

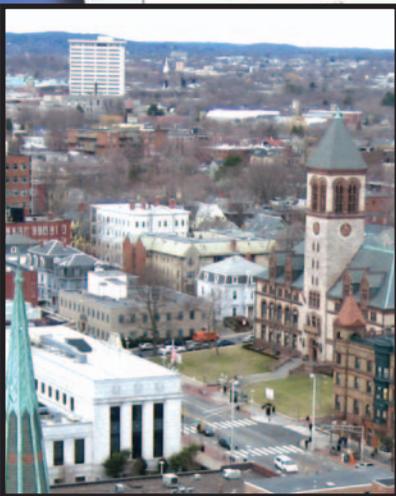
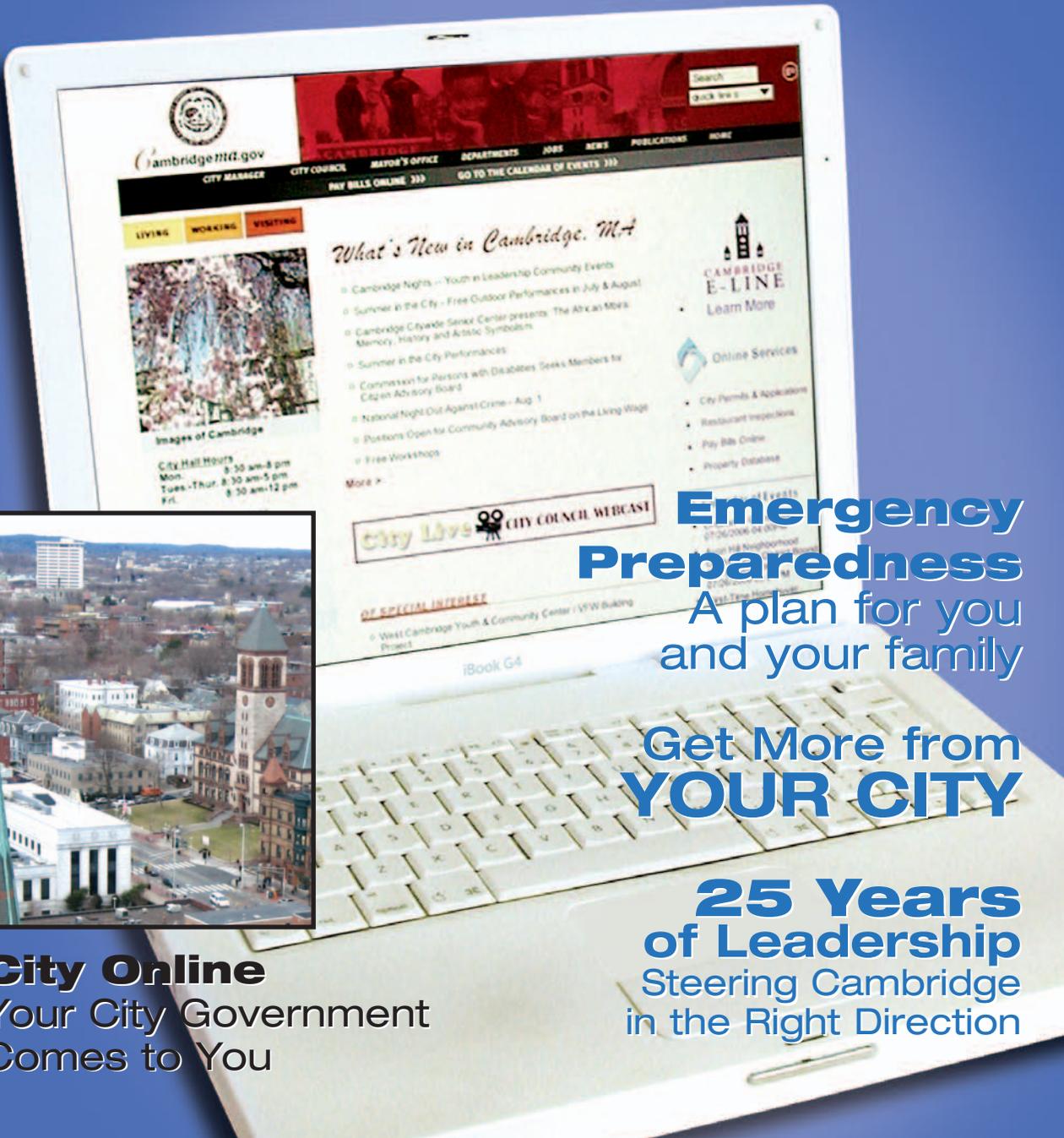
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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

We continuously strive to make City government more accessible to our residents, businesses and others who need to interact with us. Much progress has been made in the past year with online City services. Users can visit our Web site, www.cambridgema.gov, to download a number of City permits and applications, pay parking tickets, water bills, motor excise tax, and even sign up for the *Cambridge E-Line* newsletter. Subscribers can choose to receive the items that interest them, including special reminders about street cleaning or snow emergency parking ban alerts.

Another exciting wireless project in the works is Cambridge Public Internet. Our Information Technology Department has undertaken a major initiative, partnering with MIT, Harvard, the Cambridge Housing Authority and others to implement free “basic service” wireless Internet access in Cambridge. In fact, free wireless access is already available at most major municipal buildings, the Citywide Senior Center and Cambridge Public Library branches.

The safety of our community has always been a high priority for this administration. We have a very proactive Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) made up of City staff, public safety agencies, local universities, and private sector businesses that are stakeholders, such as the biotech industry. The Cambridge LEPC is one of only a handful of committees that are certified in the state. We are also very fortunate to have one of only two dedicated hazardous materials response teams in the state. But as the article on pg. 8 indicates, emergency preparedness really begins at home. Please take a moment to read about what you and your family can do to better prepare for an emergency.

On the education front, the City is partnering with the MIT Museum for the first ever Cambridge Science Festival, a celebration of science and technology, scheduled for late April 2007. This project is in the early stages and there is still plenty of opportunity to get involved.



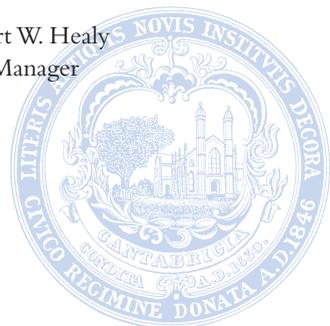
Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Among other firsts in education is the Cambridge Public Schools’ plan to open the city’s first public Montessori School in fall 2007. Read more about this unique method of teaching on pg. 11.

There is so much to see and do in Cambridge. A few of our departments have contributed to an article on pg. 4, which outlines how you can get more out of your city. Take a look!

This year, Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi and I are both celebrating 25 years of service. We are proud to be a part of this city and hope you too appreciate all of the art, culture, diversity and history that Cambridge has to offer.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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Cover inset photo: Central Square now features Wifi access thanks to "Roofnet" antennas deployed on rooftops as part of the Cambridge Public Internet initiative. Photo by Linda Turner.

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get more out of your City

Each year approximately 1.5 million tourists from across the country and around the world visit Cambridge to take advantage of all that the city has to offer, but many citizens of Cambridge do not take the time to explore their own surroundings. Whether you are a long-time resident or a relative newcomer, there are some fantastic programs and services that can help you get more out of your city at little or no cost.

Don't wait – get out there and see your city today!

PUBLIC ART IS YOUR ART

We are very lucky to live in the only city in Massachusetts that has a formal Public Art/Percent-for-Art program. This program ensures that whenever the City makes a capital building investment, one percent of the construction budget for the project must be dedicated to an integrated art installation. The program has already generated more than 150 public artworks and is still going strong, with 14 projects currently under way.

In order to engage Cantabrigians with this artwork, the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) has instituted a number of outreach programs. For instance, in past years the CAC has partnered with the Cambridge Bicycle Committee and the Cambridge Historic Collaborative “Discovery Days” program to coordinate biking and walking tours of the city that highlight public art as well as sites of natural, historical, and architectural interest. Learn about upcoming bike tours at www.cambridgebikes.org or read about Discovery Days (held in July) at www.cambridgema.gov/Historic/walks.html.

