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# Cambridge Village ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### HOME AWARDS 2013

Nine homes were honored this year as the best of the sub. When the votes came in, these had strong numbers, and a large number of other homes had tied votes. A few homes were disqualified because the dues for 2013 were not paid, and only homes in good standing are eligible.

**27449 Shagbark**      The Bunting home  
**27212 Lexington Pkwy**      The Klukay home  
**27640 Lexington Pkwy**      The Farris home  
**27712 Lexington Pkwy**      The Sherman home  
**17311 Sunnybrook**      The Willis home

**27428 Red Leaf**      The Kaplan home  
**27315 Spring Arbor**      The Ellison home  
**27333 Spring Arbor**      The Szczesny home  
**27382 Spring Arbor**      The Rembecki home

Judges included Catherine and Roger Manning, Janet Sherman, Sana McNeil, Allan Woodford, Senora Leonard, and Gary Cocozzoli. Next year, wouldn't you like to be a judge to make your opinion known?

### OUR FIRST WEBSITE

We have been offered free space on the Neighborhood Link web site, and we have put up a site to test the waters: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/CambridgeVillage>. It is not a perfect setup, but we can develop it as a central source of information. It can include newsletters, by-laws, announcements, etc. Once established, we can decide if we can move to an independent site as some other subs have done.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Percy Kirklin ([cambridgewatch1@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgewatch1@gmail.com)) is the local leader of the Neighborhood Watch program for Cambridge, and the group has developed a calendar each week for watch duty, and has appointed rotating block captains. Even though selected volunteers go on patrol daily, that does not mean you cannot also observe and report as well. Percy has an email newsletter which updates who is patrolling when, who is the block captain of the week, and any known crime reports for our square mile of homes.

If you would like to volunteer to be more active in the Watch program, or would like to be on the email contact list, contact Percy at the email above, or contact a Board member.

Key watch folks and block captains include: David Chapman, Andre Gardenhire, Karen Henkel, Senora Leonard, Judy Lewis, Percy Kirklin, Nancy Kuirch, Karen Martensen, Sana McNeil, Claudia Willemsberg, Doug Brown, Sharron Gibbs, and Alice Liebow. Your name could be here...contact Cambridge Village Neighborhood Watch.

### HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US (ALMOST)

The turning leaves remind that a chill is in the air. You can see the holiday confusion at the local stores (which holiday is when?) So it is happening (again) and we need helpers to make the holidays happen here.

- December Décor: we need someone to install the 15 pre-made street-sign swags in early December and take them down after New Year's Day. It takes about an hour to do, but requires a step ladder and a car. The Association is willing **to pay** someone to do the install and the take-down. We must have the person committed to the project by mid-November.
- Luminaria Delivery Volunteers: sometime around the weekend of Dec. 21—it depends on the volunteer's schedule—we need helpers to deliver the annual holiday luminarias house-to-house. A typical route may be as small as 20 houses for a single volunteer, or up to 80 for those working in teams. We must know by

**mid-December** who will be able to help deliver, preferably earlier, as routes must be carefully planned in advance, and it is a major production to define the delivery routes (but easy and fun to do the delivery).

- Civic Center tree lighting Mon. Dec. 2 (with Santa) 6:45-8:30 pm; Burgh Historical Park has Metropolitan Singers for lighting ceremony and sing-along 7 pm, with refreshments, on Thu. Dec. 5, 2013.

### **LEAVES: IN BAGS**

If you are new to the sub, please remember that all leaves must be disposed of in paper bags or in other yard waste recycling containers. **DO NOT** rake leaves into the street...you could get a ticket. In fact, it is wise to keep the street gutters clear to prevent flooding, especially as winter approaches. (The streets on rainy Halloween night were a flooding mess) And remember: the last leaf pickup is likely Nov. 27, **BEFORE** Thanksgiving Weekend. After Thanksgiving, it will be December so there will be no more yard waste pick-up until spring. Tip: run your mower over the leaves to chop them up. Chopped leaves are good mulch, or at least will take up less room in the bags.

### **GREG MILLER STEPS DOWN**

From the CVA Board. Greg has had increasing demands at work which has made it difficult for him to devote the time needed to serve as a Board member. We thank Greg for his many years of devoted and loyal service, including Christmas décor installation, Luminaria building and delivery, House Judging signs and vote tallies, newsletter assembly, and so many more things that has made our sub a special place. Thanks Greg for a great job!

### **VOTING: CHANGE IN 2014?**

After Jan. 1, 2014, voting locations and voting district lines **may be changing**, so pay attention to any news or communiques from the City on this. We have not heard if our precinct location will change as of yet.

### **GETTING LOST ON EVERGREEN**

During the next year, Evergreen Rd. will be re-built between 10 Mile and 11 Mile adding a new divided median. However, two “roundabouts” at Civic Center Dr. and at the Library north entrance may make visits to the City Center challenging. (They refer to it as “traffic calming” but then why does it make everyone so nervous?) The new road will also fix the nasty flooding problems and smooth the road surface, and be better for pedestrians, and may spur the planned City Center development, Southfield’s version of a downtown.

### **ST. BEDE’S SITE**

Wal-Mart is not coming, but instead, there will be luxury apartments as a buffer to the homes, and a national restaurant chain and retail will face the Southfield Rd. side. Tim Horton’s 12/Evergreen is roughed-in and should be open soon.

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