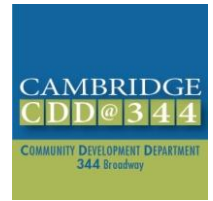




**Community Meeting Notice**  
*Taylor Square Firehouse Alteration Project*  
*The Andrew Peabody Elementary School, 70 Rindge Ave.,*  
*Auditorium*  
*Thursday, September 12, 2019*  
*7:00-8:00 PM*



Dear Neighbor,

On Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 7:00-8:00pm, the Department of Public Works will be hosting a Community Meeting for the **Taylor Square Firehouse Alteration Project** at the **Andrew Peabody Elementary School, Auditorium, 70 Rindge Ave.**, Cambridge, MA.

The City of Cambridge Fire Dept. Administration, City staff, Boston Building and Bridge, the contractor, and HKT Architects will discuss alterations to the Taylor Square Firehouse at 113 Garden Street. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2019 and last approximately 10 months.

The first Public Meeting was held on January 29, 2019, where a general introduction to the project was provided and some of the challenges to the neighborhood discussed, most importantly the vibration and noise from concrete apron demolition to accommodate the installation of three geothermal wells, a sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuels.

This upcoming meeting will discuss third party inspections of neighboring buildings to document existing conditions, which is useful in the unlikely event there is damage due to any property due to the excavation, drilling, or vibration from this project. A brief presentation will be given, followed by a comment, question and answer period. We encourage you to attend, as we value the feedback we receive from Cambridge residents and businesses.

**The project generally consists of:**

- Roof replacement including a 24kW solar photovoltaic array
- Ground source heat pumps including drilling three new wells at the firehouse apron.
- Upgrade to the electrical service, including the emergency generator
- Second floor window replacement
- Painting exterior trim
- Accessibility upgrades for public access
- Masonry work at rear egress stair
- Interior water and electrical saving measures

It is necessary to temporarily relocate the Taylor Square Firehouse crew in order to complete this work. A nearby site has been selected, which provides allowable response times to this firehouse's normally assigned response area.

**Information and Assistance:**

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The City of Cambridge will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative format, and reasonable modifications in policies upon request. For more information on this project, please contact Robert Juusola at the Department of Public Works at [rjuusola@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rjuusola@cambridgema.gov) / 617.349.4884.

Sincerely,  
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