CAC has also developed self-guided public art tours that are easily accessible online. These tours are organized by geographic location (neighborhood or specific cross street) or by artistic medium (such as sculptures or murals). To access the tours, visit



www.cambridgema.gov/cac/public_art_tour/index.html, and select the particular art medium that interests you. You can also choose “Neighborhood Tours,” and find a collection of maps showing public art organized into walkable areas. Clicking on a particular site on these maps will open a Web page designed to teach you about a particular piece of art. This exceptional resource will allow you to view and learn about a high caliber of artwork for free and on your own schedule. So take a moment during lunch or over the weekend and explore the city’s world-class art collection!

KNOW THY HISTORY

While you know that Cambridge is a city rich in history, you may not be aware of how much history is accessible to you absolutely free. For instance, the grounds of the Longfellow National Historic Site – former home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – are open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk at no cost. Recently restored to its former glory, the formal Longfellow garden showcases new blooms almost every week. Through October, you can also tour the house, (a historically significant colonial home) for just \$3 per adult. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/long.

Looking for more Cambridge history in a natural setting? Head over to Mount Auburn Cemetery, the first garden cemetery in the country. The grounds are open to the public during daylight hours year-round with no admission fee. Visitors are welcome to explore the beautiful grounds on their own or pick up interpretive materials such as themed tour maps

for \$2. Some of the individuals buried here include Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Mary Baker Eddy. September 2006 marks the beginning of the cemetery's 175th anniversary year which will be commemorated with a series of free events open to all. Visit www.mountauburn.org for more information.

To dig deeper into Cambridge history, visit the Cambridge Historical Commission's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/Historic, then click on "History and Links." Here you can view a list of local tour providers, learn about historic site markers to inspire and inform your own tour, or get started on the African American Heritage Trail with the online guide.



Photo courtesy of Longfellow National Historic Site

DON'T JUST READ ABOUT IT

All together, Cambridge residents attend more than 3,500 public library programs and visit the library's Web site more than half a million times each year! But there are still some underutilized Cambridge Public

Photos (left to right, from opposite page): Neighborhood tours of public art available on the Cambridge Arts Council Web site; Newly restored formal gardens at the Longfellow National Historic Site; A Zoo membership pass, one of the many available for checkout from the Cambridge Public Library; Participants on a library walking tour investigate a public art piece in front of the temporary Main Library; The Cambridge Office for Tourism's quarterly event calendar.



Library services that can save you money while helping you see your city.

Did you know that the library offers passes that allow you to visit many Cambridge area museums and attractions for free? Participating sites include the Museum of Science, Harvard Natural History Museum, Children's Museum, and the Franklin Park Zoo. To get started, visit the library's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/CPL and click on "Museum Passes." When you find the pass you'd like to use, click on "Pass Details" to learn which branch to contact for a reservation. In addition to these passes, your library card will grant you free admission to the Harvard University art museums!

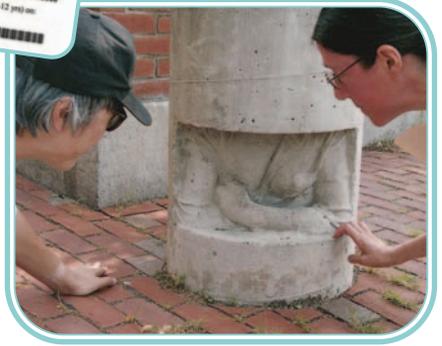


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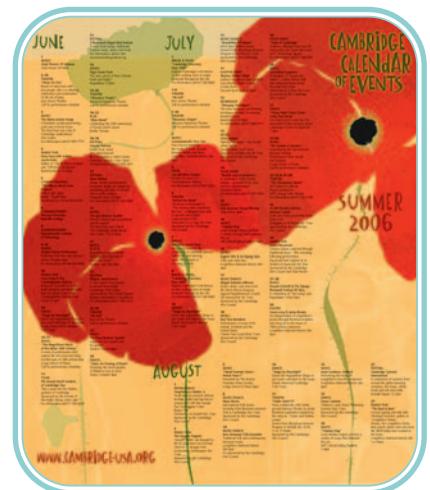
Looking for more ideas? The library's main branch (temporarily located in the Longfellow School at 359 Broadway) can help you on your way. The library loans out quite a few guides to the area, while the reference department maintains a book of self-guided walking tours showcasing Cambridge history and neighborhoods. The main branch also hosts a 30-minute walking tour each Friday showcasing the public art and history of the surrounding neighborhood. The walks begin at 10 a.m. and all are welcome!

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THE CALENDAR IS FULL

Cambridge is packed to the brim with free or affordable events for almost any conceivable interest – but how can you keep on top of them all? The Cambridge Office for Tourism publishes a beautiful quarterly events calendar that showcases upcoming events in style. Their Web site (www.cambridge-usa.org) lists even more events in a searchable database that is constantly updated.

The Office for Tourism also publishes "Your Guide to Dining in Cambridge," a terrific resource for planning dinner out with family or friends. Keep in mind that while the dining guide is free, dinner itself is sure not to be. To request either of these printed resources, send an e-mail to info@cambridge-usa.org. Be sure to include your mailing address. ■



25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP



This year, both City Manager Robert W. Healy and his Deputy, Richard C. Rossi, are celebrating their 25th year at the helm, steering Cambridge in the right direction.

Photo: Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi and City Manager Robert W. Healy.

He has his own key to City Hall because City Manager Robert W. Healy regularly arrives at work at 6 a.m. Over the years, he has also spent many late nights dealing with fires, floods and snow storms (such as the blizzard of '78 which brought everything to a standstill). His dedication to his job and to the City of Cambridge is second to none.

In July, Healy, 62, celebrated 25 years of service as Cambridge City Manager, making him the longest "currently" serving town or city administrator in the state according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association. In February, Healy's contract was extended to 2009.

GETTING STARTED

His very first day on the job was the first day of Proposition 2 1/2. "We had to cut 10 percent of the budget that year," he said. "1981 was probably the City's most difficult year. Our bond rating was suspended, so we couldn't do capital projects for several years."

But all that has changed and today Cambridge is one of only 19 cities nationwide to have AAA bond ratings from all three major credit agencies. These ratings enable the City to finance capital projects at much lower interest rates, ultimately providing taxpayers significant savings.

Many people may not realize how close Cambridge came to never getting Healy. In 1975, Healy applied for the position of Lowell City Manager. Lowell's City Council appointed another candidate and that city has gone through seven City Managers since then.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

One of the most difficult challenges during Healy's tenure was the development of Kendall Square, which was a "wasteland" in the 1970s,

Healy said. After being demolished in the 1960s when it was identified as the future site of NASA, the square became an abandoned wasteland when the federal government chose Texas instead. Healy, however, enticed Boston Properties to develop the site. Today, that area is a vital center for world-renowned high tech and biotech companies.

Running this City and working for nine bosses (the City Manager is appointed by the City Council) is never easy, but Healy has met the challenge with wise management over the years. He credits his longevity to four factors: a talented management team, staying out of Council politics, hard work and his personality. His family's support has also been a key factor.

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

"You've got to be nonpolitical, but able to work in and understand the political environment," he said. "That sounds like a contradiction, but it isn't."

So what is Healy's secret?

Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and a longtime watcher of the

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- CITY MANAGER HEALY

Cambridge political scene, notes that Healy has “superior communication skills,” refrains from upstaging the City Council, “is not the least bit afraid to have people around him who know more than he does about any given subject,” and has the perfect personality for the job.

To that note, Healy avoids micro-managing his employees, allowing them to be creative within the framework of their positions, explains Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi. “Bob’s greatest quality is that he lets people he hires in responsible positions do the managing. That’s a great gift,” said Rossi. “After working together for so long, we have a good rapport in the office. He’s often the brunt of jokes, and his standard response is: ‘There are a million comedians out of work and they all work for me.’”

