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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City of Cambridge has achieved a number of recent successes I'd like to share with you, some of which are also highlighted in this issue of *The Cambridge Life*. I am very proud to announce that for the ninth straight year, the City has maintained its rare and enviable status of earning three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies. This is the highest rating that can be awarded to a municipality and it continues to affirm the sound financial policies of this administration and the Cambridge City Council, and also reflects on the hard work of the Budget and Finance departments.

Cambridge was named for the third consecutive year as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise - the Alliance for Youth. We salute the Department of



Human Services (DHSP) which oversees the programs that contributed to this award, and also commend another DHSP program, the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, which was recently recognized for its achievements. The 21 Proof Program - a collaboration between the Coalition, the

Cambridge License Commission, and the Licensee Advisory Board - won a National Exemplary Award for its Innovative Substance Abuse Programs. You can read about 21 Proof and other Coalition initiatives on page 9.

On page 4, learn about the Cambridge Program and Cambridge Special Olympics and how they work year-round to turn disabilities into capabilities. Some of their success has been evident in the local, regional and national competitions at which they have won trophies.

The Community Development Department's Lead Safe Program was recently awarded \$770,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to continue its important program to remove lead paint from Cambridge residences. Read more about the range of services they offer on page 5.



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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

In this issue, we also introduce you to Cambridge's First Poet Populist, Peter Payack. By day, he is a professor at Berklee College of Music and UMass Lowell, a wrestling coach at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, and president of the Cambridge Girls Softball League.

Additional accomplishments highlighted in this issue include the launch of the Cambridge Police Department's Youth/Family Services Unit during Commissioner Robert Haas' first year on the job; the strong work of our Veteran Services' Department; and the myriad improvements under way at Fresh Pond Reservation, the largest open space area in the city.

We are very proud of our efforts and we hope you will be too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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TURNING DISABILITIES INTO CAPABILITIES

THE CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM & CAMBRIDGE SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Champion weight lifter Victor King and the Special Olympics team pose with their trophies from regional and national competitions.

and gymnasiums for physically and mentally challenged individuals. The program has expanded to include Camp Rainbow, a summer day camp for children with special needs, as well as a variety of afterschool, evening and Saturday programs for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Within this rich array of recreational offerings, the Cambridge Special Olympics program began in 1970 and remains extremely popular. Special Olympics fits within the core objectives of The Cambridge Program – to enhance the lives of participants with quality programs geared to promote self esteem, to encourage social interaction, and to increase physical well-being. Participants train and compete throughout the year in a variety of events sponsored by the Massachusetts Special Olympics. All participants can take part in individual and team events such as bowling, swimming, basketball, power lifting, volleyball, and track and field. For the past eight years, program director David Tynes has run the Boston Marathon to raise funds to help keep program and Special Olympics participation fees low.

Last year, Cambridge's Special Olympians won the Massachusetts Division 1 Basketball Championship, going on to compete in the New England Championship Games in Waterbury, Connecticut. Cambridge athlete Victor King won the national weightlifting award in the U.S. Special Olympics, also in 2007. Two Cambridge athletes, Denise Brown and Phillip Ranieri, were recently inducted into the Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

During the 2007-2008 program year, 60 male and female Cambridge residents joined the Cambridge Program. Participants range in ages from six years through adult and many take part in the Special

The Cambridge Program's motto really sums up what it's all about - *Turning Disabilities into Capabilities*. The program's roots go back over 35 years, when the Cambridge Recreation Department began organizing programs in parks

Olympics. The diverse population of participants includes individuals with mental retardation, developmental delays, emotional and behavioral challenges and persons on the autism spectrum.

SET UP TO SERVE

The program operates out of Gately Youth Center in North Cambridge. The handicapped accessible building is at 72R Rindge Avenue (behind the Peabody School) in a quiet neighborhood within walking distance of Danehy Park. Several Cambridge facilities are also utilized, including the new Russell Field Athletic Complex, the renovated War Memorial Pool and facilities at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Program staff includes special educators, teachers, a health care consultant, counselors, youth workers, college students and volunteers. All collaborate to ensure a safe, high quality program.

"Our staff helps create an inclusive and empathetic community through programs and activities that promote fitness, care, respect, equality and understanding of differences," said The Cambridge Program Director David Tynes. "We see a real surge in the participants' confidence in themselves and their abilities during the year, especially at the year-end banquet which celebrates every athlete's participation and achievements and includes families and friends." ■

2008 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Winter Games: Feb. 29 - Mar. 2, Worcester

Summer Games: June 13-15, Cambridge

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WORRIED ABOUT LEAD PAINT IN YOUR HOME?

LEAD-SAFE CAMBRIDGE CAN HELP!

Lead-Safe Cambridge (LSC), a program of the Cambridge Community Development Department, was recently awarded a grant of \$770,700 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to continue its program to remove lead paint from Cambridge residences.

Now entering its 13th year, the LSC program provides up to \$10,000 in forgivable loans to eligible Cambridge property owners for lead paint abatement services. To date, LSC has provided deleading services to nearly 800 Cambridge residences.

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

Although lead was banned from use in household paint in 1978, more than 70% of the city's housing stock was built before 1950, resulting in many older homes with lead hazards. Because children under six years of



Lead poisoned children can suffer from permanent learning disabilities, behavioral problems, developmental delays and other serious health conditions.

age are more vulnerable to the effects of lead, the Massachusetts Lead Law requires property owners to remove lead hazards from buildings occupied by children under six.

As old lead paint deteriorates into lead dust, it is invisible and indistinguishable from regular household dust. Children typically contract lead poisoning by getting the fine lead dust on their hands and into their mouths. Once ingested by the child through hand to mouth activity, lead is mistaken by the child's growing body for calcium, iron and other nutrients. When lead is taken up in place of healthy nutrients, the result can be devastating for the child and the family. Lead poisoned children can suffer from permanent learning disabilities, behavioral problems, developmental delays and other serious health conditions. "Lead is cumulative and builds up in the blood stream over time, so the more prolonged the exposure, the worse it gets," said LSC Program Manager, Toni Snow. "This makes it critical for us to reach owners and renters of older homes to offer our services."

HOW LSC CAN HELP

The LSC program offers a broad range of lead abatement services to landlords who rent to low- to moderate-income families, including Section 8 households. Income qualifying owner-occupants are also eligible. Because lead paint is frequently found on windows and doors, owners may be eligible for window and door replacements. LSC staff can also work directly with low- to moderate-income tenants by contacting the property owner to describe and offer the services of the program. In addition to up to \$10,000 per unit, LSC offers free lead inspections, project management, temporary tenant relocation, lead poisoning prevention outreach, referral for blood testing, testing for lead in soil, and up to \$2,500 per unit in landscaping grants to mitigate lead in soils. ■



Lead-Safe Cambridge can provide up to \$10,000 per unit in forgivable loans to eligible Cambridge property owners for deleading services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Cambridge Police Launches YOUTH/FAMILY SERVICES UNIT

Commissioner Haas' First Year on the Job



School Resource Officers, members of the Community Relations Unit and teens from several of the City's Youth Centers at the Youth Madden Football Tournament at Cambridgeside Galleria.

From the moment he took over as top cop for the City of Cambridge, Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas has made himself quite visible in Cambridge neighborhoods, meeting with as many people as possible to learn how his department had interacted with them in the past, address their concerns and expectations, and identify areas for improvement or change.

FROM CRIME TO PEOPLE

Haas is currently reviewing the Specialty Units of the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) with an eye toward making a change. "We want to shift our focus from crime to people," he said. Haas explained that the traditional police response was to focus mainly on an event, such as a shooting for example, and investigate the who, what and how of the crime. "The neighborhood that was traumatized by this event might have gotten lost in the shuffle. So we want to go beyond just solving the crime; we also want to help the people who were affected and get them back to a place of well being."

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

With this more personal approach in mind, the CPD recently created a new Youth and Family Services Unit. "We plan to go above and beyond the role of the traditional juvenile unit," explained Lieutenant Leonard DiPietro, who will lead the new unit which has been designed to deliver varied types of response and support for youth and families.

"Youth can be very vulnerable," said DiPietro. "A good kid can make a mistake. So we want to interact with them and their family immediately to determine why it happened and work with them to resolve the issue(s) that may have led to the negative act or crime. The idea is to intervene early, ask questions, get involved, and hopefully keep some kids from continuing on a potentially bad path."

The new unit will have 5 School Resources Officers (SRO's), instead of the 2-3 previously assigned. In addition to their daily role of interacting with the kids in school, the SRO's will get more involved with kids in their out of school environment on a whole new level, working directly with the City's Teen Centers after school and in the evenings. They will focus primarily on middle school aged youth, addressing potential problems as they develop and before they get out of control. DiPietro said they are still fine tuning and tweaking this program but are very excited about the direction they are heading.

“Our philosophy is to have an all encompassing program, working with various community partners to offer alcohol and substance abuse counseling, mental health support and other specialty services,” he said, adding that current partners include the Department of Human Service Programs, Cambridge Prevention Coalition, Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge Health Alliance, Clerk of the Courts Office, District Attorney’s Office and the Salvation Army. “We plan to get involved with kids and families at a level like never before.”

DIRECTED PATROL ACTIVITIES

Another key area Haas has looked at is Uniform Patrol Operations – the core and largest division of the CPD. These officers are the first responders, Haas explained. They are the first to detect, the first to prevent and the first to intervene in a situation. Haas and his leadership team looked at this division with an eye toward transitioning them from a traditionally reactive role to a more participatory and proactive role. Directed patrol activities were assigned based on past and anticipated problems. Additional walking officers have been deployed to locations that can benefit from a greater police presence, such as Area 4, Cambridgeport, Hoyt Field and Danehy Park. The Bicycle Patrol Unit was tripled from 9 to 30 officers to enhance the CPD’s mobility and coverage capability.

