



## Message from the City Manager

The past year has been a challenging one, given the enduring economic downturn, cuts in state aid and new demands in the area of homeland security. However, the City has continued to weather the storm better than most, achieving remarkable progress in many different areas.

After presentations to three major national credit rating agencies, Cambridge continues to retain its status as one of only a handful of cities nationwide to earn three AAA ratings for fiscal management. This is the highest rating that can be awarded to a municipality. It continues to affirm the City's sound financial policies that will enable taxpayers to save millions of dollars in interest costs over the next few years.

We've made great progress on several capital projects. Read more about them on pg. 4.

In May 2003, the City Council approved our FY04 operating budget of \$341,471,082 and a capital budget of \$66,495,110. Also approved was an \$11.4 million appropriation from Community Preservation Act funds.

Creating and preserving affordable housing continues to be a high priority in Cambridge. This past fiscal year, the City initiated the creation and preservation of over 70 affordable rental and homeownership housing units. In addition, the City launched a new middle-income housing program that has already assisted families with incomes up to 120% of area median income, such as teachers and other City employees, to buy a home in Cambridge.

To learn more about the City's accomplishments, I encourage you to pick up a copy of the FY03 Annual Report at City Hall.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

## City Appropriates/Reserves \$24.1 Million for Community Preservation Projects

In November 2001, Cambridge voters approved adoption of the Community Preservation Act, a state law that allows the City to receive matching funds from the state for money raised locally in support of affordable housing, historic preservation and protection of open space. Through Fiscal Year 2004, the City has appropriated/reserved a total of \$24.1 million in CPA funds, of which approximately \$10 million is the result of the state match.

The CPA surcharge has an essentially neutral impact on tax bills because funding of affordable housing, historic preservation and open space initiatives has been shifted from the tax levy to the CPA surcharge. This has allowed Cambridge to receive more than any other participating community in the Commonwealth in the form of state matching funds without any additional cost to the taxpayer. The result is that Cambridge residents will benefit from important housing, historic preservation and open space initiatives throughout the city for years to come.



*A good time was had by all at the City's Eighth Annual Danehy Park Family Day which featured amusement rides, music, arts and crafts, Children's stage, food, T-shirts, kites, roving performers.*

Recommendations for how the CPA funds will be used are made on an annual basis by the CPA Committee, a volunteer committee consisting of Cambridge residents, representatives from the Affordable Housing Trust, Cambridge Historical Commission, Conversation Commission and City staff. Prior to forwarding recommendations to the City Council, the CPA Committee holds an advertised public meeting each spring to solicit input from Cambridge residents regarding priorities in the areas of affordable housing, historic preservation and open space.

**In the Area of Affordable Housing:**  
The first Community Preservation Act funds raised in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 have already been leveraged to support creation of a significant number of affordable housing units throughout the city. Some examples include:

- Creation of 13 units of family-sized rentals on Scouting Way in Area 4;
- Preservation of 42 family-sized units on Columbia Street;
- Acquisition of 21 affordable rental units on Prospect Street; and
- Acquisition of 11 new first-time home buyer units.

**In the Area of Historic Preservation:**  
CPA funds have also helped support the Cambridge Historical Commission's Preservation Grants program, providing funds to conduct restoration of historic exteriors on affordable housing projects throughout the city. Other Historic Preservation projects to be funded by the CPA include:

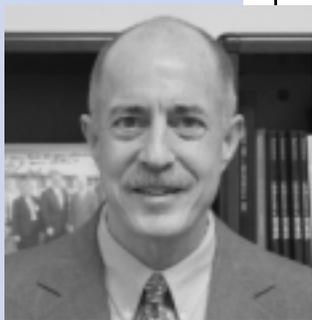
- Renovation of the Cambridge Public Library's historic interior and exterior spaces;
- Restoration of historic decorative iron work at the Police Headquarters;
- Restoration of the historic Cambridge Common; and
- Restoration of the historic Cambridge Cemetery fence.