Deputy City Manager Rossi has spent the past 25 years across the hall from Healy, whom he affectionately calls “the commander.” Healy hired Rossi in 1981 and they have been a great team ever since.

Rossi is also celebrating his 25th year as Deputy City Manager and his 35th year as a City of Cambridge employee. His smooth people skills, knack for creative problem solving and incredible sense of humor have served him well over the years.

IN THE BEGINNING

Rossi got an early taste for public service working summers for both the Cambridge Public Works and Water departments. Although he had planned to become a teacher, Rossi accepted a job interning for the City in 1971, working for then City Manager John Corcoran. Shortly thereafter, he became an Assistant to the Superintendent in the Water Department. Rossi then began working

on capital projects where he really found his niche; before long, he was managing all capital projects for the department and continued there for the next seven years.

In 1978, Rossi was appointed as the City’s Acting Purchasing Agent and formally took over the role the following summer. In 1981, opportunity knocked and Rossi was tapped as Deputy City Manager; he has served his city well for over a quarter century.

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Among Rossi’s many responsibilities is overseeing the City’s ongoing major capital projects worth millions of dollars. Over the years, he has successfully managed the various challenges that occur with such projects, often acting as mediator and resolving issues in creative ways that tend to satisfy most of the parties concerned.

“I think we are very responsive to our community,” Rossi exclaims proudly. “One of the things I have seen when people come to work for the City is their willingness to be part of a team in order to better accomplish what we need to do.”

He has worked on a variety of major capital projects, including Sewer and Storm Management, the Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility, the Main Library, Hoyt Field, Russell Field, Donnelly Field and Danehy Park, which consisted of the unique transformation of a former dump into one of the City’s largest open space and recreation areas. “The City has made significant financial investments to rebuild two of our greatest assets – our water and sewer systems,” Rossi said.

Rossi gives due credit to his family for the success he has achieved at work. “My wife and kids have supported me over the years, dealing with many late nights and cancelled plans,” he explains. “I don’t think I would have been able to do this without their support.”

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- DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROSSI

WORKING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL

Of his relationship with Healy, Rossi says, “We’ve learned a lot from each other over the years and have even built on one another’s strengths. I’m very proud of what we have accomplished together.”

Healy and Rossi have certainly proven their dynamic leadership skills these past 25 years. And it is most evident in the dedication and devotion they inspire in the people who work for them. ■

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BEGINS AT HOME

by Lynn Schoeff and Garrett Simonsen

Planning ahead for an emergency provides peace of mind and can keep your family and friends safe.

Cambridge officials are preparing for a range of potential emergencies, from hurricanes and blizzards to a flu pandemic and acts of terrorism.

Local planning efforts are guided by City leaders and staff from the Fire, Police, Public Health, Emergency Management, and Public Works Departments. These groups plan, train, and participate in “real world” exercises together. If a major disaster occurred in Cambridge, the City’s emergency responders would be supported by neighboring communities, state and federal agencies, and local businesses.

As a Cambridge resident, you also have an important role to play. In a disaster situation, emergency responders might ask you to evacuate or to stay indoors for an extended period of time. If this were to happen, it is essential that you and your loved ones have emergency supplies on hand and a plan for communicating with one another.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Plan for a full range of emergencies.

Think about what you would need if you had to leave your home suddenly because of fire or flood. Think about what supplies you would want on hand if you had to stay in your home for several days because of illness or severe weather.

Make it a family affair.

Involve your children in creating the family emergency plan. Talk with your kids about why planning is important.

Encourage others to plan ahead.

Encourage your friends and relatives to plan ahead. Help neighbors who may need assistance preparing. Think about people you know who might need special assistance in an emergency due to age, disability, lack of transportation or limited income.

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs, so plan how you will contact one another. Review what you will do in different situations. Remember to include an out-of-state contact so that other family members can call this person and identify where they are. Create a plan (sample shown below) with your family or housemates. Make copies for everyone.

MEETING PLACES

Outside your home: _____
Outside your neighborhood: _____

OUT OF STATE CONTACT

Name: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name: _____
Cell phone: _____
Medical information: _____

EMERGENCY PLAN CHECKLIST

Here are some simple steps you can take to prepare for most emergencies. Your plan and emergency supplies should meet your family's needs. Add other essential items to this list as you think of them.

WATER AND FOOD

Assemble a 3-day water and food supply for each person in your household. Remember to plan for your pets.

- **Bottled Water**
 - 1 gallon per person per day
 - Keep in a cool, dry place
- **Dry & Canned Food**
 - Canned fruit, vegetables, and meat
 - Manual can opener
 - Juice boxes, canned milk
 - Dried fruit, nuts, crackers, cereal bars
 - Baby food and formula

FIRST AID

Assemble a first aid kit with personal products and prescription medications.

- **First Aid & Health**
 - Bandages, rubbing alcohol
 - Medical gloves and tape, scissors
 - Pain relievers
 - Soap, toilet paper, toothpaste
- **Tools & Special Items**
 - Flashlight, battery-powered radio
 - Extra batteries
 - Important documents: birth certificates, bank account numbers

Photos (left to right): An evacuation kit and first aid supplies.

Above: Cambridge mother Greta Hardina reviews a family preparedness guide with son Agu (center) and Agu's stepbrother, Blue.

All photos by Suzy Feinberg.



EVACUATION KIT

Have emergency supplies ready in your car or a backpack in case you must evacuate. Pack lightly and include basic supplies for 24 to 48 hours.

- **Portable Emergency Supplies Kit**
 - Change of clothing
 - First aid supplies
 - A few basic tools
 - Bottled water and cereal bars
 - Prescription medicine
 - Important phone numbers

REVIEW YOUR PLANS

Periodically review your plans with everyone in your household.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about public health emergency preparedness, call the City's Advanced Practice Center for Emergency Preparedness at 617-665-3875 or 617-665-3866. In case of a medical emergency, call 911. ■

Lynn Schoeff is the Director of Emergency Preparedness for Cambridge Health Alliance. Garrett Simonsen is the Exercise and Training Coordinator for the Cambridge Public Health Department.



CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

**NEW FESTIVAL
COMING APRIL 2007!**



Deborah Wise of the Catalyst Collaborative @ MIT reads selections from three plays with science or math themes for the Festival launch.

A TRUE COLLABORATION

The CSF will feature indoor and outdoor events geared toward all ages, and is being organized by a wide range of science and technology-based organizations, including MIT, Harvard, the Boston Museum of Science, WGBH Boston, the Cambridge City Council, the Cambridge Public Schools and the Cambridge Public Libraries.

BRINGING SCIENCE TO THE FOREFRONT

Bringing such a wide range of organizations together for one cause, the CSF reflects the MIT Museum's commitment to engaging the wider community with science and technology. The CSF will expose citizens to the research and science that is at the heart of this area's economy. A special effort will be made to create entertaining and educational programming that will include and appeal to students and families as well.

"Opening local businesses and research laboratories to the public is key to helping everyone better understand the career opportunities right in our own back yard," says MIT Museum Director John Durant. "With the major universities tackling national challenges like how to improve science education, as well as topical issues like global warming, human stem cell research, and women in science, there really is a lot of public interest in science. We hope the festival improves accessibility to the enormous amount of innovation in and around Cambridge, and that it inspires young people to pursue education in science, technology and engineering. We also hope it will be great fun!"

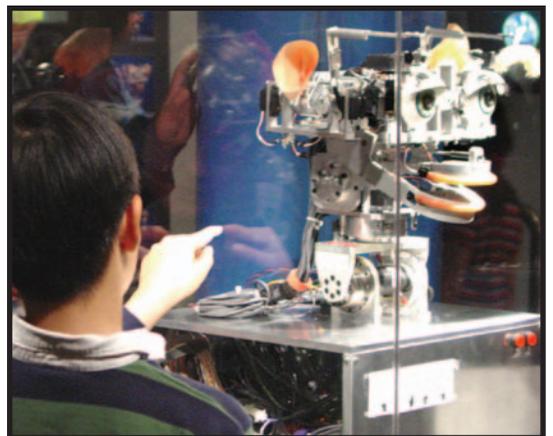
In partnership with the City of Cambridge, the MIT Museum in Central Square has initiated a first-of-its-kind science festival in the United States. A public celebration of science and technology, the Cambridge Science Festival (CSF) is slated to take place in late April 2007 with science and technology-related lectures, debates, demonstrations, open labs, exhibitions, concerts, plays and readings.