CPD has also stepped up its Neighborhood Sergeant’s Program to improve communication with the community and mobilize groups to take a proactive approach. The program allows residents to routinely meet with their designated neighborhood sergeant and to communicate with the officers directly via E-mail. This combination fosters a direct dialogue between Cambridge residents and the law enforcement officials in a position to make things happen.

CITIZEN ALERT NETWORK

The increased emphasis on communications is not limited to personal contact. The CPD is also working to make the best use of the technical tools at their disposal. The department has recently revamped its Web site, www.cambridgepolice.org, and rolled out a new community safety project called *CitizenObserver*, which includes an alert

network for citizens, businesses and watch groups. Interested persons can sign up to receive alerts about crimes, emergencies or other Police information via e-mail or as a text message to a cell phone. Other new services include the *Crime Tip E-mail* option and the new *Text a Tip*, both of which allow users to remain anonymous if they prefer. The Department has received numerous anonymous tips in the past that have been invaluable and they hope to encourage increased use of this new program.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Cambridge is unique in many respects. “Our residents have very high expectations and the style of policing that takes place in this city is very much about enhancing the quality of life, rather than merely enforcing the laws,” explained Commissioner Haas. To address these unique needs, CPD has introduced post-academy training, which it views as an essential bridge between general police techniques and the way policing is done in the City of Cambridge.

Previously, after graduating from the 24-week Police Academy, new Cambridge Police recruits participated in a 1-week CPD orientation and were subsequently assigned to the field. Today, they participate in a 2-week orientation, followed by 8 weeks in the field with specially trained officers. During this time, training officers run the new recruits through all the paces of policing in the City of Cambridge.

NETWORK TEAM APPROACH

Haas has focused on the role of department supervisors and managers, empowering them more and creating a network team approach that encourages increased sharing of information among divisions within the CPD, as well as with other City departments and agencies. This has resulted in better coordination and collaboration in deployment of resources, Haas explained, adding that it remains an ongoing process so “we never become stagnant.” ■



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Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas

MEET CAMBRIDGE'S FIRST POET POPULIST

PETER PAYACK



Poet Populist Peter Payack, a coach of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Wrestling Team.

Photo by Mike Payack.

to talk about what it means to be a poet. Elected to this position by Cambridge residents in November, Peter is also a professor at Berklee College of Music and UMASS Lowell, a wrestling coach at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, an avid cyclist, co-founder and president of the Cambridge Girls Softball League, and a dad – to name a few of his many occupations!

THE CAMBRIDGE LIFE (TCL): What brought you to Cambridge in 1972?

PETER PAYACK: I thought that Cambridge was an intellectual place for artists and writers. It was an idea-driven place where you would have a support group.

TCL: When did you start considering yourself a poet?

PETER: In college, I studied philosophy and would write long, dry ponderous stories. I'd get insight and would write it into short poems. I had my first poems published in *The Christian Science Monitor* in 1973. Then I sent other ones to *The Village Voice*, *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*, and they bought them. I started to consider myself a poet because people started treating me like a poet. But when I am coaching, I think of myself only as a coach.

TCL: With all your activities, how do you have time to even think, let alone write poetry? When do you write poetry?

PETER: I leave myself open to the muse. I always use running and biking as a sort of meditation. I meditate on my feet. Ideas come to me in a whole package, and then I write the whole thing down.

You have to be open to the muse of creativity and find time for that. Everyday life blocks it, but you can also find inspiration from things around you.

TCL: Poet and wrestling coach seem like worlds apart. Does the team know you are a poet?

PETER: They are completely surprised. When we go to long tournaments, I bring puzzle books with facts, Scrabble, chess, checkers, dominos and one or two of my poetry books. Sometimes they'll read a few lines and laugh. I "mock myself out" a lot in my work, and use humor as my voice. It's part of my "Jersey humor" thing. Some kids also tell me they write poems too. And it goes on from there.

TCL: How will you get more people to stop and enjoy poetry?

PETER: Poetry can and should be relevant to everyday. I put poetry on an airplane or cookie to get it outside, so you see it. I try to make it accessible to all people.

TCL: What's your advice to a budding poet?

PETER: You have to be open to the muse of creativity, and find time for that. Everyday life blocks it, but you can also find inspiration from things around you. ■

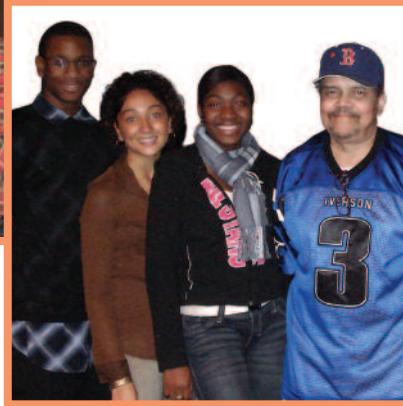
ABOUT THE POET POPULIST POSITION

The Cambridge City Council endorsed the creation of the Poet Populist program to inspire the creation and appreciation of poetry throughout the city. This informal office is sponsored by the City of Cambridge, the Cambridge Arts Council and the Cambridge Public Library. For upcoming events, visit www.cambridgeartscouncil.org, e-mail poetpopulist@cambridgema.gov or call the Arts Council at 617-349-4380.

Cambridge PREVENTION Coalition

Working together to bring innovative solutions to substance abuse

by Gisela Rots



Photos, left to right: CPC trainer Frank Connelly reviews the 21 Proof program with Paul Lee, owner of the Hong Kong Restaurant; TADAA peer leaders Aaron Dottin, Sara Baggar and Doulovely Nazaire with guest prevention speaker Charles "Poncho" Brown.

INTRODUCING "TADAA"

The CPC, funded mostly from state and federal grants, has a mandate to reduce drug and alcohol abuse, specifically among youth in the city. Its focus on youth led to the creation of a peer leader program, TADAA (Teens Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse), in collaboration with the Moore Youth Center.

Frank Connelly spends his afternoon working with the owner and manager of a local restaurant, making recommendations on their alcohol serving policies, answering questions and sharing his expertise. This kind of personalized training is the cornerstone of 21 Proof. A Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) program developed by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, Cambridge License Commission and the Cambridge Licensee Advisory Board, 21 Proof provides training for employees of bars, restaurants and package stores in the City of Cambridge with the goal of reducing underage access to alcohol through commercial sources. And it's working! Between 1998 and 2002, community surveys showed a 47% decrease in Cambridge Public School students in the 11th and 12th grades reporting the ability to obtain alcohol from commercial sources, including bars and liquor stores. The training program, operated by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition (CPC), provides business owners with (1) an understanding of Cambridge City ordinances and Massachusetts state laws, (2) skill building for refusing service, and (3) statistics on underage drinking and access to alcohol in Cambridge.

21 PROOF RECOGNIZED

21 Proof recently won a National Exemplary Award for Innovative Substance Abuse Programs. This award, bestowed on the City of Cambridge in 2007, is given by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors in recognition of local, innovative and effective programs working with the community to prevent substance abuse. "This is a real honor - one of the highest in substance abuse prevention," said Gisela Rots, Director of the CPC. "The collaboration that took place to design and implement 21 Proof really makes it a unique program."

The award has catapulted this unique program onto the national scene. The Prevention Coalition is currently consulting with Weymouth and Brockton, Mass. to institute similar programs in their communities. And since receiving the award, the CPC has received calls from Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Virginia.

TADAA runs two 10-week sessions per year. In the fall of 2007, peer leaders brought in guest prevention speaker Charles "Poncho" Brown to speak to over 800 students at Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School. TADAA youth leaders identified Poncho as a speaker, interviewed him, negotiated his fees and created post-assembly surveys for CRLS students. Their commitment and confidence was readily apparent as they appealed to their peers not to drink and use drugs.

CPC EXTENDS ITS REACH

The Coalition recently received a grant to increase awareness of the dangers of using prescription drugs without a valid prescription. The Coalition hopes to use popular, youth-oriented media, including MySpace, FaceBook and YouTube.

"I'm really excited about where the Coalition is going," said Rots. "There are so many new and existing innovative things going on in Cambridge, from the work of the schools to that of the Police Department - we're very fortunate to have as much support as we do." ■

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VETERANS' SERVICES

Caring for Cambridge Veterans and Their Families

The City of Cambridge has long been committed to honoring and supporting our veterans and their families. The Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) serves as an advocate for all Cambridge veterans and their dependents. DVS advises clients on the availability of benefits and services. It also provides financial assistance to veterans and family members in need.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The department's primary function is to administer a state financial assistance program to needy veterans and/or their families. The program provides cash assistance to help cover the costs of monthly living expenses. Veterans or their surviving spouses with a monthly income of \$1,702 or less, who meet asset guidelines, are eligible for the program. DVS Director Bob Stevens observes, "It's a tremendous program because veterans and their families are afforded financial benefits and services that are only available in Massachusetts. For many, we supplement their income, and that of surviving spouses, until they die."

The DVS also provides reimbursement for medical insurance premiums, Medicare Part B & D expenses as well as 100% out-of-pocket medical expenses. Stevens boils this benefit down to a simple statement, "Our clients are not responsible for any medical expenses – period." The impact of this program is impressive. "We have clients come in all the time who are in financial straits. For many elderly veterans, medical expenses are the largest expense they face and they've been struggling to cover the costs." According to Stevens, the DVS program "radically changes both their financial picture and their outlook on life. They are so grateful when they come in – they can't believe that this program exists to help them." Younger veterans receive full health benefits as well. DVS signs them up for Mass Health and then covers anything that Mass Health doesn't pay.

