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Everyone interested in CAN is invited to attend.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chuck McFadden, President, CAN

The City of Cambridge has spent several hundred thousand dollars on the new Comprehensive Plan. This amount doesn’t count the hundreds of work hours the Planning Department, City engineers and the Department of Public Works have put in. One of the Plan’s major findings is that Cambridge is missing affordable middle income housing which is a deterrent to attracting more working people. The Plan calls



this perceived problem the “missing middle” and its solution is to take the large, often historic homes in the West End, Maryland Avenue, Pine Street and Race Street extended, and convert them into multi-family units to provide cheaper housing.

I found this concept, which would negatively impact the history, flavor and culture of Cambridge hard to fathom since it looks to me like Cambridge already has a large amount of middle income housing. Using the numbers from the proposed Comprehensive Plan itself, the median value of an owner-occupied house in Cambridge is \$254,400, which is \$49,000 lower than the US median value and \$143,300 lower than Maryland’s median value. At least 50%, or 1,100 of our owner-occupied houses are valued at below \$254,400. How low do we have to go before we find middle income housing and how many of our beautiful and architecturally significant old homes do we need to alter to do it?

The problem in Cambridge is not the “missing middle” i.e., the Plan’s perceived lack of middle income housing, it’s the very low median household income of \$46,261 which is not even half of the Maryland average of \$94,991. Economic development, good jobs and an improved educational system is what the City needs to attract and maintain a solid workforce. The middle income housing is already here.

Contact your Council person to save our historic large homes from being downgraded. Once we lose these historic homes, we will lose the flavor and culture of Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE CORNER

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Fred Phillips-Patrick

National Residential Real Estate Developments:

According to Freddie Mac, “The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage edged up, averaging 6.46% this week. With spring homebuying season in full swing, aspiring buyers should remember to shop around for the best mortgage rate, as they can potentially save thousands of dollars by getting multiple quotes.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.46% as of April 2, 2026, up from last week when it averaged 6.38%. A year ago, at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 6.64%. The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 5.77%, up from last week when it averaged 5.75%. A year ago, at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.82%.” Time to shop around if you’re looking for a mortgage or refinancing, and you may want to consider an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM). See the section at the end of this article on new features of ARMS. How did Cambridge fare in this market environment in February and March 2026? Let’s see.

Cambridge Market Update:

Redfin.com characterizes Cambridge as not very competitive, which means sold prices tend to be lower and homes stay on the market longer. However, in February 2026, the latest data available, Cambridge home



prices were up 11.9% compared with last year, selling for a median price of \$256K. On average, homes in Cambridge sell after 113 days on the market compared with 59 days last year.

Let’s see how sales went in February and March

Sales

Currently, Realtor.com shows that there are 199 homes for sale (150 single family homes and 49 condos, townhouses, and multifamily units) in the Cambridge area. There are also 45 farms and plots of land for sale. The property asking prices range from \$10,000 for a small plot of land on Edgewood Avenue to \$2,295,000 for a mansion on 1301 Broadview Drive.

Trulia.com details that in February and March 2026 sixty-six houses, condos, and townhouses were sold in Cambridge. The properties sold ranged in value from \$20,000 for 1007 Roslyn Avenue to \$1,100,000 for 2210 Horns Point Road.