LAUNCHING IN STYLE

In June, City of Cambridge officials, educators, and representatives from public broadcasting and arts organizations gathered for the CSF Kickoff at Cambridge City Hall. "Cambridge is the science city, and the festival will reveal to our community some of the city's hidden science treasures as well as showcase our science-friendly institutions and science-friendly media," Mayor Ken Reeves announced.

GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in joining the CSF partnership as a volunteer, by providing an audience or creating an event for the festival, contact the CSF office at info@cambridgesciencefestival.org. For information about future brainstorming events and opportunities to get involved, check out the CSF Web site at www.cambridgesciencefestival.org. ■



Kismet, one of the fascinating historical robots on display at the MIT Museum.

Kismet photo by Sam Ogden;

Photo of Debra Wise by Donna Coveney.

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN A MONTESSORI SCHOOL



SPECIALTY SCHOOL FILLS A COMMUNITY NEED

In fall 2007, the Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) will begin accepting students into the city’s first publicly owned and operated Montessori School. Located a few blocks from Fresh Pond, the Tobin Montessori School will be free to Cambridge residents and staffed with Montessori certified teachers and principals. One of just a handful of public Montessori schools in the state – and one of fewer than 200 public Montessori Schools throughout the United States – the Tobin Montessori School will be the first regular education school in Cambridge to admit students ages three, four and five by September of the admitting year.

BIRTH OF A NEW METHOD

The Montessori method of teaching was created by Dr. Maria Montessori, renowned Italian physician and psychologist. Dr. Montessori gave up both her university chair and her medical practice to work with 60 young children in Rome, founding the first “*Casa dei Bambini*” or “Children’s House” in 1907. What ultimately became the Montessori method developed there, based upon Dr. Montessori’s scientific observations of the children’s almost effortless ability to absorb knowledge from their surroundings, as well as their tireless interest in manipulating materials.

The methods Dr. Montessori developed to further the self-creating process of children was based on what she observed children do “naturally,” by themselves, unassisted by adults. The simple but profound truth she learned is that children teach themselves. While the current approach and materials used in schools accredited by the American Montessori Society (AMS) have been modernized to incorporate the use of technology, the underlying premises of developmental and exploratory learning remain.

MONTESSORI AT THE TOBIN SCHOOL

The Tobin Montessori School will admit students ages three, four and five, starting in the 2007-08 school year. Each year thereafter, the program will be expanded one grade level per year, allowing current Tobin students to graduate and incoming Montessori students to matriculate. The transformation of the Tobin School will be aided by Connie Murphy, a consultant from the AMS who was formerly principal of a Montessori school with an exceptional record.

In endorsing the Montessori program, school officials lauded the effort of the Tobin School staff to prepare for the program. School officials also said the transformation to the city’s first public Montessori School will enhance the CPS’s offerings and meet a need in the community. “Research and first hand experience with publicly-owned and operated Montessori Schools show that this program will thrive in our community, both from a community interest level and from the standpoint of academic achievement,” Superintendent Thomas Fowler-Finn said.

For more information about the Tobin Montessori School, call the Family Resource Center at 617-349-6551 or the Tobin School at 617-349-6600. ■

Photos: “Children teach themselves” is a guiding principal of the Montessori method; The Montessori method is based upon the ability of each child to absorb knowledge from their surroundings.

Photos by Romana Vysatova, courtesy of the Cambridge Public Schools.

CITYONLINE

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We have arrived! Internet services such as banking, shopping, and music downloads have become so easy to use that even technophobes are able to take advantage of them. While many Cambridge residents pride themselves on staying at the forefront of technology innovations, the convenience and ease-of-use of some new online services offered by the City of Cambridge is too much for even the “late adopters” among us to pass up.

EVER-EXPANDING ONLINE SERVICES

The City of Cambridge is constantly looking for ways to bring your city government to you rather than making you come to them. Among the new and improved services are online bill paying and online permit applications.

Online bill paying, available since 2002, has seen a significant increase in popularity recently. Simply by visiting www.cambridgema.gov and clicking on “Pay Bills Online,” you can pay your motor excise tax, water bill, or even parking tickets from the comfort of your living room. The motor excise tax feature, which allows you to pay your bill remotely via credit card, has proven particularly popular.

Online permit applications, which are available from many different departments, were streamlined in early 2006. Since these technological improvements, this feature has become extremely popular. For instance, of the seven permits from the Traffic Department that are submittable online – including moving van permits and moving container permits – more than half of all submissions are received over the Internet!

All together, Cambridge currently offers 54 permit forms and applications through the City’s Web site, some of which can be submitted online, while others can be filled out digitally, then printed and mailed in for approval. For a full list of available applications, visit www.cambridgema.gov and click on “City Permits & Applications.”

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free-of-charge to all Cambridge residents. “Why do I need another piece of e-mail each week,” you ask? Well, how about learning about a snow emergency declaration, receiving street cleaning reminders, or getting an important public safety alert? Because of useful services like

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these – plus event announcements and a variety of City newsletters – E-Line has already drawn a loyal following of almost 2,000 subscribers in just over a year.

E-Line's easy-to-use opt-in registration form allows you to select only the information that you would like to see each week. Interested in parking ban notification but would rather pass on City job openings? No problem. Sign up for only the topics and services that you'd like to read about.

The feedback from Cambridge residents has been both complimentary and constructive. Fans of the newsletter have expressed their gratitude, while other citizens have made suggestions for additional services, many of which are already in early phases of implementation.

To sign up, just visit www.cambridgema.gov/eline and follow the simple 3-step registration process. It takes just minutes to do today and can deliver many great benefits.



A "Roofnet" antenna deployed in Central Square. Photo by Linda Turner.

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC INTERNET

The advent of wireless Internet access (or WiFi) promised a whole new level of convenience. However, if you've ever lost valuable time looking for an open connection, you know how aggravating that search can be – but not for long! The City's Information Technology Department (IT) has undertaken an initiative to blanket Cambridge with free basic-level wireless access.

In 2005, the Cambridge City Council asked the administration to explore a municipally implemented wireless network that would serve the entire city free-of-charge. Since then, the IT Department, headed by CIO Mary Hart, has been investigating options. After extensive research, the IT Department began working collaboratively with MIT in the spring of 2006 to roll-out an MIT-developed "mesh" or "Roofnet" delivery system. This innovative technology leverages existing City infrastructure (including the fiber network and existing Internet connections) by using small antennas placed on rooftops throughout the city to bounce a signal from one building to the next. Hart expects this system to deliver basic-level bandwidth sufficient to send e-mails and browse the Web, but not robust enough for streaming video or downloading photos.

While Hart's team is proceeding with caution (this project will be deployed and tested in phases over the next few years), free wireless access is already available at most major municipal buildings, the City's Senior Centers, and the Cambridge Public Libraries. In addition, all of Central Square is now wireless, and the access has begun to expand toward the MIT campus. As coverage spreads across Cambridge, a committee has been formed to address the necessary infrastructure deployment, including rooftop locations and installation services. Assisting the Cambridge IT Department in this endeavor will be MIT and Harvard, the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Museum of Science.

While convenience for roaming laptop users is certainly one benefit of this project, the most important incentive behind this program is to bridge the "digital divide" by delivering Internet accessibility to low-income Cambridge residents. The City has prioritized delivering service to subsidized and low-income housing areas, including Newtowne Court and Washington Elms, both of which have been wireless since summer 2006. Hart points out that providing an on-ramp to the Web solves only half the problem of the technological imbalance, so the Public Internet program will be supplemented by computer training and equipment donation to low-income families sponsored by several universities and other non-profits.