HELP APPLYING FOR FEDERAL VA BENEFITS

In addition to providing direct assistance, the DVS helps veterans in applying for federal service-connected compensation, including increases, non-service connected disability pensions, pension benefits for surviving spouses, medical, educational, housing and death benefits. In addition, the department can represent veterans and or their surviving spouse before the VA on appeal cases.

SUPPORT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE

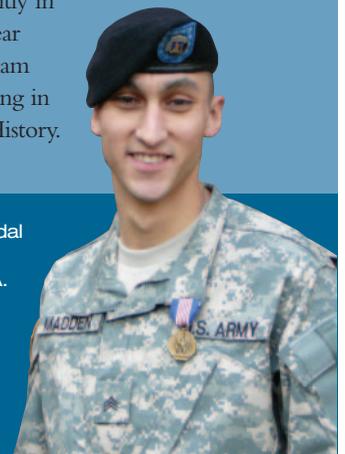
City workers who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11 will receive full pay and benefits, including accrued vacation time, for their

CAMBRIDGE SOLDIER HONORED FOR HEROISM

Cambridge resident and Army Reservist Sgt. Carlos A. Madden was recently awarded the "Soldier's Medal" from the US Army. This highly prestigious medal was presented to Sgt. Madden, 23, for his bravery in coming to the aid of teacher Mary E. Hooker who was being assaulted by a student for a bad grade he received. After being stabbed several times, Sgt. Madden intervened, without any means of defense, and stopped the assault. Ms. Hooker survived the attack and the student was apprehended. In conjunction with the US Army, the Department of Veterans' Services hosted an awards ceremony at City Hall on February 10, 2007.

The Soldier's Medal is awarded to a person of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving, distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. Often, the medal is awarded to soldiers who risk their life to save other people.

Sgt. Madden is a native of Cambridge who graduated from CRLS in 2003. He is currently in his senior year at Framingham State majoring in American History.



Soldier's Medal recipient Sgt. Carlos A. Madden. Photo by Cynthia Abatt.

service overseas. In addition, City employees who are about to be deployed overseas will receive five days paid leave prior to their deployment. Cambridge is the first city in the country to grant this benefit to its employees.

RECENT VETERAN SUPPORT

The department assists recently discharged veterans in applying for the following benefits:

- **Cash Bonus for Service:** Veterans of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and those who have served since 9/11/2001 are now eligible to receive a cash bonus from the Commonwealth for their service. Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq will receive a \$1,000 cash bonus and all other veterans who have served since 9/11/2001 will receive \$500.
- **Tuition Waivers:** Effective July 1, 2006, members of the Massachusetts National Guard are now eligible for both tuition and fee waivers at any state school. This includes community colleges, universities (including Massachusetts Maritime Academy) and all state colleges.

ANNUITIES

The department assists veterans and surviving spouses in applying for an annuity of \$2,000 to veterans who have suffered permanent disabilities due to enemy action, illness or accident that occurred while on active duty, and to the parents and un-remarried spouses of deceased veterans whose death is a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service.

Photo: C Company 1 Battalion 181st Infantry Regiment send off ceremony on the Cambridge Common. 88 members of C Company were deployed to Iraq in July 2007 for a one year deployment. C Company, based in Cambridge, is one of the oldest units in the nation, having served at Lexington and Concord in 1775. Photo by Ini Tomeu.



TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS

A disabled veteran and/or their surviving spouse is eligible for certain tax exemptions for their owner occupied dwelling. The amount is determined by the veteran's disability or if they died as a result of a service connected injury or disease. The exemptions range from \$400 up to a full tax exemption – providing significant financial relief. After qualifying for a tax exemption, one client found that he was able to manage his finances without going into debt for the first time in a long while.

CEREMONIAL AND CIVIC EVENTS

In conjunction with the Cambridge Veterans' Organization (CVO), DVS coordinates public events on Patriots, Veterans and Memorial days, including the Memorial Day Parade. For Memorial Day, DVS cooperates with Boy Scouts and Little Leaguers to place over 9,000 flags on the graves of veterans interred in Cambridge cemeteries. As the young volunteers ask "who were these veterans" and "what did they do?" the event becomes a learning experience taught at the graves of our heroes rather than a lesson from a textbook. The visual impact is quite intense – many family members have commented on how "majestic and sobering" the cemetery looks after the flag placement.

The department also participates in the dedication of streets, squares and parks named in honor of those veterans killed-in-action.

On July 8, 2007, the department coordinated the deployment ceremony for 88 soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry. The unit is based in Cambridge and has received year-long mobilization orders to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deployment ceremony held on Cambridge Common brought together family, friends and elected officials for a rousing send off of our troops. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION

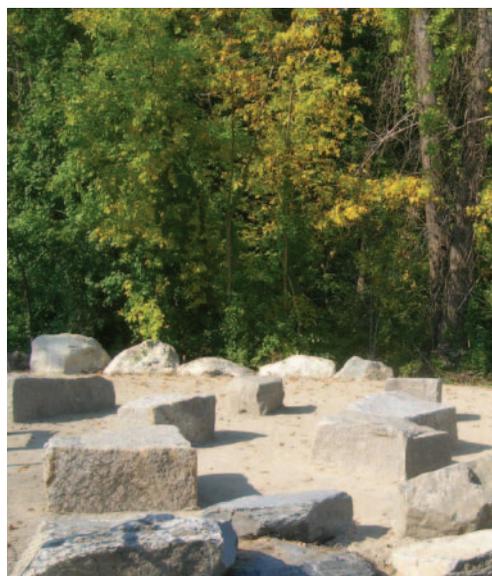
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FRESH POND

Fresh Pond Reservation, the largest green space in the City of Cambridge, has been undergoing a series of changes in the past few years. These changes will create a Fresh Pond Reservation that will support a healthy native ecosystem, enhance the experience of visitors and help protect the valuable drinking water resource it surrounds.

Fresh Pond Reservation was created in 1889 to protect the drinking water for the city and to preserve a recreational asset for future citizens of Cambridge. The Reservation has changed greatly since its inception, and at times in the last century has become severely degraded from overuse and neglect.

IT STARTS WITH A PLAN

In the 1990s, the City made a commitment to improve the experience of the visitor and to protect the largest green space in Cambridge through upgrades to the Reservation. With the help of active citizens, Reservation users and City staff, the Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan was completed in 2000. This Plan outlines several restoration projects that have been implemented or will be implemented in the future to create a healthier, more natural open space. These projects will lead to a Reservation that is more accessible and more sustainable for the future.

KINGSLEY BOWL SPRINGS TO LIFE

The Kingsley Bowl, situated alongside the east cove of Fresh Pond Reservation, was recently restored and a water quality berm was created along the lower edge of this field. The berm collects surface water running down the hillside and the plants there filter and slow the water before it can reach the Reservoir. This area has been

adopted by the Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation, who work with the Cambridge Water Department to weed out invasive plant species and woody trees from the small wetland. Visitors now use this space to relax, play games and enjoy the butterflies that frequent the wetland.

IN THE NORTHEAST SECTOR

Along Concord Avenue, William G. Maher Park was dedicated in October 2007. This area includes a new youth soccer field, open green space and a new community garden. The community garden has easy access to water for both plants and for drinking. Gardeners will have an opportunity to request raised beds or more traditional garden plots. No more kneeling!

Situated behind Neville Center, and with a view of the Reservoir through the trees, is the newly planted Butterfly Meadow. It is a quiet place full of sunshine and winding paths that lead visitors through trees and past



Moving Forward

the beautiful meadow flowers. The pathways here and throughout the restored areas are ADA compliant, creating more and better access for all visitors.

ALONG THE SHORELINE & PERIMETER

The Little Fresh Pond Shoreline Restoration Project addressed shoreline degradation and drainage problems. New loam was brought in to restore the shoreline, and volunteers helped plant over 4,000 wetland plants along the pond which will help keep the soils in place. Visitors can now watch ducks, song-birds and turtles from the beautiful new bench and enjoy shoreline access without impacting water quality.

The Perimeter Road around Fresh Pond Reservoir is used for walking, jogging and biking along the water's edge. A pilot program to improve the pathway through the addition of adjacent softer surfaced running paths has been set up along Little Fresh Pond and Lusitania Meadow. Runners will

have the ability to run at a faster pace and avoid the hard surface of the pavement.

COMING SOON

Visitors will notice other changes to Fresh Pond Reservation in the next few years. Cambridge Water Department staff are working on plans to stabilize steep slopes, add seating and increase drinking water facilities. Come by and enjoy everything that Fresh Pond Reservation has to offer!

To learn more about these projects or to volunteer, visit the Cambridge Water Department's Web site at www.cambridgema.gov/CWD or E-mail fpr@cambridgema.gov. ■

BEAUTY MEETS FUNCTION

Many know Fresh Pond Reservation as a beautiful green area within the City of Cambridge, but the beloved open space serves another purpose as well – it preserves and protects the drinking water for the city. Fresh Pond Reservoir is the last reservoir in a three reservoir system used by the City to supply water to Cambridge. While the restoration projects help make the Reservation a more beautiful place, they also create natural systems that improve the water quality in Fresh Pond Reservoir.

Photos, left to right: The new youth soccer field at William G. Maher Park; Stone seating offers a place of respite in Lusitania Meadow; Architect schematic of Northeast Sector Project (Carol R Johnson Associates); the quiet, sunny Butterfly Meadow features a winding walking path (Philip Parker).