1114 Maces Ln	\$106K	24 Bellevue Ave	\$960K	2743 Marsh Elder Rd	\$646K
2728 Marsh Elder Rd	\$601K	2146 Winterberry Ln	\$310K	314 Belvedere Ave	\$360K
2488 Westwind Blvd	\$244K	1639 Terrapin Cir	\$340K	2 Arbutus Ter	\$310K
601 Edlon Park Dr	\$270K	810 Seabreeze Rd	\$365K	824 McBride Ave	\$233K
310 Appleby School R	\$235K	622 Washington St	\$114K	1606 Osprey Cir	\$375K
103 Canvasback Way	\$225K	113 Richardson Dr	\$280K	202 Franklin St	\$142K
326 Shipyard Dr #84	\$275K	2838 Persimmon #A1	\$350K	2715 Marsh Elder Rd	\$576K
824 McBride Ave	\$233K	5839 Hudson Wharf	\$460K	314 Appleby School	\$225K
2152 Winterberry Ln	\$295K	2723 Marsh Elder Dr	\$475K	311 Somerset Ave	\$229K
628-630 High St	\$215K	810 Washington St	\$ 89K	311 E Appleby Ave	\$260K
301 Old Squaw Ct	\$227k	302 Appleby School	\$264K	1829 Brannocks Neck	\$850K
306 Oakley St	\$415K	201 Washington St	\$188K	820 Park Lane	\$113K
2186 Winterberry #G	\$280K	2118 Winterberry #B	\$250K	1007 Roslyn Ave	\$ 20K
107 Somerset Ave	\$390K	107 West End Ave	\$275k	900 Marshy Cv #103	\$270K
2 Oriole Dr	\$270K	1210 Stone Boundary	\$130K	104 Richardson Dr	\$285K
10 Bay View Ave	\$142K	1117 High St	\$265K	2614 Brian Cir	\$ 60K
600 Harrington Ave	\$ 75K	1304 Rainbow Ave	\$218K	2700 Willow Oak Dr	\$275K
832 McBride Ave	\$233K	901 Talisman Ln	\$258K	2186 Winterberry Ln	\$280K
12 Oak St	\$155K	2409 Cambridge Belt	\$ 70K	107 Rambler Rd	\$255K
2210 Horns Point Rd	\$1,100K	420 Aurora St #1B	\$170K	1 Court Ln #602	\$600K
809 Peachblossom Av	\$156K	612 Wells St	\$245K	2745 Marsh Elder Rd	\$714K
2289 Winterberry #K	\$250K	429 Camper St	\$237K	2958 Old Route 50	\$135K

Adjustable-Rate Mortgages

Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) have changed significantly since the mortgage crisis of 2008-2010. Common options now include 5/1, 7/1, and 10/1, where the first number represents the years with a fixed rate, and the second represents how often the rate adjusts afterward. As of April 2026, 5/1 adjustable-rate



mortgages average around 5.69% to 5.89%, often providing lower initial rates than 30-year fixed loans, which are currently at 6.46% or so.

Key Considerations

- **Lower Initial Payments:** ARMs often provide a lower introductory interest rate compared to a 30-year fixed mortgage, reducing initial monthly payments.
- **Best For Short-Term:** Ideal for homeowners who expect to move or refinance before the initial fixed period ends.
- **Risk of Increase:** After the fixed period, the rate can increase significantly based on the market, though caps are in place to limit how high they can go.
- **Qualification:** Requirements often include a 620 minimum credit score for conventional loans and a debt-to-income (DTI) ratio of 50% or less.

FUN FACTS AND LOCAL LORE

Martha Phillips-Patrick

Another Local Hero: “America’s Jazz Ambassador”

Willis Conover, Jr., a Cambridge High School graduate (class of 1937), has been called “America’s Most Famous ‘Unknown’ American.” At Cambridge High School, Willis Conover was "an active, intellectually curious student who was deeply immersed in science fiction. He was known for his resonant voice, acting as a radio announcer in school plays, setting the stage for his later broadcasting career. He showed an early, methodical approach and dedication to his interests.

Willis published a fanzine, “Science Fantasy Correspondent”, during his time at Cambridge High School. From age 14, Willis was a regular correspondent and friend of cosmic horror author H.P. Lovecraft until Lovecraft's death in 1937. Not until 1975, though, did Willis publish “Lovecraft at Last: The Master of Horror in His Own Words”, a collection of their early letters.

From Cambridge, Willis, at his father's insistence, went on to Salisbury State Teachers College, where he studied for one year and where he got his first gig as a campus radio announcer. That led to a job as radio announcer for WTBO in Cumberland, MD. By that time, his enthusiasm for science fiction and fantasy had faded as his focus turned toward music and a growing interest in jazz. Conover came to see jazz as the ultimate representation of American freedom, describing it as "a liberating kind of music with the vitality and spirit that characterizes our country at its best."

Conover was drafted in 1942 and assigned to Fort Meade where he took a part-time job as a deejay on WWDC where he included jazz in his programming. His influence extended beyond the airwaves. He produced jazz concerts in D.C. including at the White House as well as for movies and television.

By arranging concerts at venues where people of all races were welcome, he played a pivotal role in desegregating D.C. nightclubs. Conover recorded a series of interviews with jazz luminaries Duke Ellington,



Billie Holiday, Stan Getz, Peggy Lee, Stan Kenton, Benny Goodman, Louie Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and Art Tatum which, in 2010, were added to the National Recording Registry as part of the Library of Congress's annual selection of culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant recordings. For 15 years, Conover served as the announcer for the Newport Jazz Festival and as chairman of the jazz panel for the National Endowment for the Arts. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music in Boston where he was a trustee.