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Election Day is Nov. 4, 2003  
Polls Open 7am - 8pm

## A Message from the New School Superintendent

During the past few weeks, the people of Cambridge have extended a gracious welcome to me as the new superintendent. The school consolidation plan appears to be off to a good start. Teachers, principals, central office personnel and staff certainly worked hard to ensure the best for children. We have much work ahead to ensure that each student has rigor in their studies, and receives the excellent instruction they require.



*Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn  
Superintendent  
Cambridge Public Schools*

The day before school began, the entire staff of our school district convened at the Kresge Auditorium with me in an effort to immediately begin making connections with the people who educate our city's children. The Cambridge Teacher's Association received my praise because they have set a high standard with recommendations to close the achievement gap.

Closing the achievement gap is my number one goal. To do so, we will focus our efforts. A variety of strategies will be used in the schools with some additional time spent working with CRLS during the transition. We will be looking at a full range of efforts in student and school portfolios, report cards, attendance, discipline and school climate issues, as well as course registration and course access at the high school.

My own children have helped me to know that the delay between decisions by the superintendent and implementation in the schools can drag down the best intentions. We need to roll up our sleeves and get things done. I will be working to streamline our administration, create a culture of caring and communicative behavior between our staff, students and families, and emphasize the importance of leadership and staff development.

Cambridge has a 350 year history of public education. I am proud to be part of a city in which education plays such an important and valued role.

## Out of School Time Programs

The Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP) is pleased to report that the City's out of school time programs for children and youth are up and running in every elementary school, and in youth centers in each area of the city. With the recent school closures and consolidations, some of the programs have moved and the DHSP wanted to make sure that you knew where all the programs are. There are 12 Community School Programs overseen by Neighborhood Councils that offer a broad array of out of school time enrichment activities and classes, vacation camps and licensed summer camps in the City's elementary schools:

*Cambridgeport Community School*  
89 Elm Street/617-349-6307

*Fitzgerald Community School at Peabody*  
70 Rindge Avenue/617-349-6302

*Fletcher Maynard Community School*  
225 Windsor Street/617-349-6295

*Haggerty Community School*  
110 Cushing Street/617-349-6264

*Harrington Community School at King Open (formerly Longfellow)*  
850 Cambridge Street/617-349-6305

*Kennedy Community School at Kennedy/Longfellow*  
158 Spring Street/617-349-6308

*King Community School*  
100 Putnam Avenue/617-349-6269

*Linnaean Community School at Graham & Parks*  
44 Linnaean Street/617-349-6267

*Longfellow Community School at Faith Lutheran*  
311 Broadway/617-349-6260

*Morse Community School*  
40 Granite Street/617-349-6291

*Tobin Community School*  
197 Vassal Lane/617-349-6300

*Agassiz Community School (operated independently)*  
20 Sacramento Street/617-349-6287

The City's preschools, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, serve children ages 2 years 9 months to 5 years old in full day, year-round

programs located in several elementary schools around the city:

*East Cambridge PreSchool  
Kennedy Longfellow School*  
159 Spring Street/617-349-4484

*King PreSchool*  
1 Magee Street/617-349-6270

*King Open PreSchool (formerly Longfellow)*  
850 Cambridge Street/617-349-6261

*Morse PreSchool*  
40 Granite Street/617-349-4485

*Peabody PreSchool (formerly Fitzgerald)*  
70 Rindge Avenue/617-349-6275

*Haggerty PreSchool (1/2 day program only)*  
110 Cushing Street/617-349-6265

DHSP also operates licensed out of school (OST) time programs providing socialization skills, supervised play, academic support and community services opportunities for children in kindergarten through grades 4 or 6 at four elementary schools:

*Fletcher/Maynard K-4 OST Program*  
225 Windsor Street/617-349-6296

*King K-2 and 3-6 OST Programs*  
100 Putnam Avenue/617-349-6271

*Morse K-2 and 3-6 OST Programs*  
40 Granite Street/617-349-6039

*Peabody K-2 and 3-5 OST Programs*  
70 Rindge Avenue/617-349-6276

For pre-teens, ages 9-13, the Department operates 5 licensed out of school time programs in the City's youth centers providing opportunities for academic support, recreation, community service and leadership development.