REFERENCE & RESOURCES

SETTLING IN - FOR NEW CITY RESIDENTS

▶ **Adult Education and Employment Programs**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **CITY TV-8 (Municipal Channel)** For calendar information, community programs, and City Council meetings on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

▶ **County** The City of Cambridge is in Middlesex County.

▶ **Driver's License/Vehicle Registration** Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, 866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

▶ **Excise Tax (automobile tax)** Bills are issued annually. Call the Finance Dept. 617-349-4220. To pay online: www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **Families, Youth and Seniors** The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 or visit www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

▶ **Moving Van Permits** Call 617-349-4721 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

▶ **Postal Service** Call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com

▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Call 617-349-4376 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html

▶ **Property Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Call the Finance Department at 617-349-4220.

▶ **Public Transportation**

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), 800-392-6100 or visit www.mbta.com. The Red and Green Lines of the Subway (known as the T) and numerous buses serve Cambridge.

▶ **Recreation**

The Department of Human Service Programs provides a wide range of services. See page 21.

▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling ordinance. See page 19.

▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in posted residential neighborhoods. See page 19.

▶ **School Information / Registration** See page 23.

▶ **School Closings and Information** Call the CPS Link Line for recorded information, 617-349-6513.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban**

If the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on certain streets. See page 19.

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance**

Property owners are required to remove snow/ice from sidewalks next to their home/business. See page 19.

▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month from April through December. During designated street cleaning days, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. See page 19.

▶ **Voter Registration** Call the Cambridge Election Commission, 617-349-4361 or visit www.cambridgema.gov/Election. See page 17.

UTILITIES

▶ **Cable Television**

Comcast

800-COMCAST www.comcast.com

▶ **Electricity/Gas**

NSTAR 800-592-2000 TTY 800-322-8242

www.nstaronline.com **Dig Safe** 888-344-7233

Provides electric and gas service in Cambridge.

▶ **Internet Access**

AT&T 800-967-5363

Comcast 800-COMCAST

Verizon 877-483-5898

Cambridge Public Internet

www.cambridgema.gov/wifi

The City of Cambridge – in partnership with MIT, Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge Housing Authority, Harvard and others – is installing a free basic-level wireless Internet network throughout the city. It is accessible via the SSID “Cambridge Public Internet.”

▶ **Sewer** 617-349-4851

www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks

The Sewer Division of the Dept of Public Works maintains the Cambridge sewer collection system.

▶ **Telephone** Cambridge area codes are 617 and 857. Dial 1 plus the area code for long distance calls.

Local & Long Distance Service

AT&T 800-501-3045 www.att.com

Comcast 800-COMCAST

www.comcast.com

Verizon 800-870-9999

www.verizon.com

▶ **Water** 617-349-4770

www.cambridgema.gov/CWD

Cambridge operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Visit the Web site to pay online.

▶ **Important Numbers**

Emergency: Police, Fire and Ambulance 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
 E. Denise Simmons, Mayor
 The Mayor chairs City Council and School Committee meetings and serves as the City's political leader. E-mail: mayor@cambridgema.gov

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



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

www.cambridgema.gov

▶ **City Information Lines**

Construction Information 617-349-6948
 Graffiti Hotline 617-349-6955
 Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.) 617-349-4044
 Parks and Urban Forestry 617-349-6434
 Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs 617-349-4854
 Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
 Recycling/Hazardous Waste 617-349-4005
 Rodent Control 617-349-4899
 School Closings/Information Line 617-349-6513
 Snow Emergency Parking Bans 617-349-4700
 Snow Hotline (unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903

▶ **City Departments**

Affirmative Action (pg. 17) 617-349-4331
 Animal Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-4376
 Arts Council (pg. 28) 617-349-4380
 Assessing (pg. 18) 617-349-4343
 Auditing 617-349-4240
 Budget 617-349-4270
 City Clerk (pg. 18) 617-349-4260
 City Council Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4280
 City Manager's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4300
 CITY TV-8 (pg. 28) 617-349-4296
 Community Development (pg. 20) 617-349-4600
 Commission for Persons w/ Disabilities (pg. 21) 617-349-4692

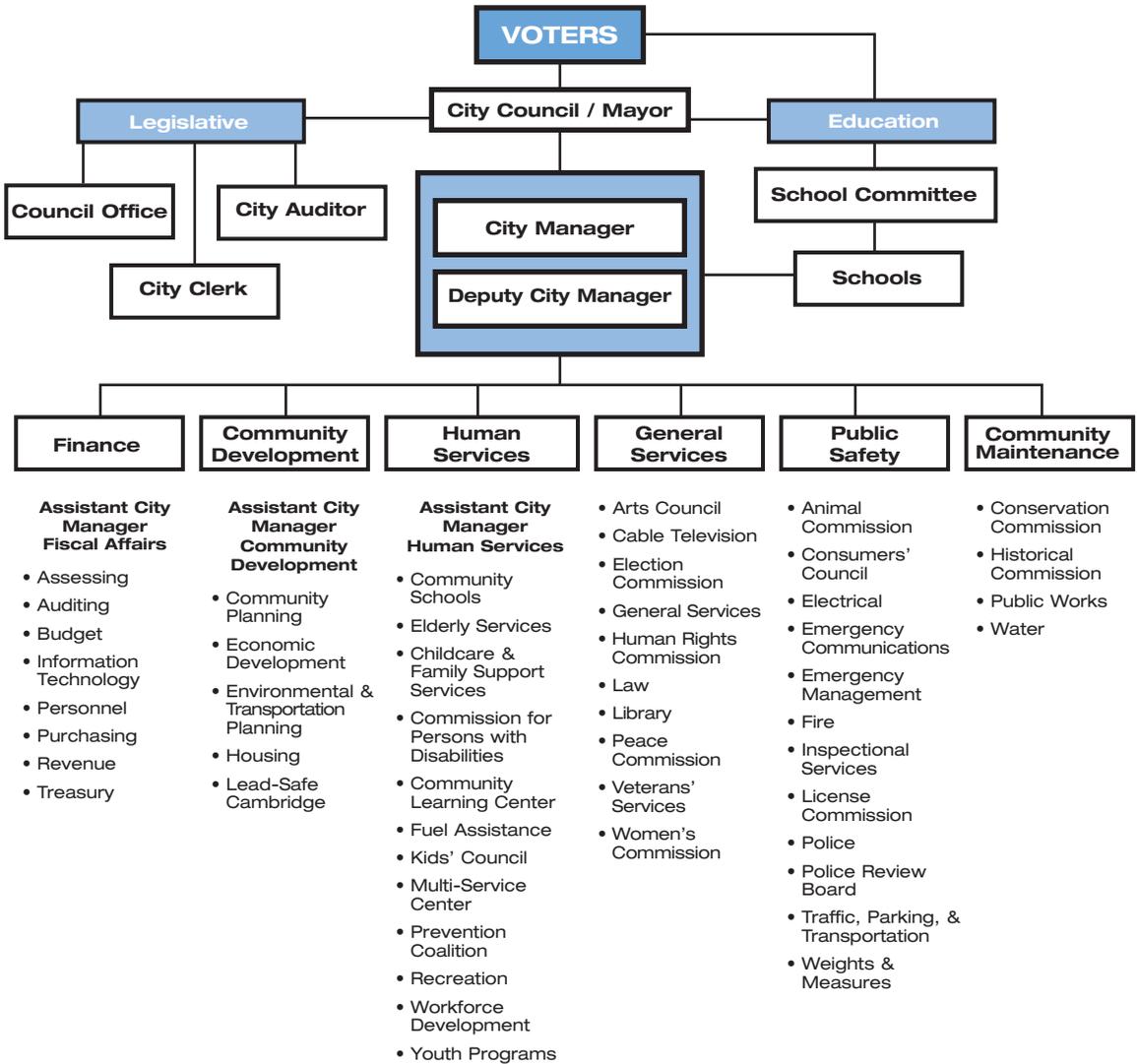
TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission (pg. 25) 617-349-4680
 Consumers' Council (pg. 17) 617-349-6150
 Election Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4361
 Electrical 617-349-4925
 Emergency Communications (pg. 25) 617-349-6911
 Emergency Management (pg. 25) 617-349-4842
 Finance (pg. 18) 617-349-4220
 Fire (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-4900
 Historical Commission (pg. 28) 617-349-4683
 Human Rights Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4396
 Human Services (pg. 21) 617-349-6200
 Information Technology (IT) 617-349-4140
 Inspectional Services (pg. 18) 617-349-6100
 Law 617-349-4121
 Library (pg. 27) 617-349-4040
 License Commission (pg. 18) 617-349-6140
 Mayor's Office (pg. 15) 617-349-4321
 Peace Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4694
 Personnel (pg. 17) 617-349-4332
 Police (non-emergency) (pg. 25) 617-349-3300
 Police Review & Advisory Board (pg. 17) 617-349-6155
 Public Health Department (pg. 24) 617-665-3800
 Public Works (pg. 19) 617-349-4800
 Purchasing (pg. 20) 617-349-4310
 Schools (pg. 23) 617-349-6400
 Traffic, Parking and Transportation (pg. 19) 617-349-4700
 Veterans' Services (pg. 17) 617-349-4761
 Water (pg. 14) 617-349-4770
 Weights & Measures (pg. 17) 617-349-6133
 Women's Commission (pg. 17) 617-349-4697

▶ **Other Helpful Numbers**

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

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CAMBRIDGE POLITICAL SYSTEM

► Cambridge Political System Plan E Form of Government – Proportional Representation

The City of Cambridge is governed by the Plan E form of Government. Nine City Councillors and six School Committee members are elected at large every two years under the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which allows voters to vote for as many candidates as they wish, but they must indicate their order of preference among those candidates by numbering each choice. Once elected, the City Council then elects a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

The Mayor chairs the City Council and School Committee and serves as the City's political leader. The City Council appoints a City Manager to serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer.