In 1955, Conover accepted the Washington-based position as jazz producer and broadcaster on the Voice of America. He continued in the six-day-a-week job until his death in 1996, after more than 20,000 broadcasts beamed on shortwave radio throughout the world except, by law, to the USA. His international audience was estimated to be over 100 million who tuned in nightly for Conover's two-hour program. His slow-talking, baritone voice was arguably the most recognizable American voice of the era internationally. Despite his international popularity and acclaim, he was virtually unknown in the U.S. where it was illegal to broadcast VOA programs.

In 2007, a concert was held in D.C. honoring Conover's memory. All the players had developed into renowned jazz musicians behind the Iron Curtain as a direct result of listening to Conover's VOA programs. Saturday, April 25, 2009, was designated Willis Conover Day by Congress to honor him and the VOA" for their joint contribution toward spreading the language of jazz and American cultural diplomacy around the world." "People used to say that Willis Conover single-handedly felled the Iron Curtain." – Harry Schnipper, founder and owner of Blues Alley in D.C.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Casey O'Bier, Publications and Communications Specialist, DCPS

Developing a Cradle-to-Career Promise Pathway: Aligning Resources for Student Success

On Friday, February 27, Dorchester County Public Schools had the privilege of hosting the William Julius Wilson Institute at Harlem Children's Zone for an Education Learning Tour (ELT), an experience that illuminated both the promise and the challenges ahead as we seek to develop a coordinated Promise Pathway for our feeder pattern schools: Choptank Elementary, Mace's Lane Middle, and Cambridge-South Dorchester High.

This visit underscored the critical need for support in aligning our existing resources, partners, and community strengths to build a cradle-to-career support system tailored to our students' unique needs. The conversations with local partners and the authentic voices of students, teachers, and staff revealed the gaps and opportunities in our current ecosystem—highlighting that while many supports exist, they are not yet fully connected or coordinated to ensure consistent, comprehensive support throughout a student's educational journey.



At each school, panels of students and staff shared their lived experiences, emphasizing how vital it is to have a seamless network of services that follows learners from early childhood through postsecondary success. Their insights make clear that developing this pathway requires intentional collaboration, resources, and sustained commitment.

The ELT brought together a diverse group of stakeholders—from early learning providers to college and career partners, after-school programs, and community organizations—who collectively recognized the potential impact of stronger and more intentional alignment. Inspired by the proven Promise Pathways model at Harlem Children’s Zone, DCPS is eager to build a similar initiative that reflects our community’s context. However, to realize this vision, we need ongoing support, partnership, and investment to design and implement a system that truly meets our students’ needs.

Our team’s most recent immersive experience in Harlem sparked fresh ideas and renewed dedication, but the path forward depends on continued collaboration and resources. We invite partners, community members, and stakeholders to join us in this critical work to co-create a coordinated Promise Pathway that ensures every student in our feeder pattern has equitable access to the opportunities and supports necessary for success.

As we move forward in the process of developing this model for DCPS, this moment presents an important opportunity for DCPS to transform how we support our students. With collective effort and support, we can build a community where every child thrives—just as the Promise Pathways model has demonstrated. Together, we can lay the foundation for a brighter future for our students and our district.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Amy J. Craig, CAN Board Member

2025 Year End Report: <https://www.choosecambridge.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/82>

I attended the January 21, 2026, Police Advisory Board Meeting held at the CPD Headquarters. The meeting began with Chief Todd and City Council President Spuddy Cephas welcoming everyone. Lt. McCrae, Sgt. Flynn and Glen Steckman also introduced themselves.

Sue Radcliffe reported that through a \$120,000 mental health grant she will be working with first responders to give supportive services and training to meet state standards. There will be biannual screening for officers and wellness screening. She will also be able to offer mental health supportive counseling when there is a tragic event, and first responders suffer mental health trauma. Her first meeting with CPD Administrative staff will be held on February 4, 2026. Sue will be available at CPD for 8 hours a week until June and then full time. The goal is for co-responder help for the community as well. Sgt. Flynn reported on the Professional Standards Report on page 9. Sante Group referrals are being made for MH so that homeless issues can be follow up on.



Chief Todd reported that there were 2 candidates in the academy, and both did not finish. There are currently 2 additional candidates with the hope for graduation in June. Montre Jenkins and Cadet Kozak are also helping with previous officer related assistance. Cadet Kozak has been working on vehicle parking issues in neighborhoods.