The youth centers are:

*Area IV Youth Center*  
243 Harvard Street/617-349-6262

*Frisoli Youth Center*  
61 Willow Street/617-349-6312

*Gately Youth Center (behind Peabody School)*  
70R Rindge Avenue/617-349-6277

*Moore Youth Center*  
Gilmore St. (off Western Ave)  
617-349-6273

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West Cambridge Youth Center  
19-1A Corcoran Park & Haggerty School  
617-349-4487

Finally, although all of the programs serve children with disabilities, many children, ages 6-15 with significant disabilities, are served through the Recreation Division's twice weekly after school program.

Afterschool Program for Individuals  
with Special Needs  
Gately Youth Center  
70R Rindge Avenue/617-349-6829

For more information on other programs and services of the Department of Human Services, call 617-349-6200 or visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/](http://www.cambridgema.gov/~DHSP/).



Kids from the Peabody Pre-School Program.

Community Preservation Projects  
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In the Area of Open Space:

The City has dedicated \$300,000 for two important open space projects at Fresh Pond Reservation that will help preserve the quality of the natural environment while also protecting the Cambridge public water supply. There is currently \$2.1 million remaining in the CPA reserve for open space, and CPA funds will continue to be allocated and reserved for future open space projects, including potential acquisition of new open space within the City and its watershed. It is important to note that in the area of open space preservation, the CPA legislation currently restricts communities from spending CPA funds on active and passive recreation-related open space projects; however, the City regularly dedicates other sources of funds for renovation and maintenance of its many parks and recreation areas.

## City Awards 26 Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of about 1,100 Cambridge residents and businesses, in May the City awarded scholarships of \$2,500 each to the 26 recipients of the annual City Scholarship Program, now in its 11th year.

The City Scholarship Program is open to all Cambridge residents. Applicants must be enrolled in or have received acceptance to attend an educational institute beyond high school level prior to disbursement of the scholarship award. Applications for the City Scholarship Program will be available in City Hall and online at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) beginning in December. The scholarship is a one-time award in an effort to give more eligible applicants a helping hand.

For more information on how to apply for or donate to this program, contact the Finance Department at 617-349-4220 or via e-mail: [finance@cambridgema.gov](mailto:finance@cambridgema.gov).



## City of Cambridge First-Time Homebuyer Workshops

*Workshops Are Free!  
Pre-register Today!*

Get an introduction to the homebuying process, including:

- Knowledge of affordable mortgage products
- Role of the Real Estate Broker
- Eligibility for MHFA low-interest rate mortgages
- How to qualify for a mortgage
- One-on-one counseling services
- Managing debt/budgeting
- Home Inspection
- Closing cost grants offered to income-eligible homebuyers
- Legal aspects of the homebuying process
- Notification of the city's homeownership opportunity based on household size

*In order to receive a certificate, participants must attend all four classes. To receive a registration form, contact the Housing Division at 617-349-4622 (TTY: 617-349-4621) and leave your name and address, a registration form will be mailed to you and you will receive confirmation on your reserved seat.*

November Workshop Dates:

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm:  
Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th

Senior Center  
806 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge

Additional classes will be held in January, February and March. Visit [www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/Housing](http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/Housing) for schedule and upcoming events or call 617-349-4622.