For more information on voting and the election process, call the Cambridge Election Commission at 617-349-4361 or visit their Web site, www.cambridgema.gov/Election.

CITY ORDINANCES

► Cambridge Municipal Code City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260

Cambridge Municipal Code, organized by subject matter and updated biannually, can be viewed online. Visit the City's Web site, www.cambridgema.gov, and click on "Cambridge Municipal Code" located in the lower left corner. The most recent and official version of the Code is on file at the City Clerk's Office.

▶ **Cambridge Election Commission**
 51 Inman Street, 1st Floor 617-349-4361
www.cambridgema.gov/Election

▶ **Upcoming Elections**

- State Primary will be held on September 16, 2008
- State/Presidential Elections will be held on November 4, 2008

▶ **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. Election mail-in forms are available at all Cambridge post offices, public libraries, schools, firehouses and at the City Clerk's office.

▶ **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 Election Commission.

RIGHTS AND RESOURCES

▶ **Affirmative Action Office** 617-349-4331
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/aff

Works to ensure compliance of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in accordance with the intent of the regulations and guidelines of federal and state agencies.

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

Addresses disability issues. See full listing on page 21.

▶ **Consumers' Council**

617-349-6150 www.cambridgema.gov/consumer

For information on consumer rights and assistance in resolution of the full range of consumer disputes, including auto sales, home repair, debt collection and landlord/tenant issues.

▶ **Human Rights Commission**

617-349-4396 www.cambridgema.gov/HRC

Investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination in Cambridge in housing, employment, education and public accommodations.

▶ **Personnel Department**
 617-349-4332
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/personnel.html

City job openings are posted in City Hall, in libraries and on the Web site. Cambridge is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

▶ **Peace Commission**
 617-349-4694
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/peace.html

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

▶ **Police Review & Advisory Board**
 617-349-6155
www.cambridgema.gov/PRAB

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

▶ **Weights & Measures**
 617-349-6133
www.cambridgema.gov/weight

Provides equity in the marketplace for consumers and businesses by providing quality inspections of weight, measure or pricing issues.

▶ **Women's Commission**
 617-349-4697
www.cambridgema.gov/Women

Advances the equal status of women and girls through programming, policy and legislation; provides technical assistance, advocacy and consultation to government, local agencies and individuals.

▶ **Veterans' Services Department**
 617-349-4761
www.cambridgema.gov/vet

Provides financial assistance to needy veterans and/or their dependents. Assists veterans and their families in applying for federal VA benefits, as well as state and local veterans' programs and services.



April is Fair Housing Month and Fair Housing Act's 40th Anniversary

The Cambridge Human Rights Commission is hosting the 15th Annual Fair Housing Month Awards Ceremony in April (Date TBA) and celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The Act essentially prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of

dwellings. It also prohibits discrimination in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. Each year, over 200 Cambridge students from 6th-8th grade participate in an Essay and Poster Contest on what fair housing means to them. Photo: Meteorologist Matt Noyes and HUD representative Mary Sales with 2007 Essay winner Dominique Scott from the Morse School.

- ▶ **Animal Commission** 617-349-4376
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/animal.html
Annual dog registration/licensing, rabies vaccination clinics and animal-related issues.
- ▶ **Arts Council** 617-349-4380
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
Issues Street Performer Permits.
- ▶ **Assessing Dept** 617-349-4343
www.cambridgema.gov/Assessor
Manages commercial and residential property values and the property database, including changes of title and subdivisions, and personal property (business) tax. Administers residential exemption tax relief programs, including community outreach for taxpayer assistance. Processes commitments of motor vehicle excise tax. Grants abatements/personal exemptions of real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax.
- ▶ **City Clerk's Office** 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk
Official record keeper for the City. Issues: Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates; Domestic Partnership Registration and Termination; and assorted Business Certificates.
- ▶ **Community Development Department** 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd
Planning Board special permits and sign certificates as may be required by zoning.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission** 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
Issues Wetlands Protection Act Permits.
- ▶ **Finance Dept** 617-349-4220
www.cambridgema.gov/dept/finance.html Real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes; water and sewer charges; municipal lien certificates.
- ▶ **Fire Dept** 617-349-4918
www.cambridgefire.org Permits for smoke detectors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, fuel storage and use.
- ▶ **Health Dept** 617-665-3800
www.cambridgepublichealth.org
Regulates massage therapists, body art establishments, indoor ice rinks, and tanning salons. Oversees care and use of laboratory research animals and issues recombinant DNA permits to biotech firms.
- ▶ **Historical Commission** 617-349-4683
www.cambridgema.gov/Historic
Permits to alter a designated building or to demolish a building over 50 years old.

- ▶ **Inspectional Services** 617-349-6100 www.cambridgema.gov/Inspection
Administers state building codes; building, demolition, asbestos removal, and sign permits; electrical, gas, plumbing and sprinkler permits; certificates of occupancy/inspection; curb cut applications; sanitary code inspections; permitting for restaurants/day camps/pools/tobacco sale; enforcement of zoning ordinance. Call for construction-related noise complaints.
- ▶ **License Commission** 617-349-6140 www.cambridgema.gov/License
Administers licenses and enforces regulations governing: alcohol, antique stores, auctions, entertainment, festivals, garage and gasoline, hackney, hackneyer, jitney, livery/limousine, lodging, open air parking, package goods, palm readers, peddlers/vendors, and restaurants. Call for repetitive noise complaints.
- ▶ **Police Department** 617-349-3337
www.cambridgepolice.org Permits to carry firearms.
- ▶ **Public Works** 617-349-4800
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Issues permits for:
 - Special events and using parks for non-athletic use 617-349-4846
 - Filming or photographing on City property 617-349-4846
 - Newsrack vendors 617-349-4869
 - Construction-related permits (sidewalk obstruction and excavation, boom/concrete trucks, cranes) 617-349-4833
- ▶ **Recreation Division** 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm
Reserving a field for athletic use.
- ▶ **Traffic & Parking** 617-349-4721 www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic
Permits for residential street parking, visitor parking, street obstruction/closure, construction truck/traffic clearance, moving vans, moving containers or crates, media vans, dumpsters, military personnel parking, traffic special permit (VIP reserved areas, parades, road races), and changes in quantity, use, or location of off-street parking spaces. Available forms include those for parking ticket and tow disputes, traffic sign and signal inquiries and complaints.
- ▶ **Water Department** 617-349-4770 www.cambridgema.gov/CWD
Permits for: water-related construction, hydrant use and special events at Fresh Pond Reservation.

Issues and Concerns

This partial listing will provide a starting-point for raising issues and concerns to the appropriate City department:

- Consumer disputes 617-349-6152
- Discrimination in housing, employment, other 617-349-4396
- Graffiti hotline 617-349-6955
- Noise complaints (construction-related) 617-349-6100
- Noise complaints (both repetitive and immediate) 617-349-3300
- Parking ticket issues 617-349-4700
- Potholes / sidewalks / street repairs 617-349-4854
- Public Works (24 hr. emergency service) 617-349-4860
- Rodent control 617-349-4899
- Snow hotline (report unshoveled/icy sidewalks) 617-349-4903
- Street light repair 617-349-4925

▶ **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 617-349-4851
 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 617-349-4849**

Provides weekly curbside pickup 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; upcoming dates are listed on pgs 30 - 31. For a full schedule, visit the DPW Web site.

▶ **Curbside Recycling 617-349-4879**

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

▶ **Traffic Parking & Transportation Department**

344 Broadway 617-349-4700
www.cambridgema.gov/Traffic

For information on resident and disability parking, parking tickets, off-street parking, moving vans, street signs, traffic signals and more.

▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits 617-349-4700**

Resident permits are required to park on residential streets. Your vehicle must be principally garaged in Cambridge and you must have proof of your residency (a utility bill dated within the last 30 days, indicating your Cambridge residence and in the same name as the vehicle registration). Visitor passes are also available and restricted to one per household. Visitors to a residential household should use the visitor pass.

▶ **Parking Ticket Payment/Disputes 617-349-4700**

Tickets can be paid online at www.cambridgema.gov/traffic; by phone at 617-491-7277; by mail at P.O. Box 399113, Cambridge, MA 02139; and in person at 344 Broadway, Cambridge. Tickets can be disputed by using the online dispute form on the department's Web site. You will be notified of your hearing date by mail.

▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Ban 617-349-4700**

When a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of smaller streets. Check posted signs carefully. To find out if a ban is in effect, call, visit www.cambridgema.gov or check CITY TV-8. For a list and map of parking restrictions, or information on available off-street parking, visit www.cambridgema.gov/traffic/snow.cfm.

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 617-349-4879
 Tuesday & Thursday, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Accepts a range of materials not picked up at curbside. Visit the DPW Web site for a full list.

▶ **Yard Waste 617-349-4800**

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

▶ **Snow Removal Ordinance**

617-349-4800

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, call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220.

▶ **Street Lights 617-349-4925**

To report a streetlight that is not working, call the electrical dept. at the number listed above (24 hrs.) or e-mail streetlightrepair@cambridgema.gov.