To learn more about this initiative, and to see where wireless access is available today, visit the City's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov. ■

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN

FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/CPL
- ▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4721 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
- ▶ **Municipal Channel (CITY TV-8)** For calendar information, community programs, and City Council meetings on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Public Transportation** Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), 800-392-6100 or visit www.mbtta.com. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.
- ▶ **Real Estate Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220.
- ▶ **Recreation, Families, Youth Centers, Seniors, Adult Education** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 22.
- ▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.
- ▶ **Resident Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.
- ▶ **School Information and Registration** See page 25.
- ▶ **School Closings and Information** Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.
- ▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban** When the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets as indicated by signs. See page 19.
- ▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance** Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their home or business within a limited number of hours once snow stops falling. See page 19.
- ▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month. During designated street cleaning days, from April through December, 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 21.

UTILITIES

- ▶ **Electricity/Gas**
NSTAR 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242
www.nstaronline.com **Dig Safe** 888-344-7233
Provides electric and gas service in Cambridge.
- ▶ **Telephone** The area code for Cambridge is 617. It is necessary to dial the area code plus the number for all calls, local or long distance. For long distance calls, dial 1 plus the area code and phone number.
Local and Long Distance Service
Call each vendor for details.
AT&T 800-501-3045 www.att.com
Comcast 888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Verizon 800-870-9999 www.verizon.com
- ▶ **Internet Access** For AT&T dial-up or DSL service, call 800-967-5363. For cable internet access, call Comcast at 888-COMCAST. For Verizon DSL Internet Services, call 877-483-5898.
- ▶ **Water/Sewer** 617-349-4770
www.cambridgema.gov/CWD
The City of Cambridge owns and operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.
- ▶ **Cable Television**
Comcast
888-COMCAST www.comcast-ne.com
Offers analog or digital cable television, high-speed internet access, and local and long distance digital telephone services.

Check out the City's Web site for more resources and helpful information.
www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **Important Numbers**

Emergency: Police, Fire and Ambulance 911
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-3300
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4900
 Public Health Dept. 617-665-3800
 Public Schools 617-349-6400
 Public Works 617-349-4800

▶ **Cambridge City Hall**

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

* Address for all departments in City Hall
 **TTY number for all departments in City Hall
 Mon., 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tues.- Thurs.,
 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

▶ **City Manager's Office**

617-349-4300
www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager.cfm
 Robert W. Healy, City Manager
 Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Mgr.
 The City Manager is appointed by the City Council as the City's Chief Executive Officer.
 E-mail: citymanager@cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Council Office**

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

▶ **Mayor's Office**

617-349-4321
www.cambridgema.gov/mayor.cfm
 Kenneth E. Reeves, 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 Updates 617-349-4863
 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 617-349-4331
 Animal Commission 617-349-4376
 Arts Council 617-349-4380
 Assessing 617-349-4343
 Auditing 617-349-4240
 Budget 617-349-4270
 Cable TV (CITY TV-8) 617-349-4296
 City Clerk 617-349-4260
 City Council Office 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office 617-349-4300
 Community Development 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons With Disabilities 617-349-4692
 TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission 617-349-4680
 Consumers' Council 617-349-6150
 Election Commission 617-349-4361
 Electrical 617-349-4925
 Emergency Communications 617-349-6911
 Emergency Management 617-349-4842
 Finance 617-349-4220
 Fire (non-emergency) 617-349-4900
 Health Department 617-665-3800
 Historical Commission 617-349-4683
 Human Rights Commission 617-349-4396
 Human Services 617-349-6200
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140
 Inspectional Services 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library 617-349-4040
 License Commission 617-349-6140
 Mayor's Office 617-349-4321
 Peace Commission 617-349-4694
 Personnel 617-349-4332
 Police (non-emergency) 617-349-3300
 Police Review & Advisory Board 617-349-6155
 Public Works 617-349-4800
 Purchasing 617-349-4310
 Schools 617-349-6400
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services 617-349-4761
 Water 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission 617-349-4697

▶ **Other Helpful Numbers**

Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020
 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the MDC) 617-626-1250
 Middlesex County Courthouse 617-494-4000

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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

▶ **Bus Routes** 617-222-3200
Local routes are just 90¢, but a few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. For schedules and PDFs of bus routes, go to www.mbta.com.

▶ **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, most rides are \$1.25.

▶ T Passes

Monthly passes give you unlimited rides on the services you use most (subway, bus, or commuter rail) while saving you money each month. Passes can be purchased at many locations in the area, including from new vending machines that will be available at all T stations beginning fall 2006.

Also effective fall 2006, the MBTA will introduce the CharlieCard, a new “smart card” that will allow more convenient travel. For up-to-date information on the CharlieCard and the MBTA’s new fare collection system, visit www.mbta.com.

▶ 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 12 minutes during peak hours, Monday-Friday, except holidays. The fare is \$1.

Subway & Commuter Rail Map, Courtesy of the MBTA



OTHER TRANSPORTATION

▶ Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)

800-616-1228, 800-6161-ACT

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

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| 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).



Accessible Cambridge Taxi

DRIVER'S LICENSE, VEHICLE REGISTRATION, & INSPECTION

Once you have established residency in Cambridge, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to retain driving privileges. If you currently carry a valid license from another state, you may be eligible to submit your license for conversion. If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within the state of Massachusetts, you must notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days in writing, on the RMV Web site, or by calling the RMV.

▶ Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

1-866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

▶ Closest Full Service Branches

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Boston RMV | Watertown RMV |
| 630 Washington Street | 550 Arsenal Street |
| Boston, MA | Watertown, MA |

Monday - Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Services provided: all license, registration & title transactions, license plate returns, learner's permit testing, and road tests.

Wait times: Call 866-627-7768 to hear approximate wait times at each local branch office.

▶ Out-of-State License Conversions

You must bring appropriate identification with you to complete an out-of-state license conversion. Visit www.mass.gov/rmv/license/3id.htm to download a PDF listing acceptable forms of identification

and proof of MA residency. A detailed fee schedule listing costs for a variety of conversions is available at www.mass.gov/rmv.

▶ Registering Your Vehicle

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. There is no grace period. The first step is to obtain an active insurance policy from a licensed MA insurance agent and a completed RMV-1 form. For a full description of the registration process, visit www.mass.gov/rmv/regs/index.htm.

▶ Vehicle Inspection

Your vehicle must undergo a safety and emissions inspection within seven days of registration. If it passes inspection, your vehicle will be issued a sticker that is valid for one year.

To find an inspection station in your area, check the yellow pages, or call the inspection hotline at 877-387-8234. You can also visit the Enhanced Emissions and Safety Test Web site at www.mass.gov/rmv/stations/index.htm, then click on "Vehicle Inspection Stations."

BUSINESS RESOURCES

- ▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce** 617-876-4100
www.cambridgechamber.org
- ▶ **Central Square Business Assoc.**
617-864-3211
www.centralsquarecambridge.com
- ▶ **Harvard Square Business Assoc.**
617-491-3434 www.harvardsquare.com
- ▶ **Inman Square Business Assoc.**
www.inmansquare.com
- ▶ **Economic Development Division**
617-349-4637 www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed
Offers assistance, information and resources for businesses, including counseling, façade improvement, retail best practices, and site search.
- ▶ **Office of Workforce Development**
617-349-6234 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm
Builds partnerships between schools, community organizations and businesses to expand employment and training opportunities for Cambridge residents.
- ▶ **Women in Business Connection**
617-661-WIBC www.wibconnection.org

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, PERMITS & TAXES

- ▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
Dogs must be registered/licensed annually with the Commission, which also sponsors low-cost rabies vaccination clinics, rescues stray or injured animals, and responds to animal complaints/issues. For emergencies, call 617-349-3300.
- ▶ **Assessing Department**
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.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Issues street performer's permits.
- ▶ **City Clerk's Office** 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk
The City Clerk is the City's official record keeper. The following certificates can be obtained through the City Clerk's Office: Birth, Death, Marriage, and Business Certificates.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission**
617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.
- ▶ **Finance Department**
617-349-4220 www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html
Billing and collecting real estate and personal property taxes, water & sewer charges, and motor vehicle excise taxes. Issues municipal lien certificates.
- ▶ **Fire Department** 617-349-4918
www.cambridgefire.org Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Health Department**
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
Renovation/demolition of historic buildings.
- ▶ **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
 - Sidewalk obstruction, excavating, filming, or photographing on City property 617-349-4833
 - Newsrack vendors 617-349-4832
- ▶ **Recreation Division**
617-349-6238 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm Reserving a field for athletic use.
- ▶ **Traffic, Parking & Transportation**
617-349-4721 www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
Permits for street obstruction/closure, moving vans, and dumpsters.