*The City of Cambridge Community Development Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The department will provide auxiliary aids and service, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request. Program guidelines and income limits are subject to change.*

# Capital Gains

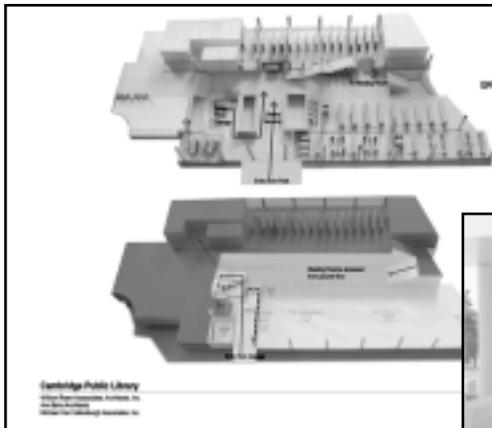
## *An Update on Capital Projects in Cambridge*

Below is a summary of renovation or new building projects that the City completed or continues to work on:

**City Hall Annex Reconstruction:** Hired the contractor for and initiated complete interior reconstruction of the City Hall Annex at 57 Inman Street. The building was designed as a "green building" using the LEED Green Building Rating System TM (LEED: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). In addition, the City applied for and received a Construction Assistance Grant from the Renewable Energy Trust Fund of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for the renewable and energy efficiency features of the building. Renovation work should be completed in December 2003.

**Main Library Renovation and Expansion Project:** The Main Library Expansion Project has reached a significant milestone. The first major portion of the design process, "Schematic Design" has been completed, and the design team of William Rawn Associates, Ann Beha Architects, and Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, landscape architects will next proceed, with the continuing consultation of the City-wide Design Advisory Committee, through the phase of design called "Design Development." This will take approximately six months to complete and will be followed by the project's final "Construction Documents" leading to bidding and construction in the winter and spring of 2005. For more information, visit the Library's Web Page at [www.cambridgema.gov/~CPL/](http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CPL/).

**Fresh Pond Northeast Sector** Completed the design process for the new William Maher Park and environmental improvements in the Northeast Sector of Fresh Pond Reservation, adjacent to Neville Manor. The park will include a youth soccer field and community garden as well as pathways, natural areas for passive recreation and constructed wetlands for treatment of stormwater. All aspects of the project are designed to protect water quality and improve habitat and other ecologi-



*Main Library Plans*



cal functions, in accordance with the goals and recommendations of the Fresh Pond Master Plan. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2004.

**Sewer and Storm Water Separation Projects:** The City completed sewer separation and stormwater management projects in neighborhoods throughout Cambridge, including Carver and Crescent Streets, Lakeview, Lexington and Worthington Streets, and the South Mass Ave. area. Design has been completed and construction will begin shortly for sewer separation and stormwater management projects in Cambridgeport, Agassiz (Beacon Street), Harvard Square and the Matignon Road and Alewife Brook Parkway area. Common Manhole Contract #3 for the removal of 39 common manholes is on hold pending approval of state funding. Anticipated construction start is spring 2004. All of these projects incorporate significant new technologies designed to reduce flooding, eliminate sewer discharges to our rivers, eliminate/reduce back-up problems and reduce Massachusetts Water Resource Authority charges. Sewer separation is a long-term effort and commitment throughout the city that will continue for many years to come.

**Squirrel Brand Park:** Completed planning for construction of a new park at the Squirrel Brand site on the corner of Broadway and Boardman Streets in Area 4. The park will include new

shade and fruiting trees, lawn areas, benches, pathways and small play structures adjacent to a reconfigured community garden. Construction should be completed in spring/summer 2004.

**Donnelly Field:** Completed the community process and design for the renovation of Donnelly Field, including Little League and softball fields, new turf, drainage, bleachers, fencing, lighting and other public amenities. Construction is expected to begin toward the end of 2003.

**Dana Park:** In accordance with the City's plan to replace existing wood structure play equipment, Dana Park received new play equipment, fencing improvements and resurfacing of the playground.

**Lowell School Park:** Design work for the renovation of the Lowell School Park from a large active playground to a smaller playground with a passive area with flower gardens and other amenities was completed in the spring of 2003.

