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# Cambridge Village ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Happy Holiday Season to All

Winter has arrived with a vengeance, and so too has the holiday season. With Chanukah leading the way, Christmas, Kwanza, and New Year's Day are already here. It is also time for Cambridge Village's annual luminaria display scheduled for Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at dusk.

This year we are using pillar candles instead of votives, which should burn longer into the night. At dusk, place the bag by the street, cuff the top of the bag for stability, and nestle the candle in the sand, and light it with a long match or a lighter. Please inspect your bag and candle on receipt, and if your bag is leaking or is otherwise not in good shape, or if your candle is defective please contact a board member immediately. Do look out from time to time to make sure the candle is burning properly.



If you cannot be home, ask a neighbor to light your luminaria for you. A uniform look on the street creates an impressive sight.

In many cultures, for thousands of years, the lighting of candles, fires, or what we now call the yule log in this the darkest time of the year brings us hope and reminds us that the days are actually getting longer and that spring will come again.

### Neighborhood Watch Reminder to Light the Night

The Neighborhood Watch patrollers suggest that every home invest in a timer and have at least one light go on automatically each evening. A simple light means someone might be home, and few thieves want to take a chance on breaking into an occupied home. It is also suggested those with holiday lighting get an outdoor timer so a darkened house outside will not telegraph that someone is away. And year round, a low watt bulb with a photocell in a porch light will provide both safety and presence.

**Mary Young** of Red Leaf Ln. agreed to serve as Greg Miller's replacement as a board member until the next CVA Board election in May 2014.

***Note to new residents:** Southfield City ordinance requires residents to clear snow from the sidewalk adjacent to their home, or risk getting a citation. This does help keep Cambridge safe and a walker's paradise even in winter.*

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