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

147 Hampshire Street 617-349-4800

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

Cambridge Cemetery 617-349-4890

Engineering 617-349-4845

Service Requests 617-349-4846

Sewer Maintenance 617-349-6426

Street Maintenance 617-349-4851

24-Hour Emergency 617-349-4860

▶ **Street Cleaning 617-349-4800**

On designated street cleaning days, once a month from April through December, 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 617-349-4847**

The DPW's Sanitation Division provides weekly curbside pickup of solid waste and pre-arranged pick-up 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. Trash in plastic bags can only be placed at the curb on the day of collection, no later than 7 a.m. Only heavy duty plastic bags will be collected. Hazardous waste drop-off is held three times per year; the remaining 2006 date is October 21. For a trash collection schedule, visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Rubbish Disposal.

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4866**

The City has a mandatory recycling ordinance requiring residents, businesses and institutions to recycle. Recycling containers and weekly

curbside pick-up (on the same day that trash is collected) are provided free. For a list of how and what to recycle, call 617-349-4005 or visit the DPW Web site and click on Services > Recycling.

▶ **Drop-Off Center Recycling**

147 Hampshire Street

Tuesday & Thursday, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside. For a list of accepted materials, visit the DPW Web site and select Divisions > Recycling > Drop-Off Center, or call 617-349-4879.

▶ **Yard Waste Recycling**

Separate yard waste is collected from April 3 through December 15. Call or visit DPW Web site for schedule.

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance**

Property owners are required to remove snow and/or ice from all sidewalks next to their property within 12 hours after snow stops falling in the daytime and before 1 p.m. if it has fallen during the night. Treat ice with an ice melting substance within six hours of the time it forms. For exemptions to low-income elderly and disabled residents (who meet eligibility requirements) call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220.

TRAFFIC PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

▶ **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**

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 Payments/Disputes**

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. To dispute a ticket, provide a written request that includes the ticket number, registration number, name and address, the reason for the dispute and a daytime phone number or e-mail address. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**

When a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets. Check posted signage carefully. To find out if a ban is in effect, visit www.cambridgema.gov, call 617-349-4700, or check CITY TV-8. For a list and map of the

parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm.

▶ **Moving Van Permits**

Residents can reserve a space in front of their buildings for moving vans. A permit application, indicating the date, time, and truck footage of the moving van must be submitted 4 days prior to the move date. Permit applications are available online, or call 617-349-4721.

▶ **Assorted 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.

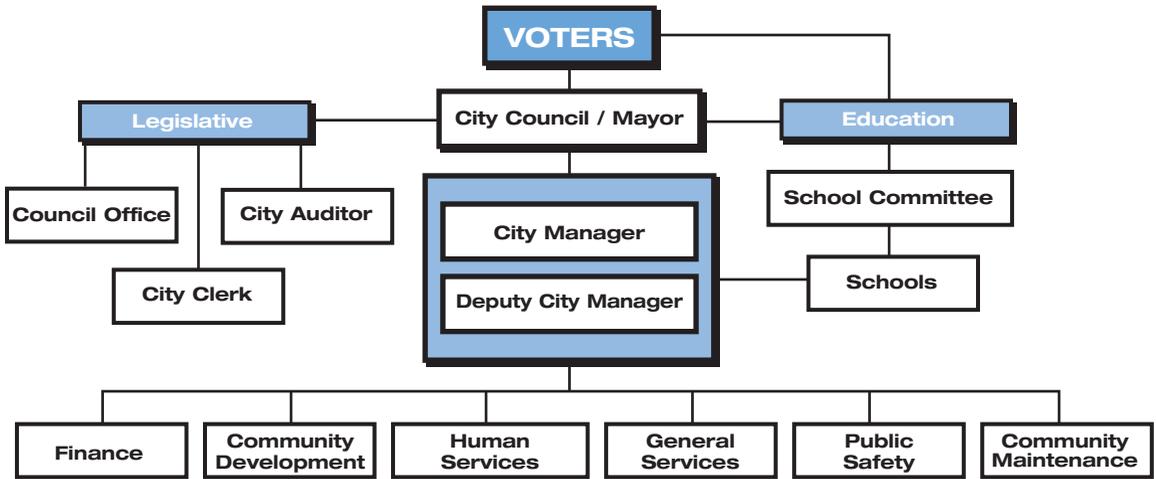
▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

If your car has been towed, call the Cambridge Police at the number listed above.

▶ **Signed Disability Parking Space**

If you have a handicapped plate or placard, you may file an application for a handicapped space. Requirements are stated on the application, which is available on the Traffic Parking & Transportation Web site or at the department.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Assistant City Manager
Fiscal Affairs

- Assessing
- Auditing
- Budget
- Management Info. Systems
- Personnel
- Purchasing
- Revenue
- Treasury

Assistant City Manager
Comm. Development

- Community Planning
- Economic Development
- Environmental & Transportation Planning
- Housing
- Lead-Safe Cambridge

Assistant City Manager
Human Services

- Community Schools
- Elderly Services
- Childcare & Family Support Services
- Commission for Persons with Disabilities
- Community Learning Center
- Fuel Assistance
- Kids' Council
- Multi-Service Center
- Prevention Coalition
- Recreation
- Workforce Development
- Youth Programs

- Animal Commission
- Arts Council
- Cable Television
- Election Commission
- General Services
- Human Rights Commission
- Law
- Library
- Peace Commission
- Veterans' Services
- Women's Commission

- Electrical
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Fire
- Inspectional Services
- License Commission
- Consumers' Council
- Police
- Police Review Board
- Traffic, Parking, & Transportation
- Weights & Measures

- Conservation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Public Works
- Water

VOTING

► **Cambridge Election Commission**

51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361
www.cambridgema.gov/~Election

► **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 Cambridge resident, and at least 18 years old by election day to register. Mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses, and at the City Clerk's office.

► **Upcoming Elections**

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 19. The General Election is Tuesday, November 7. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 18.

► **Absentee Voting**

Any voter unable to go to the polls on Election Day due to physical disability, religious belief, or absence from the City may request an absentee ballot from the Cambridge Election Commission by Noon on September 18 for the Primary or Noon on November 6 for the General Election.

Absentee ballots may be mailed to voters, or voters may choose to vote at the Commission office during regular City office hours or on the Saturday before the election from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Completed ballots may be mailed or hand-delivered, but must be received in the Commission office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.



City Hall Annex



CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

► **Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government and 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.

HUMAN SERVICES

▶ **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.

▶ **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 of North Cambridge 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

▶ **Employment & Adult Education**

Provides assistance with adult basic education, career counseling, job searches, high school diploma/GED and college preparation programs, computer skills, job opportunities in the City, opportunities for employers, English for speakers of other languages, volunteer opportunities, and youth employment (including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program).

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166

Community Learning Center 617-349-6363

Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

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 for the Homeless 617-349-6340

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities** www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm 617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235

Provides information on disability issues. Promotes equal opportunity for people with physical, mental, or sensory disabilities; ensures compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and issues temporary disability parking permits and taxi discount coupons.

▶ **Seniors**

The Senior Centers offer enrichment, recreational, and social activities. Social services, meal programs, food pantry, counseling and support groups, transportation services, home-based services, volunteer opportunities, and taxi coupons plus other discounts are also available for seniors.