**King School Playground:** Renovations to the playground were completed in July 2002. Renovations include installation of an artificial turf area, two custom designed play spaces, as well as paving, fencing, lighting and related landscaping improvements.

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**Bergin Park:** Work to renovate Bergin Park was completed in fall of 2002. The renovation includes the enhancement of an existing passive park with the addition of a new playground, water play feature, park lighting, walks, fencing and new park furniture and lighting.

**Franklin Street Park:** This small neighborhood park in the Riverside area underwent a significant renovation in the spring of 2003. Renovations include new lighting, tree work, improved ADA access to the site, a small play area and other site amenities.

**Russell Field:** The City continued to move forward with the design phase of the Russell Field renovation project. The project features a new, state-of-the-art artificial turf football field and new field house, complete with home and visitor locker rooms, a weight room and game-time concession area. Park renovation also includes new bleachers, fencing, lighting, and pathway improvements around the football, soccer and Little League fields. Renovation work is expected to commence in spring 2004.

**Cambridgeport Roadways:** Construction began in spring of 2003 on this major roadways project that will mitigate the traffic impacts of significant new commercial development in Cambridgeport. This project has been jointly funded by the City of Cambridge and MassHighway.

## Helpful Resources:

*Living in Cambridge, A Guide to City Resources and Services*

This easy to use booklet can serve as a handy A to Z reference guide for both new and current residents. It is available at City Hall and online as a PDF at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

FY03 City of Cambridge Annual Report  
The City of Cambridge FY03 Annual Report is available at City Hall and online at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

*The Cambridge Life*

In September 2003, Inside the Box Publishing produced the first issue of this new magazine for Cambridge newcomers that will be published twice a year.

For a copy of any of these publications or information about other helpful City resources, contact Ini Tomeu, Public Information Officer at 617-349-4339 or via e-mail: [itomeu@cambridgema.gov](mailto:itomeu@cambridgema.gov).

# Cambridge Police in Partnership with the Community

The Cambridge Police Department has initiated two important projects designed to improve performance and develop stronger ties with the community. The first initiative is a Visioning Project to help plan for the future and identify short, medium and long range strategies. This project is drawing ideas and recommendations from Department managers, police officers and community members. Vision discussions will focus on what practices currently work well, what can be improved and how improvements can be implemented. Department members are attending police/community meetings to introduce this project, hand out surveys and obtain community input.



The second project is a Leadership Collaborative with the Police Executive Research Forum of Washington, D. C. This project will involve police officers and community members working in formal problem-solving sessions designed to identify any bias related issues within the city. Bias can take place on many different fronts within a diverse community. The goal of this program is to identify and discuss issues of bias in the respective neighborhoods, develop responses and assess the impact of these responses. The hope is that this won't be a one-time effort, but an open ongoing dialogue between all members of the Collaboration.

The Cambridge Police Department is excited about these opportunities to work closely with various community groups and residents and obtain important input as we continue to improve the level of service we provide. For more information, call the Community Relations Section at 617-349-3236.

## Winter Fire Safety



With the cold months upon us, the Cambridge Fire Department offers a few home fire safety tips. For a complete list, visit their web site at [www.cambridgefire.org](http://www.cambridgefire.org):

- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Test smoke detectors monthly.
- Have your heating system serviced by a professional.
- Leave adequate clearance around furnaces, hot water heaters etc.
- Check basement/storage areas and properly dispose of flammable items.
- Avoid use of portable electric heaters and blankets.

