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Dear Staff & Community,

Good morning! Thank you for your continued support of the Cambridge Green Schools Initiative. We have seen great success over the past few years, thanks to your terrific efforts in each school. From reduced electric energy use to the expansion of composting from one school to seven, each of you are an important part of this program. We now have a pilot for biodegradable foodware in the CRLS cafeteria, a green heroes program, and single-stream recycling in every school. Thank you again for all that you do and contribute to helping the planet. For more information, visit our CPSD sustainability website: <http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

***Tip of the Week: The average U.S. office worker can use 10,000 pieces of copy paper per year. To reduce your number, print double-sided whenever possible.**

*Fresh Pond Day!

Mark your calendar for June 8th! 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.

*Cambridge Solar Challenge Kick-off

Join Mayor Henrietta Davis and HEET's President Audrey Schulman to kick off a brand new City-endorsed solar campaign to help residents get 100 solar installations this summer through a Groupon-style discount while distributing as much as \$30,000 in donations to Cambridge nonprofits. Learn about the science of solar energy and find out how to make it work for you. Location: Main Library, Time: 6:45 pm-8 pm, May 8.

*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

*Community Recycling Event 5/11

Need to get rid of some stuff? On Saturday May 11 from 10am-2pm, MBTA is hosting a Community Recycling Event at the Watertown Bus Yard (corner of Water and Galen Sts). Anyone can come and bring unwanted goods such as electronics, air conditioners, large plastic toys, lawn mowers, and textiles. All items will be recycled responsibly with zero to landfill. Except for TV's (35 cents/lb) everything else is FREE! For more info click [here](#).

*Hubway Reopens

The Hubway bike sharing system officially re-launched for the 2013 season on April 8. The network of stations is expanding. For more information about the City's role, click [here](#). To see your options to use the system, visit the Hubway website.

*CPSD Recycling Reports

Check out the stats on how much each school recycled and composted through February! Thank you to our custodians for helping us track this data!
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/recyclingandtrash/aboutrecycling/Schools/recyclinginschools/recyclingreports.aspx>

*Fresh Pond Volunteers

Learn more about the Fresh Pond "Volunteer Steward Program," and join the effort:
http://www2.cambridgema.gov/CWD/FPRvolunteer_steward.cfm

*CitySprouts Summer Youth Opportunity

If you are 11 to 14 years old & want to: Learn how to garden, learn how to cook, go on field trips, do community service, and earn \$100.
Mon-Thurs, Half day and full day options
Session 1: June 24th to July 18th
Session 2: July 22nd to August 15th
At Cambridge Upper Campuses

Applications are available in your school library or at www.citysprouts.org
For questions, please call 617-876-2436

*Urban Cycling Workshops

The City and MassBike are offering free Urban Cycling Workshops, providing how-to information class on biking in Cambridge. Upcoming sessions include Urban Cycling 101 (April 22, Morse School); Women-Powered Cycling (May 16, Tobin School); and Bike Maintenance 201 (July 15, City Hall Annex). All workshops are held 7:00 to 8:00 pm. To sign up, contact Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@cambridgema.gov or call 617-349-4671.

Thanks,
Kristen