School report: There were 209 calls made to MLMS. Officer Joe Jones got hurt and had to have surgery. There were 67 calls to Sandy Hill and 70 calls to Maple. The Sheriff's office covered CSD. CPD offered assistance in 116 calls for assistance. It is very important to have officers in the schools as a duty assignment. There will also be advanced autism training for officers because of the high number of students in our schools with autism. CALEA reporting is on page 41 of the annual report. Chief Todd is working toward accreditation in the Spring of 2027. He feels that having that accreditation will assist with recruiting. There is a need for partnerships for more grant monies to assist with mental health issues. There is the current partnership with the County Health Department.

Lt. McCrae gave a discipline report. There were 7 incidents. Two of which were with the police involved mental health incident at Deep Harbour. The use of force statistics is on page 36.

Snow event: A reminder that if there are 3" or more of snow, cars need to be removed from the snow emergency route. Glen Steckman indicated that in order for better snow removal the City streets really need to be clear of cars. I relayed that information to Chuck, and Alison posted to CAN Facebook page.

Sgt. Flynn is working on an interactive dashboard with the IT department. When live, the dashboard would be updated every 4 hours. It is the plan to have it up and running within the next couple of weeks.

Mike Stewart (Council appointed member) asked about the laws related to e-bikes. There are three classifications of e-bikes to include scooters. The concern was that they are being operated on the sidewalks and at night you can't hear them approaching. Response was that state laws allow them to be ridden on the sidewalks. Police are doing enforcement downtown but not in the outlying neighborhoods such as the West End. There is a requirement to have lights on bikes and scooters for night riding. Enforcement is sporadic. The hope is to get public service announcements out to inform the community and such riders. Mike also asked about blackened out car windows. The response was that darkness is subjective because of differing laws in our surrounding states.

Bob Rowe (Council appointee) expressed ICE concerns in our City. He asked if Cambridge was prepared to deal with unlawful tactics. Chief Todd responded that they make sure officers are aware of duty to keep peace and people safe. Family concerns have been dealt with. Homeland Security does inform the department if they have to perform any operations; however, ICE does not. Mayor Cephas-Bey responded that she encourages citizens to not engage if an ICE operation occurs. The Chief said that there have been issues of ICE apprehension, and they were never notified. The department has had to arrange for abandoned vehicle removals.

Next meeting will be held April 22 at noon.



SHORERIVERS

Bethany Ziegler, Director of Communications

ShoreRivers is encouraging you to get involved to help our community this spring! On **Saturday, April 11, ShoreRivers and the Dorchester County Health Department will host a Project Clean Stream** trash-pick up starting at noon, with volunteers encouraged to meet at 627 Race Street. A Bay-wide trash clean-up campaign that is organized by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and coordinated by local groups like ShoreRivers, Project Clean Stream is an opportunity for citizens across the entire watershed to work together to clean our shared water resource.

To register for the event, please email Maegan White at mwhite@shorerivers.org. ShoreRivers will provide all needed supplies. Volunteers should bring water bottles, sunscreen, bug spray, and comfortable shoes. We recommend wearing long sleeves and socks to protect against ticks.

You're also encouraged to save the date for ShoreRivers' highly anticipated **State of the Rivers** events — a series of free presentations held each spring to inform public about the current state of our Eastern Shore waterways. **On Tuesday, April 28, at the Oxford Community Center**, Choptank Riverkeeper Matt Pluta will give a presentation focused on the health of the Choptank River and the results of 2025's weekly water quality sampling. These samples are tested for multiple scientific water quality parameters including dissolved oxygen, nutrient pollution, algae, and clarity — indicators that reveal the overall health of our waterways and our progress toward protecting and restoring our local rivers.

Doors open at 5:30pm for a reception of wine, beer, and light appetizers. The formal presentations will begin at 6pm. **Registration is requested at shorerivers.org/events.**

CAMBRIDGE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Judy Prah

Our Summer Program is about to open for registration. Be Quick! It fills up quickly!

Our Pre-K program is expanding to summer.

- For 3-5: Building social skills and learning pre-kindergarten basics for a good start!
- Physical Activity: Fun learning experiences getting to control the need to move!
- 100% Favorable Parent Survey after our first and second years.

After School 2026-2027 (3:00 – 5:30 PM)

- Open Now to re-enroll your children
- After school help with homework; after school snack
- Focus on Grade Level Reading
- Your cost for from Sept to End of School \$25 That's all!