CityView has been published as a community information resource for Cambridge residents. For more information, call 617-349-4339 or e-mail: [itomeu@cambridgema.gov](mailto:itomeu@cambridgema.gov)

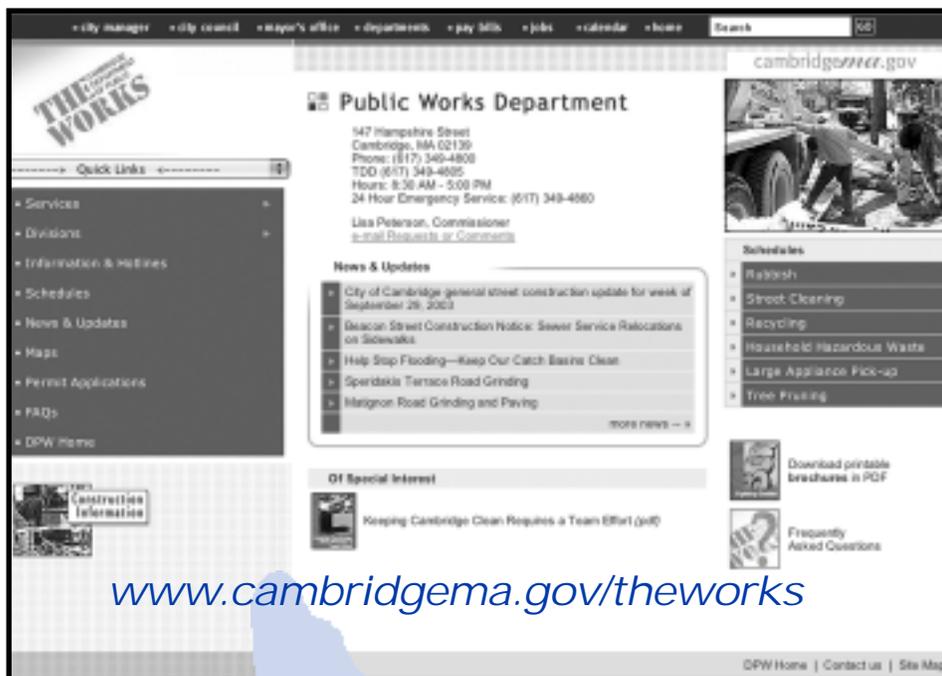
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## New DPW Web Site Offers Easy Access to Basic City Services

Do you need information about how an upcoming holiday affects rubbish collection and street cleaning? Do you have questions about a sidewalk or roadway construction project? Do you have items you would like to recycle, but aren't sure how? The new and improved web site of the Department of Public Works (DPW) can answer all these questions and more.

DPW provides a wide variety of services throughout the city, including rubbish and recycling collection, street cleaning and maintenance, snow removal, parks and street tree maintenance, and oversight of the Cambridge Cemetery. With

so many things happening, it is often difficult for residents to find information about a specific DPW service. The redesigned web site is intended to eliminate some of this difficulty by presenting lots of information in a way that is visually appealing and easy to navigate. The site contains schedules, construction updates, contact information, permit applications, copies of printed brochures, division overviews, and an FAQ section.

We invite you to check out the new site at [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks). If you prefer to speak directly to someone, call 617-349-4800/617-349-4805 TTY.

## 2004 Resident Permits Available

The Traffic Parking & Transportation Department held a photo contest earlier this year and the winner's photo will be used on the 2004 resident permits. Thanks to all the City employees and residents who submitted wonderful pictures. The winning photo was of the Weld Boat House, taken by Chris Welbon. To see all the pictures submitted, visit our web site at: [www.cambridgema.gov/traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/traffic).

The new 2004 permits will be available on November 1, 2003. Current resident permits do not expire until January 31, 2004. Applications are available online at: [www.cambridgema.gov/traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/traffic). We encourage you to renew by mail to avoid delays. The office is located at 238 Broadway and will be open extended hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 7 p.m. on the following days: Dec. 2-4, Dec. 9-11, Jan. 6-8, Jan. 13-15, Jan 20-22.

## A Review of Snow Removal Ordinance and Emergency Parking Bans

With winter upon us, the City would like to offer residents and property owners the following important reminders regarding snow emergencies and the Snow Removal Ordinance.

