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Dear Staff & Community,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Tip of the Week: As the days get longer, use natural light instead of electricity whenever possible.

***Today! Alewife Stormwater/Wetlands Restoration Project - A City Tour**

Monday, May 13th 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Join Catherine Woodbury for a guided walk through the Alewife Storm Water/ Wetland Restoration project. Catherine is DPW Project Manager, will give this tour to Friends of Alewife Reservation and the public. Come to check out this new site where over 68 thousand plants are installed, creating large volumes of water storage for North Cambridge and 3 levels of marsh for habitat, and boardwalk for public observation and recreation- all a part of the 3.5 acres of wetlands which include a storm water basin, forebay, oxbow, connected with a transit and pedestrian pathway from Belmont to Cambridge Alewife MBTA stop. Call FAR at 617-415-1884. For more details or Catherine at 617-349-4818. Meet at 165 Cambridge Park Drive, front of building. Please wear sturdy shoes for rough walking.

***Walk/Ride Day Challenge!**

The school department is participating in Walk Ride Days and the Corporate Challenge! The 2013 Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge is a competition among Boston area employers to encourage alternative commuting habits just one day a month, over the course of seven months. When you commute to school sustainably, check in here: <http://greenstreets.mapc.org/>. Thanks!

***For Teachers! Online Curriculum Resources:**

Check out our Office for Sustainability "Curriculum Resources" – a webpage page for teachers & students: http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/curriculum_resources.

***Virtual Recycling / Trash Tour**

City staff and members of the public are invited to attend a virtual recycling tour on Tuesday May 21 at 6pm at Public Works, the main conference room at 147 Hampshire St. I will show a video, share pictures and talk about how recycling gets separated at Casella Recycling in Charlestown and marketed to companies that make products from recycled materials, what happens to our trash as well as composting and zero waste. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, and thanks!

***Fresh Pond Day (*Correction from last week)**

Mark your calendar for June 8th (not May 19th)! Celebrate the land, water, wildlife and people that make Fresh Pond Reservation in Cambridge a unique and vital place. Events are for all ages, rain or shine. Events include: Children's StoryWalk,

Poster Coloring and Parade with Ranger Jean, Face Painting, Container Gardening, Arts and Crafts...and much more! Saturday June 8, 10 am-2 pm.

***Get Healthy and Have Fun Outside!**

The Cambridge Public Health Department's [Guide to Health, Fitness, and Fun](#) offers listings of teams, organizations, and venues that offer sports and recreational activities for Cambridge children. Available at [http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge in Motion Directory 2013.pdf](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/lifestyle/lets-move/Cambridge%20in%20Motion%20Directory%202013.pdf). In addition, StoryWalk is a great family event which is taking place on May 17th from 5:30-7.00 PM at Donnelly Field. Flyer attached.

http://walkboston.org/resources/maps?field_walk_community_tid=10&=Apply.

***ALL-SCHOOL FLY-IN at the Cambridge River Festival**

Parent and Staff at all schools are invited to organize a contingent hand-made kites from your school to muster at the Cambridge River Festival which runs from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st. A section of Memorial Drive along the Charles River will be reserved for kite-flyers from all schools who bring kites made from recycled materials. Please sign up here to coordinate your school's presence at the Fly-In. The url for this link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAEA72FA20-allschool>.

***Do you ride your bike to work?**

...Then check out: City Staff Bike Safety Tune-ups In May!

Mon., May 13th; 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM; Plaza adjacent to City Hall Annex

Wed., May 15th; 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Main Library; 449 Broadway

Fri., May 17th; 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Plaza adjacent to City Hall Annex

Contact: jlawrence@cambridgema.gov (617) 349-4671~~~

***Water ... Drink Up!**

Did you know that CRLS has a bottle filling station and so far has helped eliminate waste from 13,830 disposable plastic bottles? Next time you are in CRLS, fill your water bottle from the dispensers in the back of the cafeteria! Click here to learn more: http://crls.cpsd.us/aboutcrls/drink_water

***Do Something Super with Unwanted Furniture**

[Find the type of furniture you have to donate](#) to see which of our heroic partners below can give it a second life—and you might be able to get a tax deduction.

Almost all offer free pickup of your clean (no stains, pet hair or bed bugs), good-condition (usable, rip-free) items. For more information contact recycle@cambridgema.gov.

~~~~~ [Salvation Army](#) Use their online pickup form or call 1-800-SA-TRUCK.

~~~~~ [MA Coalition for the Homeless](#) Email [albenny@mahomeless.org](mailto:albenny@mahomeless.org) or call (781) 595-7570 X13.

~~~~~ [Aid to Incarcerated Mothers](#) Call (617) 536-0058.

- .~~~~~ [Boomerangs](#) Use their online form or call (617) 309-7220.
- .~~~~~ [MIT Student Furniture Exchange](#) Email [fx@mit.edu](mailto:fx@mit.edu) or call (717) 253-4293.~Free pick up for substantial donations only.
- .~~~~~ [Epilepsy Foundation](#) Use their online form or call (888) 322-8209.

**Thanks so much.**

Have a nice week,

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