TRAFFIC & PARKING

▶ **Moving Van Permits**

617-349-4721

Residents can reserve a space in front of their buildings for moving vans. The online permit application must be submitted 4 days prior to the move date.

▶ **Permits 617-349-4721**

The Traffic Parking & Transportation Department issues permits for: block parties, street obstruction, moving vans, dumpsters and contractor parking. All applications are available online.

▶ **Towed Vehicles 617-349-3300**

Call number above with your license plate or check directly with these towing companies:
 B&B 617-492-5781
 Pat's 617-354-4000
 Phil's 617-547-3701

▶ **Signed Disability Parking Space 617-349-4700 (TTY) 617-349-4621**

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

▶ **Community Development Department (CDD)**
 344 Broadway 617-349-4600
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD

The mission of the Community Development Department is to enhance the physical environment and quality of life for Cambridge's highly diverse population. This is accomplished by planning and managing physical change and encouraging economic growth to strengthen the City's tax base, produce affordable housing and employment opportunities, and provide services to residents.

▶ **Community Planning Division (CDD) 617-349-4651**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/cp

Information and technical assistance on zoning, land use, urban design, demographic and geographic analysis, neighborhood planning, and development and renovation of parks and open space.

▶ **Economic Development (CDD) 617-349-4637**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

Offers assistance to businesses, works to promote an environment for business growth and helps

maintain thriving commercial districts. Programs include business counseling, façade improvement and retail best practices programs, real estate site search, support for job training and production of a development log.

▶ **Environmental & Transportation Planning (CDD) 617-349-4604** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/et

Provides information and assistance on streetscape improvements, traffic calming, pedestrian/bicycle programs, vehicle trip reduction, climate protection and preventing childhood lead poisoning.

▶ **Housing Division (CDD) 617-349-4622** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/hsg

Provides information and support for affordable rental housing production, homeownership opportunities, home improvement loans, and education and financial assistance for first time homebuyers.

▶ **Lead Safe Cambridge (CDD) 617-349-5323** www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/lead

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

▶ **Cambridge Housing Authority 617-864-3020** www.cambridge-housing.org

Develops and manages affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. Call for information on public housing or Section 8.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

▶ **Biotech Resources**
www.cambridgebiotech.org

Administered by the Economic Development Division, this Web site provides listings helpful to the biotech industry, including business resources, academic and research institutes, City agencies and resources, and commercial real estate ventures.

▶ **Business Certificates**
 City Clerk's Office 617-349-4260
www.cambridgema.gov/CityClrk

A person, partnership or corporation conducting business in Cambridge under a name other than their own or corporate name must file a business certificate with the City Clerk's Office.

▶ **Cambridge Chamber of Commerce 617-876-4100**
www.cambridgechamber.org

▶ **Central Square Business Assoc. 617-441-7707**
www.centralsquarecambridge.com

▶ **Economic Development Division 617-349-4637**
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/ed

Programs aimed at revitalizing commercial districts, supporting entrepreneurship and preserving a

strong employment base. Offers individual business development assistance, commercial façade and interior improvement assistance (matching grants available), site selection assistance, and training for entry level biotech and health care employment.

▶ **Harvard Square Business Association 617-491-3434** www.harvardsquare.com

▶ **Inman Square Business Association**
www.inmansquare.com

▶ **Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234** www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/owd.cfm

Helps employers meet their hiring needs by connecting them to adult and teen Cambridge residents looking for jobs. Businesses interested in hosting site visits for teens, or in conducting mock interviews to help adults and teens improve their interview skills, are encouraged to call.

▶ **Purchasing Department 617-349-4310** www.cambridgema.gov/purchasing

Administers purchasing for the City, ensuring that purchases are made in accordance with the law, are fair and competitive, and are obtained at the lowest possible cost. Visit the Web site for a list of open bids, solicitation documents and information on doing business with the City.

▶ **Women in Business Connection 617-661-WIBC** www.wibconnection.org

▶ **Dept. of Human Service Programs (DHSP)**

51 Inman Street 617-349-6200
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2

Provides a wide range of services that enhance the quality of life of Cambridge residents.

▶ **Adult Basic Education**

Provides basic literacy instruction, high school diploma and GED preparation, and English for speakers of other languages. Special programs include computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents and homeless adults, a transition to college program, family literacy, citizenship preparation, and workplace education for local businesses.

Community Learning Center 617-349-6363
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

▶ **Children, Youth & Families**

Assists with advocacy/policy, afterschool programs, community schools, family and senior events, literacy support, preschool childcare, youth programs, youth centers, teams and organizations.

Cambridge Prevention Coalition 617-349-6283

The mission of the coalition is substance abuse prevention.

Center for Families 617-349-6385

Child-Care and Family Support Services 617-349-6200

Community Schools 617-349-6200

Kids' Council 617-349-6239

Youth and Teen Programs 617-349-6200

▶ **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/disabilities.cfm

617-349-4692 (TTY) 617-492-0235

Provides information on disability 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.

Temporary Disability Parking Permits 617-349-4692

Taxi Discount Coupons 617-349-4692

▶ **Employment Assistance**

Provides job search assistance to adults, including resume preparation, career counseling, interview skills training and job-readiness workshops. Services for teens include career exploration and work opportunities, including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Office of Workforce Development 617-349-6234

Cambridge Employment Program 617-349-6166

▶ **Housing Assistance, Homelessness & Hunger**

Provides services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals, including housing search assistance, counseling as appropriate, advocacy for elders and persons with disabilities, and referral to food programs. Services are available to the Haitian population regardless of homeless status. The Fuel Assistance Program provides winter heating assistance to residents based on need.

Fuel Assistance Program 617-349-6252
Multi-Service Center 617-349-6340
 for the Homeless

▶ **Recreation**

Provides year-round affordable and accessible recreation opportunities for residents of all ages. The Recreation Division also manages City-wide and neighborhood-based programs and facilities.

Recreation 617-349-6200

▶ **Seniors**

The Senior Centers offer enrichment, recreational and social activities. Social services, meal programs, food pantry, counseling and support groups, transportation services, home-based services, volunteer opportunities, taxi coupons, and other discounts are available for seniors age 60 and up.

Council on Aging 617-349-6220

Citywide Senior Ctr. 617-349-6060

806 Massachusetts Ave.

No. Cambridge Senior Ctr. 617-349-6320

2050 Massachusetts Ave.

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

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

22nd Annual 5-Mile CityRun & 3-Mile CityWalk

Presented by Dept. of Human Service Programs & Marathon Sports

Sunday, April 6 Registration: 8:45 – 10 a.m. Race Start: 10:30 a.m.

The scenic, flat, tree-lined course starts and finishes at the Fresh Pond Golf Course Clubhouse, 691 Huron Avenue in Cambridge. Two miles into the race, the course runs along the perimeter of the Fresh Pond Reservoir.

Entry Fee: \$20 through April 1. \$25 thereafter.

Proceeds Benefit: Friends of Cambridge Athletics and The Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund.

Registration: Register online at www.cambridgecityrun.com, call 617-354-4161, or register in one of 5 Marathon Sports stores.

Certification: Race measured and certified by U.S.A.T.F.



Photo by Peter Payack

▶ **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
617-349-6200

- East Cambridge Preschool**
(at Kennedy/Longfellow)
- Haggerty Preschool**
- King Open Preschool**
- Martin Luther King Preschool**
- Morse Preschool**
- Peabody Preschool**

▶ **Afterschool Childcare Programs**
617-349-6200

- Fletcher/Maynard Afterschool**
- King Afterschool**
- King Open Extended Day**
- Morse Afterschool**
- Peabody Afterschool**

▶ **Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools** **617-349-6200**
www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/commschools.cfm

Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools offer educational, recreational and social programs for all ages, including afterschool enrichment classes, school vacation programs and summer camps.

- Agassiz** (at Baldwin School) 617-349-6287
- Cambridgeport** 617-349-6307
- Fitzgerald** (at Peabody School) 617-349-6302
- Fletcher/Maynard** 617-349-6295
- Haggerty** 617-349-6264
- Harrington** (at King Open) 617-349-6305
- Kennedy** 617-349-6308
- Linnaean** (at Graham & Parks) 617-349-6267
- Longfellow** 617-349-6260
- King** (at MLK School) 617-349-6269
- Morse** 617-349-6291
- Tobin** 617-349-6300

▶ **Programs for Individuals with Special Needs** **617-349-6200**

Afterschool, weekend and summer recreation programs for children and youth with special needs. 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 academic skills at five City youth centers throughout the city. Four licensed afterschool programs and one specialized middle school program for 9-13 years olds, while five teen programs offer work-based learning and enrichment activities, plus sports and leisure activities for teens, 14-19 years old.

- Area 4** 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262
 - Frisoli** 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312
 - Gately*** 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277
 - Moore** 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273
 - West Cambridge** 110 Cushing Street 617-349-6314
- * *Middle School Partnership at Gately 617-349-3004*

▶ **Center for Families**

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



Students from the Peabody AfterSchool Program at the State House with Governor Deval Patrick.

▶ **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, 2007

First Grade: children must be 6 years old by August 31, 2007

The Family Resource Center, open year-round, registers students for school and connects families with local services, including pre-school and afterschool programs. Call schools to arrange tours.

▶ **School Committee** 617-349-6620 www.cpsd.us

Six members of the board are elected at large, while the Mayor serves as Chair. The committee determines overall School Department policy and budget. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except July and August). They are open to the public and are telecast and rebroadcast on Cable Ch. 99.