During substantial storms, the City may declare a Snow Emergency. If so, information is posted as soon as possible on a recorded message at 617-349-4700, online at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) and on Municipal Channel 8. Parking is prohibited on BOTH sides of all major arteries, and often on ONE side of secondary streets. Check signage carefully. Some parking facilities will provide free parking for a limited time during a declared snow emergency. Call 617-349-4700 for more information.

### Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal Ordinance

Cambridge property owners are required by law to remove snow from all sidewalks next to their property or business within 12 hours after snow stops falling in the daytime, and before 1 p.m. when the snow has fallen overnight. Property owners must also clear ice off sidewalks or treat them with an ice-melting substance within six hours of the time the ice forms. Make sure catch basins are clear of snow and debris. Homes or businesses on corners and at crosswalks are asked to clear wide openings.

The Cambridge Department of Public Works (DPW) will clear the streets as soon as possible, beginning with the major arteries. Please don't take it personally if the DPW plows snow back into your driveway. As we work to keep streets passable, it is often unavoidable. DPW also publishes a useful brochure called *Snow: Our Winter Challenge*.

### Important Telephone Numbers:

- Emergency: Dial 911
- Snow Emergency Parking Ban Status: 617-349-4700
- 24-Hour Recorded School Link Line: 617-349-6513
- Sidewalk Snow Hotline: 617-349-4903
- Public Works Dept: 617-349-4860
- Snow Exemption Program for elderly/disabled persons: 617-349-6220
- Police/Fire (non-emergency): 617-349-3300

## Health Department: Focus on Environmental Health

### Smoke-Free Workplaces

All Cambridge restaurants, bars, and private clubs went smoke-free on Oct 1. The health department has been working with business owners to make the transition as smooth as possible. Most recently the department launched a campaign called Smoke-free Cambridge: Enjoy the Atmosphere to encourage patronage of local establishments.

### Got Mold?

If you are concerned about mold in your home, contact the health department's indoor air quality consultation service. Free home investigations may be available, depending on the severity of the problem and the health risk to your household. For more information, call the Director of Environmental Health at 617-665-3838, or visit [www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org).

### Childhood Asthma

The Cambridge-Somerville Healthy Homes program provides free home assessments to families with children under age 13 who have asthma or other respiratory conditions. During these visits, staff check for asthma triggers and safety hazards. They also educate families about the disease and proper medication use, and supply free items that reduce household allergens. For more information, please call 617-665-3836 or visit [www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org). Para más información en Español, llame a 617-665-3863.

### Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program

The health department invites dry cleaners, auto body shops, print shops, garages, hair/nail salons, and medical diagnostics labs to join its new hazardous waste collection program. The program offers small businesses reduced hazmat removal costs, technical training/support, and assistance in complying with Massachusetts labeling, storage, and reporting requirements. For more information, please call the Small Business HazMat line at 617-665-3846.

The Cambridge Public Health Department is responsible for protecting public health throughout the city through a contractual agreement with the City of Cambridge. The Health Department is located at 119 Windsor Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the Lower Level of the new Windsor Street Clinic building. For more information, call 617-665-3800.



## Parents Beware of Dangers of Lead Poisoning

Lead-Safe Cambridge (LSC), a program of the Cambridge Community Development Department provides deleading assistance to property owners and their tenants and strives to increase awareness about the dangers of lead.

Lead paint poisoning is preventable, yet remains a significant environmental health threat to children in the United States. Children usually contract lead poisoning by ingesting fine dust from lead-based paint found in older homes. Lead poisoned children can suffer from permanent learning disabilities, behavioral problems, severe developmental delays, and other serious health conditions.

LSC offers a broad variety of free services including up to \$10,000 per unit as a deferred forgivable loan, lead inspections and comprehensive project management, temporary tenant relocation, referral for blood testing, soil testing and up to \$2,500 per unit in landscaping grants. LSC is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and follows Section 8 guidelines for rental and income limits. To find out more, call 617-349-5323 or visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/~LeadSafe/](http://www.cambridgema.gov/~LeadSafe/).