Council on Aging / Senior Services

617-349-6220

Citywide Senior Ctr. 617-349-6060

806 Massachusetts Avenue

No. Cambridge Senior Ctr. 617-349-6320

2050 Massachusetts Avenue

▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**

Administers adult leagues and youth teams, classes, exercise programs, indoor and outdoor recreation sites, races, competitions, seasonal programs for youth, and special needs recreation.

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org** 617-349-6966

An online guide to health and human service resources, including 26 different service areas such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

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.

▶ **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, from auto sales, home repair, and debt collection, to 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

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/dept/peace.html

Promotes peacemaking within Cambridge at the personal, neighborhood, and citywide level.

▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**

617-349-6155

Hears and decides citizen complaints of misconduct filed against Cambridge Police Officers.

▶ **Women's Commission**

617-349-4697

www.cambridgema.gov/Women

Resources and assistance for women and girls.

▶ **Veterans' Services Department**

617-349-4761

www.cambridgema.gov/vet

Services for veterans and/or their dependents.

▶ **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

Provides 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY

▶ **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.

▶ **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

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 smoke detector permits, fire prevention, and safety. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.

▶ **Emergency Communications Department**

Emergency 911 Non-emergency 617-349-6911

www.cambridge911.org

Operates the City's combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), providing a link between residents and police and first responders in the case of emergencies and non-emergency 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.

▶ **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

- East Cambridge Preschool (Kennedy School)** 617-349-4484
- Peabody Preschool** 617-349-6275
- Martin Luther King Preschool** 617-349-6270
- King Open Preschool** 617-349-6261
- Morse Preschool** 617-349-4485
- Haggerty Preschool** 617-349-6265

Afterschool Childcare Programs

- Peabody Afterschool** 617-349-6276
- King Afterschool** 617-349-6271
- Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool** 617-349-6296
- Morse Afterschool** 617-349-6039
- King Open Extended Day** 617-349-6078

▶ **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) Cambridgeport** 617-349-6287
- Fitzgerald (at Peabody School) Fletcher/Maynard** 617-349-6302
- Haggerty Harrington** 617-349-6264
- (at King Open School) Kennedy** 617-349-6305
- Linnaean (at Graham & Parks School) Longfellow** 617-349-6267
- Martin Luther King** 617-349-6260
- Morse** 617-349-6269
- Tobin** 617-349-6300

▶ **Special Needs Programs**
617-349-6200

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. Sites for summer programs may vary. 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 intellectual skills at five different youth centers throughout the city. Programs include employment assistance, homework help, literacy program, life skills workshops, guest speakers, community service projects, drug and alcohol prevention, sport leagues, trips and special events.

- Area 4** 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262
- Frisoli** 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 617-349-4489

▶ **Center for Families of North Cambridge**

617-349-6385 70R Rindge Ave
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/families.cfm

Neighborhood-based, school-linked family support program.

▶ **Kids' Council** 617-349-6239

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/kidsCouncil.cfm

Advocates for the well-being of children, youth, and families.

▶ **Summer Food Program** 617-349-6252

Provides nutritious meals to any child under 19 in the summer.

▶ **Cambridge Family & Children's Services**

617-876-4210 www.helpfamilies.org

Promotes conditions that provide children and adolescents with stable home environments. CFCS secures adoptive and foster families for children of all ages, provides transitional homes for adolescents aging out of state care, offers services to families caring for a developmentally disabled child, and operates a mentor program for at-risk students.

▶ **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.

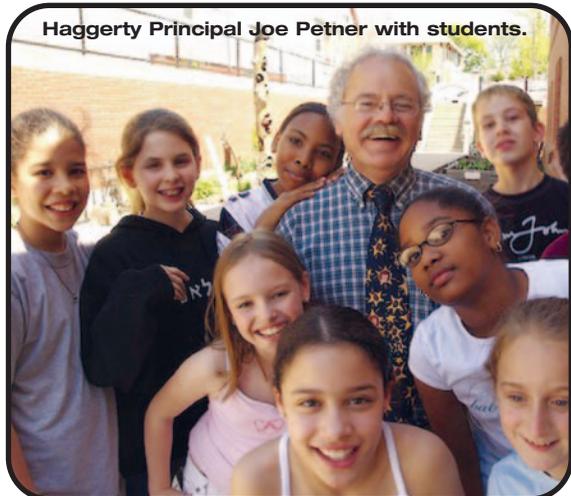


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▶ **Cambridge Public Schools**
 159 Thorndike Street 617-349-6400 www.cpsd.us
School Closings & Events: 617-349-6513
Office of Public Information: 617-349-6512

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: children must be 4 years old by March 31, 2006
First Grade: children must be 6 years old by August 31, 2006
 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 Alternative School** (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 Tobin School will become The Tobin Montessori School in 2007. For more information, see page 11 of this magazine.

▶ **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 - 9)
 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
 (Grades 5 - 8, Boys)
 29 Mt Auburn Street 617-868-8658

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

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

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

Ecole Bilingue (Grades PK - 12)
 45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451

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

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

Matignon High School (Grades 9-12)
 1 Matignon Road 617-876-1212

North Cambridge Catholic High School
 (Grades 9 - 12)
 40 Norris Street 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, more than 20 primary care practices, the Cambridge Public Health Department, and Network Health. The Alliance offers comprehensive health services including 24-hour emergency care, surgery, medical specialties, mental health, and primary care.

Primary Care Referral Line 617-665-1305**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

Riverside Health Center

205 Western Avenue 617-575-5620

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

Senior Health Center

806 Massachusetts Avenue 617-595-5630

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

North Cambridge Health Center

266 Rindge Avenue 617-665-3340

▶ **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. Built through the cooperation of Cambridge Health Alliance, the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, and The Agenda for Children, the database covers 26 different service areas, such as legal services, family support, employment services, and immigration services.

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center****99 Bishop Allen Drive****617-492-8306 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.

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 and Fieldhouse**
Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St. 617-349-6237
Offers year-round swimming and recreational opportunities.
- ▶ **Danehy Park**
99 Sherman Street 617-349-4895
This 55-acre park includes tot lots, water play fountain, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. Special events include a family and children's concert series, arts & crafts festivals and a kite festival. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4793
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.
- ▶ **Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. 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.

LIBRARIES

- ▶ **Libraries** 617-349-4040
www.cambridgema.gov/CPL
Offers books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, 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 Web site to confirm branch hours of operation.

Main Library

359 Broadway 617-349-4040

Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Fri. and Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. October - April

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

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.



Library Branches (clockwise from top left):
Boudreau, Central Square, O'Neill, and Valente

▶ **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, exhibition opportunities, public art commissions, and cultural events.

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 a public archive of the City's architectural and social history, which is open to the public by appointment. Preservation 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**

Arthur M. Sackler Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/sackler

Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/busch

Fogg Art Museum, Harvard
617-495-9400 www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/fogg

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

Harvard Museum of Natural History
617-495-3045 www.hmnh.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
617-253-4444 web.mit.edu/museum

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

▶ **Galleries**

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

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

Zeitgeist Gallery
617-876-6060 www.zeitgeist-gallery.org

▶ **Theaters**

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

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

Hasty Pudding Theatricals
617-495-5205

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

▶ **Community Television**

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

Located in Central Square, CCTV offers three community access cable channels and is a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations.

CITY TV-8 (Cambridge Municipal Television)
617-349-4296
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/cable.html
Channel 8

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.).



Public Art ACTS by Cambridge Arts Council & Underground Railway Theater

Photo by Jim Thomas Photography

▶ 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

Bread and Jams Day Shelter

1151 Massachusetts Avenue 617-497-9200 www.breadandjams.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

Centro Presente

54 Essex Street 617-497-9080 www.cpresente.org

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.cccinc.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

Educators for Social Responsibility

23 Garden Street 617-492-1764

www.esrnational.org

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-4793

www.friendsoffreshpond.org

HomeStart, Inc.