▶ **Public Elementary Schools**

Amigos School (Grades K - 8)
 100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6567

Maria L. Baldwin School (Grades K - 8)
 28 Sacramento Street 617-349-6525

Cambridgeport School (Grades K - 8)
 89 Elm Street 617-349-6587

Fletcher / Maynard Academy (Grades K - 8)
 225 Windsor Street 617-349-6588

Graham & Parks (Grades K - 8)
 44 Linnaean Street 617-349-6577

Haggerty School (Grades K - 6)
 110 Cushing Street 617-349-6555

Kennedy / Longfellow School (Grades K - 8)
 158 Spring Street 617-349-6841

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School (Grades K - 8)
 100 Putnam Avenue 617-349-6562

King Open School (Grades K - 8)
 850 Cambridge Street 617-349-6540

Morse School (Grades K - 8)
 40 Granite Street 617-349-6575

Peabody School (Grades K - 8)
 70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-6530

Tobin School* (Grades K - 8)
 197 Vassal Lane 617-349-6600

* The Montessori program became available to children between the ages of 3 and 6 in September 2007.

▶ **Public High School**
Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
 459 Broadway (Grades 9 - 12)
www.cpsd.us/crls 617-349-6630

Rindge School of Technical Arts
www.rindgetech.com 617-349-7782

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

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

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

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

Farr Academy
 71 Pearl Street 617-492-4922

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

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

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

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

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

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

International School of Boston (PK - 12)
 45 Matignon Road 617-499-1451

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

North Cambridge Catholic High School
 40 Norris Street
 (Grades 9 - 12) 617-876-6068

Shady Hill School (Grades PK - 8)
 178 Coolidge Hill 617-868-1260

St Peter Elementary School (Grades PK - 8)
 96 Concord Avenue 617-547-0101

▶ **Volunteering**
Cambridge School Volunteers
www.csvinc.org 617-349-6794

▶ **Hospitals****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Mount Auburn Hospital

330 Mount Auburn Street 617-492-3500

Youville Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

1575 Cambridge Street 617-876-4344

▶ **Cambridge Health Alliance****1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2300****www.challiance.org**

This innovative healthcare system provides high quality care throughout Cambridge. It includes three hospitals, 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.

CHA Connections Line 877-637-2273**Mental Health Referral Line 617-665-1560**▶ **Cambridge Facilities of Cambridge Health Alliance:****The Cambridge Hospital**

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1000

Cambridge Pediatrics

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1264

Primary Care Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-1068

Cambridge Women's Health Center

1493 Cambridge Street 617-665-2800

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 made possible by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville, the Cambridge Health Alliance, the Agenda for Children, and the Somerville Community Health Foundation. The database covers 26 different service areas, such as legal, family support, employment and immigration.

▶ **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center****99 Bishop Allen Drive****617-841-8371 www.barcc.org**

Comprehensive sexual assault services.

▶ **RESPOND, Inc.****P.O.Box 555, Somerville****617-623-5900 www.respondinc.org**

Domestic violence services, including shelter.

▶ **Transition House 617-868-1650****Crisis: 617-661-7203 649 Mass. Ave.****www.transitionhouse.org**

Domestic violence outreach and intervention.

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 fire prevention and safety information. The CFD also issues permits for smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, welding and torch use, and flammable storage.
- ▶ **Emergency Communications Department**
Emergency 911 Administration 617-349-6911
www.cambridge911.org
Operates the City's combined Emergency Communications and 911 Center (ECC), 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.

PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION

- ▶ **Parks and Forestry Division of Public Works**
617-349-4880
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
Public Works maintains approximately 80 parks, playgrounds and tot lots throughout the city. To download a terrific listing of Cambridge parks and playgrounds, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/cp/parks/osmap.pdf
- ▶ **Recreation Division of DHSP**
617-349-6200 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm
Reserve a field (athletic use) 617-349-6238
Reserve a park (non-athletic) 617-349-4846
The City of Cambridge also maintains basketball courts, tennis courts, softball, soccer and other athletic fields. Call for information on adult softball and basketball leagues, youth and family recreational programs, pools, special needs camps, afterschool programs, and a summer program.
- ▶ **Gold Star Pool**
Berkshire & Cambridge Streets
617-349-6310
Open July through August.
- ▶ **War Memorial Pool & Fieldhouse** 617-349-6237
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, 1640 Cambridge St.
Offers year-round swimming and recreational opportunities.
- ▶ **Danehy Park** 99 Sherman Street 617-349-4895
This 55-acre park includes tot lots, water play feature, picnic areas, soccer and softball fields. In September, the City hosts Danehy Park Family Day, a free event featuring children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, roving performers, free hot dogs, chips and soda. Permits are required for use of athletic fields.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Reservation** 617-349-4793
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.
- ▶ **Fresh Pond Municipal Golf Course**
617-349-6282 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/recreation.cfm A nine-hole course located at 691 Huron Avenue.
- ▶ **Conservation Commission**
344 Broadway 617-349-4680
www.cambridgema.gov/CCC
The Commission protects and enhances the City's natural resources through regulatory review, planning, advocacy and education. Also administers Wetlands Protection Act Permits and the Community Garden Program.

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

▶ **Bus Routes** 617-222-3200
 Fare is typically \$1.25 with CharlieCard. Includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to subway & express bus. A few “zoned local” routes and longer bus rides cost more. Fare is \$1.50 with CharlieTicket. Includes free transfer to local bus. Does not apply to cash-on-board rides.

▶ **Subway (the “T”)** 617-222-3200
www.mbta.com/traveling_t/schedules_subway.asp
 Cambridge is served by the red and green lines. Cambridge stations are: Alewife, Porter, Harvard, Central and Kendall on the red line, and Lechmere on the green line. With some exceptions, the fare is \$1.70 with CharlieCard (includes free transfer to local bus, discounted transfer to express bus). Fare is \$2 with CharlieTicket.

▶ **Reusable, Rechargeable CharlieCards & Tickets**
 The MBTA recently introduced fare vending equipment and the reusable, rechargeable CharlieCards and CharlieTickets. For regular travel, the most affordable, flexible and convenient way to ride is with the CharlieCard. Load a monthly T-Pass on your CharlieCard for unlimited travel on Subway and Local Bus. Weekly passes are also available.

CharlieCard: Plastic, stored-value, online account management and auto-reload features. Riders pay standard T fare.

CharlieTicket: Paper, stored-value. Riders pay standard fare plus a surcharge. No surcharge when storing a T-Pass.

▶ **Commuter Rail** 617-222-3200
 Beginning at North Station, the Fitchburg Line connects Porter Square with stops including Belmont, Concord, and Ayer, ending in Fitchburg.

▶ **Cambridge-North Station EZRide Shuttle**
 617-8EZ-Info www.EZRide.info
 A service of the Charles River Transportation Management Association (CRTMA). EZRide connects with the MBTA at North Station, Lechmere and Kendall Square, and with several Cambridge destinations such as the Galleria and University Park. It operates every 12 minutes during peak hours, Monday-Friday, except holidays. The fare is \$1.



REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

▶ **Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles**
1-866-627-7768 www.mass.gov/rmv

Boston RMV (full service)

630 Washington Street, Boston

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

Cambridge RMV (limited services)

Cambridgeside Galleria Mall, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge

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

▶ **Driver's License**

If you have moved to Cambridge from out of state, you must obtain a Massachusetts driver's license to retain driving privileges.

If you have moved to Cambridge from elsewhere within Massachusetts, you must notify the Registry of your address change within 30 days.

▶ **Vehicle Registration**

You must register your vehicle in Massachusetts as soon as you become a Massachusetts resident. A full description of the registration process is provided at www.mass.gov/rmv/regs/index.htm.

▶ **Vehicle Inspection**

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

LIBRARIES

▶ **Libraries**

617-349-4040 www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org

Offers books, CDs, DVDs, 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

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

▶ **Accessible Cambridge Taxi (ACT)**
888-872-6721 www.brattlecourier.com

The City's License Commission works with a dispatch service company that provides wheelchair-accessible taxicab service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All Cambridge-based taxicab companies participate in the ACT program.

▶ **Cambridge Taxicab Companies**

Ambassador Brattle 617-492-1100

Cambridge Cab Company 617-776-5000

Checker Cab 617-497-9000

Classic Cab 617-492-0555

Star Taxi 617-876-8888

UTS Cab 617-661-2500

Yellow Cab 617-547-3000

▶ **Taxi Discount Coupons**

Taxi coupons are available for Cambridge residents who are elderly or have disabilities. Residents who are 60+ should call the Council on Aging at 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY). Residents with disabilities should call the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY).

POST OFFICE

▶ **Post Office**

800-275-8777 www.usps.com

Main Branch: Central Square,

770 Massachusetts Avenue

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.,

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Branch Offices: Harvard Square, Porter Square, Kendall Square, Inman Square, East Cambridge and MIT



A view from the Children's Room at Central Square Library branch.

▶ **Arts, Historical and Tourism Organizations****Cambridge Art Association**617-876-0246 www.cambridgeart.org**Cambridge Arts Council (CAC)**617-349-4380 www.cambridgeartscouncil.org

For Street Performer permits, artist grants, public art commissions, cultural events and artist/performer resources.

Cambridge Artists Coop617-868-4434 www.cambridgeartistscoop.com**Cambridge Center for Adult Education**617-547-6789 www.ccae.org**Cambridge Historical Commission**617-349-4683 www.cambridgema.gov/Historic

Administers historic districts and landmarks; provides technical assistance on historic preservation; and maintains an archive of the City's architectural and social history (researchers should call for an appointment). Grants are available for eligible low/moderate income homeowners and non-profit agencies with historic properties.