## City Tackles Global Warming

The City Council has adopted an action plan to reduce Cambridge's impact on global climate change by cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 20%, from 1990 levels, by 2010.

The plan proposes actions involving residents, businesses, City government, and other institutions. Many initiatives are already under way. New "green" buildings are being constructed and other buildings are being renovated to meet green building standards, including the City Hall Annex. Businesses and residents are buying energy efficient appliances and vehicles, insulating their buildings, choosing to walk or take the T.

You can help too! For starters, save money and reduce your energy use by replacing traditional light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs. They last about eight times longer and use less than 25% of the wattage of conventional bulbs. If you are in the market for a car, buy one with low gas mileage. For many, this is the single purchase with the greatest effect on global warming and air quality.

The Cambridge Climate Protection Plan is online in the News and Information section of the City's web site at: [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov). For a paper copy, or to find out how you can become involved, call 617-349-4604.



**www.CambridgeSomervilleResourceGuide.org**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP WITH:**

- Advocacy / Legal Services / Disputes
- Arts and Cultural Enrichment
- Children and Youth Services
- Clothing
- Community-Based Resident Led Organizations
- Community Service / Volunteering
- Consumer Protection
- Disability Services
- Education and Literacy
- Elder Services
- Emergency Services
- Employment Services
- Ex-Offender Services
- Family Support / Family Services
- Financial Assistance / Money Management
- Food / Nutrition
- Health Care / Health Coverage
- Home Visiting / Home-Based Services
- Housing / Homelessness / Related Services
- Immigrant / Refugee and Linguistic Minority Services
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Public Safety
- Recreation: Sports / Fitness / Leisure
- Substance Abuse / Addiction
- Transportation
- Violence and Abuse Prevention / Protective Services

**CambridgeSomerville ResourceGuide.org**

Your On-Line Guide To Health and Human Service Resources in the Community

This comprehensive database will help you find the services you are looking for. We have put this information together to serve you, so let us know how we are doing. We look forward to hearing from you.

**WELL SEE YOU ON-LINE!**

Brought to you by:

-  Cambridge Health Alliance
- 
-  The Agenda for Children

Welcome to Cambridge!

## Summer in the City

This summer marked the 12th anniversary of Summer in the City (SIC) events which attracted more than 2,000 people. Produced by the Cambridge Arts Council as a free performance series in parks and public spaces throughout the city, SIC features a lively mix of music, dance, puppetry and theatre. Performances offer a culturally rich and creative learning experience in the arts for children between the ages of 4 and 11 and guarantee fun and entertainment for people of all ages.

## Art Among Us

Art Among Us - Make It Public 2003 provided an opportunity for Cambridge high school students to learn the process behind the creation of art for public places. Working under the guidance of professional muralist and educator Dawn Scaltreto, participants toured the City's public art collection, met with professional artists, and learned about the tradition, materials and maintenance involved in outdoor mural painting. Each student was required to actively participate in the process of developing and presenting artistic proposals and later implemented their designs on 15 utility boxes in locations throughout the city.

*For information on these and other programs and services offered by the Cambridge Arts Council, visit the CAC web site at [www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org) or call 617/349-4380.*



*The magical Dan Butterworth Marionettes cast a spell at Glacken Field with music, special effects, a carnival stage and audience interaction.*

## Cambridge River Festival

The 25th Cambridge River Festival in June drew more than 80,000 people to the banks of the Charles River to celebrate the arts and enjoy a variety of music and activities. New this year, the Family Stage featured performances by artists who participated in dynamic residencies in the Cambridge Public School system teaching students about folk and traditional crafts and history important to their respective cultures. Artist participants represented an array of cultures including the Wampanoag Nation, China and Central America.



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