridge Common is a National Historic Landmark. Its long and colorful history, connecting it with seventeenth century New England settlement, the Revolutionary War, and regional nineteenth and twentieth century events and trends, make it an important place and tourist attraction.

The Common is also one of the city's major parks. It contains a popular tot lot (recently re-built with a \$500,000 renovation), youth soccer and other passive activities on its 16 acres. It is a haven for neighborhood people who want a place to relax in the sun or on a bench under a tree. The Common is also significant in that over 10,000 people walking, biking or taking the bus pass through it daily. This project relied on over \$6m of funding from many sources including state and federal transportation funds as well as City capital funds and City Community Preservation Act funds.

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COMMUNITY.

Many thanks to the members of the community who helped shape this project as well as to all residents for their patience and understanding throughout construction

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Richard C. Rossi, City Manager
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Representative Marjorie Decker
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Stephanie Pollack, CEO and Secretary
of Transportation for Massachusetts



CAMBRIDGE COMMON & FLAGSTAFF PARK RECONSTRUCTION

Opening Celebration

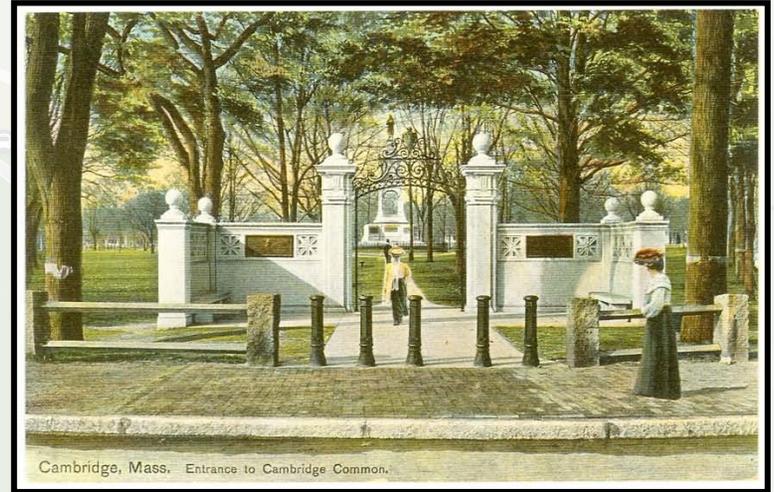
June 26, 2016
1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.



PROGRAM

- ◆ Welcome - Richard C. Rossi, Cambridge City Manager
- ◆ Stephanie Pollack - MassDOT CEO and Secretary of Transportation
- ◆ Vice Mayor Marc McGovern
- ◆ Representative Marjorie Decker
- ◆ Charlie Sullivan, Executive Director, Cambridge Historical Commission
- ◆ Closing Remarks - Richard C. Rossi

Iram Farooq, Assistant City Manager for Community Development will act as master of ceremonies.



SCOPE OF WORK

The Cambridge Common is one of the City's most historic and significant open spaces. The project sought to reinforce the historic character of the Common while reconstructing its infrastructure so that it can continue to serve as a vital open space and busy transportation hub with over 10,000 people travelling in and around it by foot, bicycle, and bus every day. This work included the reconstruction of all pathways to meet access codes; drainage improvements; the rehabilitation of the playing field; and the restoration of the metal work at the Daughters of American Revolution entry gate, Civil War monument fence and historic cannons. In addition, the project planted over 120 new trees and installed energy-saving LED lights, new benches, bicycle racks, trash and recycling receptacles and a water fountain.

At Flagstaff Park, across Massachusetts Avenue, the project also expanded the park and added a two-way multi-use path to improve travel between Harvard Square and this section of Massachusetts Avenue for people walking and biking.