678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 502

617-234-5340 www.homestart.org

Just-A-Start Landlord Service

432 Columbia Street 617-494-0444

www.justastart.org

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

Physicians for Social Responsibility

11 Garden Street 617-497-7440 psr.igc.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

Spare Change 1151 Massachusetts Avenue

617-497-1595 www.homelessempowerment.org

Summerbridge Cambridge

225 Windsor Street 617-349-6647

www.summerbridgecambridge.org

Wellmet Project

675 Massachusetts Avenue 617-491-2377

www.wellmetproject.com

YouthBuild USA

58 Day Street, Somerville 617-623-9900

www.youthbuild.org

▶ Cambridge is a city full of vitality and flair, and that is never more evident than in our many events. Here is a sampling of upcoming happenings. For additional event updates and information, visit www.cambridgema.gov.

September

Todd McKie Exhibition 9/7 – 11/2
The CAC Gallery, 344 Broadway www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Paintings and drawings by Todd McKie, commissioned to create public art for the Gold Star Mothers Pool. Artist Reception: Sept. 28, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Museums Community Day 9/17
Harvard University www.community.harvard.edu
Free admittance to all Harvard museums, including special offers and events from 1 – 5 p.m. See pg. 28 for a listing of the museums and contact info.

Riversing 9/22
The Charles River Conservancy crc@thecharles.org
At 6:30 p.m., Boston and Cambridge residents gather at the Weeks Footbridge on the Charles River and sing across the water to each other.

Longfellow Family Days 9/23 – 9/24
Longfellow National Historic Site www.nps.gov/long
Free activities for families include 19th century games and painting in the formal garden, while volunteers in period costume take you back in time.

MIT's Great Glass Pumpkin Patch 9/29 – 9/30
MIT Office of the Arts 617-253-5309
Featuring over 1,000 varieties of gourds in handblown glass. Opening reception Sept. 29 from 5 – 8 p.m. on the grassy oval at 48 Mass Ave.

11th Annual Danehy Park Family Day 9/30
City of Cambridge 617-349-4301
Features arts and crafts, food, music, children's amusement rides, roving performers, children's stage and more. Free and open to the public: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

October

Kickoff Rally for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 10/3
Transition House www.transitionhouse.org
Candlelight vigil on the lawn of City Hall at 5:30 p.m. A domestic violence survivor will speak and domestic violence resources will be available.

Oktoberfest 10/8
Harvard Square Business Association 617-491-3434
Featuring live music, entertainment, and a variety of international food and crafts. Held in Harvard Square from 12 – 6 p.m.

Cambridge Bike Committee Fall Ride 10/8
Cambridge Bike Committee www.cambridgebikes.org
A 16-mile slow-paced bike ride through our bow-tie shaped city. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at Cambridge Common, where the ride will also end.

Cambridge Reads to Host Author Tracy Kidder 10/20
Cambridge Reads – A Citywide Book Club www.cambridgereads.org
Tracy Kidder & Dr. Paul Farmer will discuss *Mountains Beyond Mountains* at the Sanders Theatre. Event is free, but tickets are required.

Head of the Charles Regatta 10/21 – 22
www.hocr.org 617-868-6200
The world's largest 2-day regatta attracts racers from around the world. The race takes place along the Charles River, beginning at the BU Bridge.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10/21
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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH KICKOFF

Tuesday, October 3
5:30 p.m.



To kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Cambridge will host a candlelight vigil on the lawn

of City Hall. A domestic violence survivor will speak and information about domestic violence resources will be on hand. Other October events include forums on elder abuse, events for teens, and more. All activities are free and open to the public. Visit www.transitionhouse.org to learn more.

HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA

Saturday, Oct. 21 – Sunday, Oct. 22

Come see the world's largest 2-day regatta and watch racers from all over the world compete. The race

takes place along the Charles River, beginning at the Boston University Bridge and ending at the Elliot Bridge. In addition to the racing, attractions include the Rowing & Fitness Expo tent, the Row-a-Palooza concert on the Cambridge side of the Weeks footbridge, and a wide array of food courtesy of vendors clustered near the Weld Boathouse.



11TH ANNUAL DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Saturday, Sept. 30

Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, kites galore, a children's stage, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas, and T-shirts while supplies last! This annual event is brought to you free of charge by the City of Cambridge. Hosted at Danehy Park (North Cambridge at Sherman, Garden, and New Streets): 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, call 617-349-4301 or visit www.cambridgema.gov.





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Cambridge Senior Town Meeting 10/21
 Cambridge Citywide Senior Center 617-349-6055
 Gathering of seniors to share ideas, learn about resources, and connect with elected officials. From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Citywide Senior Center at 806 Mass. Ave. Space is limited; registration is required.

10th Annual Peace and Justice Awards TBA
 Cambridge Peace Commission 617-349-4694
 Entitled “From Generation to Generation,” the award program will honor those who have made Cambridge a more peaceable and just city.

FY 2007 1st Half Property Tax Bills Mailed October
 Cambridge Finance Department 617-349-4220
 FY 2007 property tax bills will be issued in October 2006. The first half is payable in November 2006 and the second half in May 2007.

November

CCAE Wine Tasting Benefit Party 11/4
 Cambridge Center for Adult Education www.ccae.org
 This one-of-a-kind event, held at the Harvard Sq. Crate & Barrel, features a silent auction, dancing, and wine tasting. Proceeds benefit the CCAE.

Award-Winning Children’s Author Reading 11/7
 Cambridge Public Library 617-349-4409
 Linda Sue Park, author of children’s novel “The Single Shard,” presents a program for families. Free for children 7+ and adults. Call to register.

Veterans’ Day Observance 11/11
 Cambridge Veteran’s Services www.cambridgema.gov/veterans
 Join us in the Cambridge Cemetery at 11 a.m. as we gather to honor our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country.

Randall Thurston Exhibition 11/16 – 1/19
 The CAC Gallery, 344 Broadway www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
 Exhibition of drawings, cut paper, and other work made during the development of Thurston’s public art project at the Yerxa Road Underpass.

December

Sparklefest 12/9
 Harvard Square Business Association www.harvardsquare.com
 The kickoff event for this weekend filled with holiday lights, carolers, and more includes skating at the Charles Hotel from Noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 9.

January

Joyful Noise 1/13
 Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center (CMAC) www.cmacusa.org
 This celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presents gospel talent including the CRLS Gospel Choir at the Sanders Theatre.

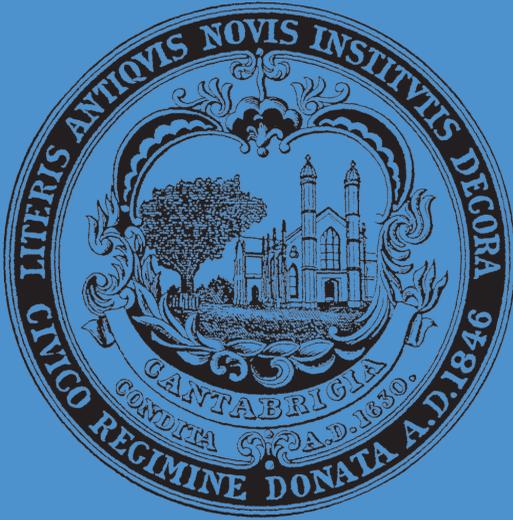
33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration 1/14
 Cambridge Public Library egreen@cambridgema.gov
 Commemoration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – includes a notable speaker, wreath-laying ceremony, music and refreshments. Event begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Central Square branch of the CPL.

Parking Permit Renewal Required 1/31
 Traffic & Parking Department www.cambridgema.gov/traffic
 Resident & Visitor Parking Permits expire January 31, 2007. Applications are available online. Visit the Web site for details.

February

FY 2007 Motor Excise Bills Mailed February
 Cambridge Finance Department 617-349-4220
 FY 2007 Motor Excise Bills will be mailed in February 2007. Bills can be paid online by visiting www.cambridgema.gov/paybills.cfm.

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