Cambridge Historical Society617-547-4252 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 Music617-492-8105 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.hmn.harvard.edu**Longfellow National Historic Site**617-876-4491 www.nps.gov/long**MIT-List Visual Arts Center**617-253-4680 web.mit.edu/lvac**MIT Museum**617-253-9607 web.mit.edu/museum**Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology**617-496-1027 www.peabody.harvard.edu▶ **Galleries****Art Interactive**617-498-0100 www.artinteractive.org**Cambridge Arts Council Gallery**617-349-4380 344 Broadway
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org**Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center**617-577-1400 www.cmacusa.org**Out of the Blue Art Gallery**617-354-5287 www.outoftheblueartgallery.com▶ **Theaters****Actors' Shakespeare Project**617-547-1982 www.actorsshakespeareproject.org**American Repertory Theatre**617-547-8300 www.amrep.org**Brattle Theatre**617-876-6837 www.brattlefilm.org**ImprovBoston Theater**617-576-1253 www.improvboston.com**Sanders Theatre**617-496-2222
www.fas.harvard.edu/~memhall/sanders.html▶ **Community Television****Cambridge Community Television****(CCTV) Channels 9, 10, and 22****617-661-6900 www.cctvcambridge.org**

Offering three community access cable channels, CCTV is a public forum for Cambridge residents, businesses and organizations.

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

Provides both original and acquired programming drawn from and relating to the City of Cambridge. City Council meetings are broadcast live Mondays (5:30 p.m.) and repeated Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10 a.m.).

Cambridge resident and artist Mela Lyman's work will be on exhibit at CAC Gallery through May 30. See www.cambridgeartscouncil.org.

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

American Friends Service Committee

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

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.cccrcinc.org

Community Dispute Settlement Center

60 Gore Street 617-876-5376 www.communitydispute.org

Community Learning Center 19 Brookline Street

617-349-6363 www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/clc.cfm

Concilio Hispano 105 Windsor Street

617-661-9406 www.conciliohispano.org

Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Society

41 Hampshire Street 617-876-5160

Educators for Social Responsibility

23 Garden Street 617-492-1764

www.esrnational.org

Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway 617-349-6391

www.friendsoffreshpond.org



A Summerbridge Cambridge teacher helps a 6th grader in her literature class.

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

158 Spring 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

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

April

CAC Gallery Exhibit by Mela Lyman 2/25 – 5/30
www.cambridgeartsCouncil.org 617-349-4380

CAC Gallery will be transformed into Lyman's painting studio. Come see the evolution of her re-imagined mural for Paine Park. Artist reception on 5/19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

22nd Annual 5 Mile CITYRUN and 3 Mile CITYWALK 4/6

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

Rabies Vaccination Clinic – Dogs Only 4/12
 Cambridge Animal Commission 617-349-4376

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

Patriots' Day Observance 4/21
 Veterans' Services Department www.cambridgema.gov/vet

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 4/26
 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.

Firefighter Municipal Service Examination 4/26
www.mass.gov/civilservice 617-349-4332

The City of Cambridge is recruiting women and men to take the Firefighter Municipal Service exam. Filing deadline is March 18, 2008.

Cambridge Science Festival 4/26 – 5/4
 Cambridge Science Festival www.cambridgesciencefestival.org

During nine days in April, the City of Cambridge erupts with 200 free & open events designed to excite, engage and educate the public. Kickoff Carnival at City Hall on 4/26 from Noon – 4 p.m.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops April 2, 9, 16, 23
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622

A free, four-week workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. Topics include an overview of the homebuying process, obtaining a mortgage, legal issues, home inspections, and information on Cambridge's financial assistance programs. Class time: 6 – 8 p.m.

May

Dance Month (15th Annual) 617-547-9363
www.dancecomplex.org

Month-long celebration of dance. Kickoff party: May 3, 8 p.m. @ Dance Complex, 536 Mass. Ave. Features live music and an award ceremony.

GoGreen Month 617-349-4671
www.cambridgema.gov/gogreen

Month-long celebration of transportation options, recycling and energy conservation. Includes Bike Week, commuter appreciation days, transportation fairs and the GoGreen Business awards.

The Wonder of Water 5/4 – 10
 Cambridge Water Department www.cambridgema.gov/CWD

This week-long open house at the Walter J. Sullivan Water Purification Facility marks Drinking Water Week with kids' activities, hay rides scavenger hunts, demonstrations and tours.

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

April 26 – May 4

Kickoff Carnival:

Saturday April 26, Noon – 4 p.m.

**Cambridge City Hall,
 795 Mass. Ave.**

Free and open to all!

This is the first and only full-scale celebration of science and technology in the United States. During nine days in April, the City of Cambridge erupts with 200 free & open events designed to excite, engage and educate the public. Visit www.cambridgesciencefestival.org for a complete schedule of events. We take curiosity to a whole a new level!



GO GREEN MONTH

Month of May

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



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY

June 27

Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for the entire Cambridge community. After dark, colorful lights will shine, adding to the magic of the evening. For more information, visit www.cambridgema.com or call 617-349-4301.



MayFair in Harvard Square 5/4
Harvard Square Business Association
www.harvardsquare.com
Over 30 restaurant vendors, hundreds of street vendors, neighborhood sidewalk sales and chalk on the walk. Noon – 6 p.m.

Making Your Money Work **Weds Nights**
5/14 – 6/16 Economic Development Division
www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD
Get your personal finances in shape to reach personal goals like retirement, college, home-ownership and starting a business.

Community Bike Ride 5/17
www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/et/bike/index.html
617-349-4671
Discover new places in the city on these free bike tours organized by the Cambridge Bicycle Committee in honor of GoGreen Month.

National Public Works Week 5/18 – 24
www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks 617-349-4800

Memorial Day Parade and Observance 5/26
Veterans' Services Department
www.cambridgema.gov/vet
Parade at 9:30 a.m. from Cambridge Common to Cambridge Cemetery. Observance at 11 a.m.

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops
May 7, 14, 21, 28
www.cambridgema.gov/CDD 617-349-4622
A free, four-week workshop for first-time homebuyers. See April listing for details.

June

Center for Families Fun Day 6/7
617-349-6385
Fun activities for all ages: arts and crafts, bubbles, face painting, music, dance, moon bounce and games. Rindge Field (behind Peabody School). 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Free lunch served at noon.

Dragon Boat Festival 6/8
www.bostondragonboat.org
dragonboat@BostonChildrensMuseum.org
A 2,300 year old tradition transforms into an exciting sporting and cultural event on the Charles River. Includes races, crafts, and Asian foods.

Cambridge River Festival 6/14
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org
A celebration of the arts and summertime fun along the Charles River. Noon to 6 p.m.

Taste of Cambridge **June 19**
www.tasteofcambridge.com Rain date June 26
This food tasting extravaganza in Technology Square features samples of food and drink from restaurants throughout the city. Tickets are \$40 at the door.

Hoops 'N' Health 6/21
Cambridge Health Alliance 617-876-0713
Annual basketball and flag football tournament and health fair features DJ, live entertainment, free food, prizes, and children's games. Free and open to the public. Hoyt Field, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Secret Gardens of Cambridge 6/22
Friends of the Public Library 617-349-4029
This self-guided tour includes access to hidden private gardens, special green space and historic locations throughout the city. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance; \$25 on the day of the event.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party with Curious Creatures 6/26
Cambridge Public Library 617-349-4019
Curious Creature traveling animal show will bring live animals to the library! A fun-filled kick-off party for all ages beginning at 3:30 p.m.

City of Cambridge Dance Party 6/27
www.cambridgema.com 617-349-4301
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First-Time Homebuyer Workshops **June 4, 11, 18, 25**
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection **Date TBA**
Cambridge Public Works www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks
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July

First-Time Homebuyer Workshops **July 9, 16, 23, 30**
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A free, four-week workshop that prepares first-time homebuyers for homeownership. See April listing for details.

Summer in the City **July (dates & times vary)**
www.cambridgeartscouncil.org 617-349-4380
An array of multicultural and interactive performances throughout the City's public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater, and puppetry for children ages 4 – 11. Free and open to the public.

August

National Night Out Against Crime 8/5
www.nccf.nhfind.com 617-349-4293
"A Going Away Party to Crime and Drugs!" held at Rindge Field, 70 Rindge Ave. from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy free amusements, a community cookout, wildlife demonstrations, a raffle, info on crime and drug prevention, and appearances by local police and community leaders.

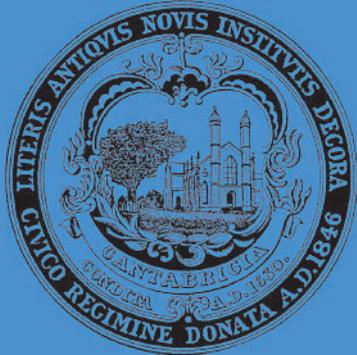
Cambridge Discovery Days 8/9 – 16
www.cambridgema.gov/historic/walks.html 617-349-4683
Explore historic and architectural Cambridge in all its diversity on informative walks and at events throughout Cambridge

Summer Reading Final Party with Jim St. Clair 8/21
Cambridge Public Library 617-349-4019
Enjoy a round of songs and stories with Jim St. Clair! All ages. 3:30 p.m. at the O'Connell Branch.

Cambridge Carnival 8/24
Cambridge Carnival International, Inc. www.cambridgecarnival.com
A colorful and festive celebration in Kendall Square featuring dazzling handmade costumes, music, parades, dancing, food, and craft exhibits.

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A celebration of the arts and summertime fun
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