How to Enroll Your Child?

- Call us – 410-901-1397
- Send us an email (childcare@cambridgeempowermentcenter.org) and we'll call you.
- Stop by and check us out.

Cambridge Empowerment Center, 615-B Pine Street, Cambridge MD

The Cambridge Empowerment Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the educational and personal development of youth in the Cambridge area through academic programs, enrichment opportunities, and community engagement. After-School, Pre-K or Summer Program - every child learns something if they come to us.

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN WAUGH CHAPEL

A community garden has flourished behind the historic Waugh Chapel at 425 High Street since 2015. The mission of the Cambridge Community Garden is to "Plant Seeds of Hope to Grow Food for Change." The "back yard" of the church provides a wonderful space for home gardeners to grow a wide variety of vegetables and flowers and also promotes community connections.

There are a total of 52 raised beds that veteran gardeners and eager newcomers manage throughout the growing season. Dorchester County Master Gardeners Kathy Burtman and Robin Herman oversee the community garden providing expertise, encouragement, and an abundance of time and effort to ensure production and upkeep of the gardens.

One of the 52 beds is dedicated to herbs for use by all the gardeners. Another is dedicated to perennial pollinator plants. Each year, any unclaimed beds, usually averaging about three, are planted for local food banks. We had a very productive harvest last summer – over 200 pounds of produce was donated to One Mission Cambridge.

To rent a bed or for more information, email Kathy Burtman and Robin Herman at communitygardenwaughchapel@gmail.com. The rental fee for the season is just \$5 per bed! Your fellow gardeners look forward to welcoming you in the Spring.

GUEST COMMENTARY- *Opinions expressed by guest commentaries do not necessarily reflect the position of the CAN Board of Directors.*

Cambridge's Comprehensive Plan — Decisions Made, Voices Ignored?

Barbara Knepp, Historic West End

Cambridge is at a pivotal moment. The Comprehensive Plan now before City Council includes language allowing large historic homes to be converted into multi-unit housing — a proposal that has drawn clear



and consistent opposition from the community. This is not a case of silence or lack of engagement. Community members spoke up. Organizations like CAN, supported by thousands of engaged citizens across Cambridge, raised concerns early and often. However, CAN and Historic District voices were not as involved in the planning process as they should have been. Whether intentional or not, that lack of representation should not be overlooked.

Those concerns were clear. They were specific and they were delivered through the proper channels. Representatives met directly with the City Manager and formally submitted their objections to both the Planning Department and City Council. Yet, as currently drafted, the Comprehensive Plan still contains this objectionable language, and it appears poised to move forward in that form. At some point, it becomes necessary to acknowledge what this reflects: the community has spoken, and city staff has not meaningfully responded. A Comprehensive Plan is meant to reflect the values and priorities of the people it serves. It is not simply a technical exercise, nor should it follow a one-size-fits-all, “cookie-cutter” model borrowed from other places. Cambridge is unique, and its plan should be shaped by those who live here, invest here, and care deeply about its future.

Some will argue that the public may be wrong — that professional planners or broader housing pressures justify this direction. Others will say property owners should be free to do what they wish with their homes. These arguments deserve consideration. But they do not outweigh the responsibility to protect Cambridge’s historic fabric and long-term stability. The idea that “the public might be wrong” misunderstands the role of a Comprehensive Plan. This is not a purely technical document— it is a statement of shared values. When large numbers of engaged residents raise consistent, specific concerns, that input is not noise to be filtered out; it is the very foundation the plan is supposed to reflect. Professional expertise is important, but it does not replace the lived experience of those who know these neighborhoods block by block, house by house.

Similarly, while property rights are fundamental, they have never been absolute — especially in historic communities. Zoning, preservation guidelines, and building codes all exist because individual decisions can have collective consequences. One property owner’s choice does not occur in isolation when it affects density, infrastructure, parking, safety, and the character of an entire neighborhood. This is particularly true in a historic district, where the value of each property is tied to the integrity of the whole. The reason these neighborhoods are protected at all is because piecemeal change—one house at a time—can gradually erode what cannot be rebuilt.

Allowing large-scale interior subdivision of historic homes is not a neutral act of private use. It is a permanent structural change with ripple effects: increased intensity of use, pressure on aging infrastructure, and a shift away from owner-occupied stewardship toward more transient occupancy patterns. These impacts extend well beyond property lines. There is also a question of fairness. Many homeowners in Cambridge have invested significant time and resources to maintain their properties in accordance with preservation standards. Allowing others to fundamentally alter historic structures in ways that undermine those standards creates an uneven playing field and weakens the very framework the city has asked residents to uphold.



Just as importantly, the language in this plan does not stand alone. Comprehensive Plan policies often guide future zoning decisions, meaning this provision could carry far-reaching and unintended consequences well beyond the immediate issue. Decisions made today will shape Cambridge for decades.

Historic homes are central to that identity. The interiors (staircases, woodwork, layouts, and craftsmanship) are irreplaceable. Once subdivided, they cannot be restored. Even when exteriors remain, the character of the home, and the neighborhood, changes permanently.

We have already seen the effects of similar conversions: fragmented interiors, deferred maintenance, increased strain on parking and infrastructure, and a gradual erosion of neighborhood cohesion. These are not hypothetical concerns — they are visible realities. Supporters of conversion often point to housing demand or potential revenue. But this presents a false choice. Cambridge is not limited to this single path. These projects rarely deliver true affordability. More often, they lead to short-term rentals or absentee ownership, bringing long-term consequences that outweigh short-term gains.

Cambridge has better options. Vacant properties can be rehabilitated. Growth can be directed toward infill development, new construction in appropriate areas, accessory dwelling units, and adaptive reuse of non-historic buildings. These approaches expand housing while preserving the character that defines our city.

This issue is about more than housing. It is about trust. When residents engage in good faith — attending meetings, submitting formal input, and working through established channels — they expect that input to be heard and reflected in the outcome. When it is not, confidence in the process is diminished.

There is still time to get this right. The Comprehensive Plan has not yet been adopted. City Council now has the responsibility to ensure that community input is not only heard, but acted upon. Residents also have a role to play. City planners may come and go, but the policies adopted today will shape Cambridge long into the future. These decisions are difficult to reverse. Staying informed, asking questions, and participating in the process is not optional — it is part of our responsibility as citizens.

Historic homes are finite. Once they are altered, they are lost forever. Cambridge can grow, but it must do so thoughtfully, with respect for its history, its neighborhoods, and the voices of the people who call it home. Once these decisions are made, they cannot be undone — and neither can the loss of what makes Cambridge, Cambridge.



CAN MISSION, MEMBERSHIP, BOARD of DIRECTORS, and COMMITTEES

MISSION. The Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN) fosters neighborhood cohesion and community involvement to enhance the quality of community life for all residents of Cambridge through community events, social activities, and neighborly assistance. CAN protects and enhances properties in Cambridge by improving building and zoning codes, supporting adherence to those codes, and engaging constructively with City Government, including the Historic Preservation Commission. CAN's Bylaws can be found on the CAN website at <https://cambridgecan.org/welcome/about/bylaws/>.

MEMBERSHIP. CAN welcomes members from **all Cambridge area neighborhoods** (broadly defined) who are interested in organizing and working together, building a diverse membership reflecting the diversity of Cambridge residents. **Membership is FREE** – information is available on the CAN website at <https://cambridgecan.org/join-can/>

CAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS. CAN is governed by a Board of Directors elected by CAN members at its annual January Business Meeting. Current Board Members: President – Chuck McFadden; Vice President – Roman Jesien; Treasurer – Judd Vickers; Secretary – Alison Kennedy; Members at Large – Amy Craig, Andre Duerinckx, Chuck Fadely, Lashon Foster, Mary Ellen Jesien, Sheila Jones, and Sharon Smith.

CAN HOUSING QUALITY COMMITTEE – PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES. The Housing Quality Committee monitors issues affecting the quality of housing and the maintenance of property values in the City, including code enforcement. Committee members attend Planning Commission meetings to monitor zoning-related issues and report the information to the Board and membership. *Please contact* Chuck McFadden at Raqtime31@gmail.com to volunteer.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – SOCIAL EVENTS & 'NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS'. "Neighborhoods" are organized by small groups willing to work together to address neighborhood issues through small social events and "neighbor-helping-neighbor" activities. The **Social Events Subcommittee** organizes community-wide events. *Contact* Chuck McFadden at Raqtime31@gmail.com to volunteer.

CAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – WRITERS NEEDED. CAN'S Communications Committee needs writers, including volunteers to take unofficial notes at public meetings. *Contact* Chuck McFadden at Raqtime31@gmail.com to volunteer.

POWER WASHER AVAILABLE - CAN has an electric power washer available to members. Contact Chuck McFadden at Raqtime31@gmail.com.
