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Safety and Beautification Walk in Area 4

April 27 dawned bright and clear, and the organizers of the Area 4 Safety and Beautification Walk breathed a sigh of relief. Weeks of planning by neighborhood residents would not be interrupted by rain and cold. About 50 Area 4 residents gathered at 10 a.m. in Columbia Street Park to begin the walk down Columbia Street toward Market Street Park, their final destination.



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Noel Johnson calls for immediate action to pave Pine Street, reduce noise, and clean up trash and graffiti

Eke, and Rev. Lorraine Thornhill, were joined by several city councilors, District Attorney Martha Coakley, police officers, and Cambridge department heads.

Every few blocks the walk stopped so that neighbors could list their grievances through a bullhorn for all to hear. The crowd stopped on Columbia Street by illegal drinking clubs, on Pine Street where graffiti, noise, and potholes were the main topic of conversation, and on Windsor Street were residents discussed police protection, street crimes, and drug activity. "Where are the police when we need them?" several residents shouted. Then it was on to Broadway where additional speakers called on the city to provide street workers and programs for

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MCAS Graduation Vote

In a stunning vote on April 23, Cambridge School Committee members voted 4-3 to reject the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test as a graduation requirement. "We're finally taking action against a high-stakes exam that will punish the students for the failure of the system," said Jackie King, a Cambridge parent and resident of Area 4.

"MCAS as a graduation requirement becomes a war against the poor."

—Alan Price

Cambridge School Committee

Supporters of this vote say that the MCAS graduation requirement hurts primarily low-income students, minorities, poor test takers, and students in bilingual and special education. Alan Price, the original author of the proposal, stated that the "MCAS as a graduation requirement becomes a war against the poor." Students in private schools do not have to pass the MCAS. Approximately one-third of Cambridge's high school class of 2003 has not passed the MCAS.

School Committee member Richard Harding, Jr., of Windsor Street joined Nancy Walser, Alice Turkel, and Alan Price in support of the vote that could allow Cambridge students with passing grades to be awarded diplomas in the spring of 2003, regardless of their MCAS scores. Mayor Michael Sullivan, Alfred Fantini, and Joseph Grassi voted against this measure.

Parents in Cambridge have argued that the MCAS graduation requirement is a violation of the 1993 Education Reform Act, which called for multiple ways of measuring the abilities of the state's nearly 1,000,000 public school students. The final chapter in this dispute may well be written in the courts in the coming months.



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The Walk begins on Columbia Street

As the walk continued down Columbia Street and then down Harvard Street, more and more neighbors came out of their houses and the crowd of walkers swelled to more than 100. Residents and event organizers Dotty Gaydosh, Noel Johnson, Sharon Stentiford, Monica

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From the Editor

Government and elected officials often make decisions that are not good for us or fail to make decisions that are good for us. This is especially true if the “us” happens to be low-income, people of color, women, or children.

The Bush Administration, with the assistance of Democrats and Republicans, uses the “war on terrorism” to justify huge increases in military spending. They waste billions of dollars on useless weapons systems (for example, \$2 billion for the dangerous and useless Osprey aircraft and \$2.5 billion for “Virginia” attack submarines) that have nothing to do with stopping terrorism.

The “war on terrorism” is resulting in a loss of our constitutional freedoms, an attack on our immigrant neighbors, and the devastation of social programs. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been cut from job-training and employment

programs, health care and prescription drug programs, Community Block grants, and affordable housing. The best way to improve our national security is to redirect money from the military and arms trade to social programs at home and massive humanitarian aid abroad.

Because of state budget cutbacks, Cambridge stands to lose millions of dollars in state aid along with services that are crucial to residents, especially in Area 4, which has the highest percentage of children, people of color, and low-income residents of any neighborhood in Cambridge.

Massachusetts needs new revenue to prevent further budget cuts. Unfortunately the state is considering eliminating the most progressive tax cuts passed in the last decade, such as the 1998 doubling of the personal exemption, and is barely looking at the billions in tax cuts given to the richest businesses, corporations, and individuals. We need to close the 1994 “Capital Gains Loophole” that gives the wealthiest 1% of taxpayers 76% of the tax savings. If you earned \$12,000 last year working at the McDonalds in Area

4, you would be taxed at a rate of 5.3%. If you owned the Boston Red Sox and realized a profit of \$200 million, you would pay nothing in taxes on the sale!

Two years ago the Cambridge City Council spent \$200,000 on a four-part laser light show while



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State budget rally

ignoring petitions from women asking the City to enforce minimum state lighting standards. The recent Area 4 Safety and Beautification Walk resulted in a list of grievances and suggested solutions. How will the City Council respond?

Important elections involving parts of Area 4 will be held this fall. The primary on September 17 will decide contests between Jarrett Barrios and Anthony Galluccio for state senate and Paul Demakis and Marjorie Decker for state representative. In November, Paul Lachelier will face off against Tim Toomey for state representative.

If you are not registered to vote, you are urged to fill out the voter registration form (insert) before August 28. Please vote in the primary on September 17 and the general election on November 5. Richard Harding, Jr., of Area 4 was elected by only seven votes in the recent School Committee election. Every vote counts!



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Area 4 Teen Shows MCAS Video

By Sage Willis, Teen Media Program member

Congratulations to Miyolene St. Germain, a member of the Community Art Center’s Teen Media Program, for producing a short video on the controversial MCAS test. The video, which was begun in the spring of

2000, was screened to a group of teen video makers and teachers at a conference in western Massachusetts in 2002. Mindy Faber, a video teacher from Chicago, was in the audience. She thought that with a little work, it would be an important piece to show at the Taos Talking Picture Film Festival’s Teen Media Conference.

Miyolene spent two months shooting, interviewing students, discussing her thoughts, and editing the video. She also worked on

fundraising a thousand dollars for hotel and other expenses. With airline tickets donated by Draper Laboratories, Miyolene and Joe Douillette, the Teen Media Program Director, went to Taos, New Mexico, for four days in April.

“I got to hear what people thought about my video; they all reacted really well,” says Miyolene. “The kids got to say and do whatever they wanted. It was hot! The whole thing was a really great experience.”

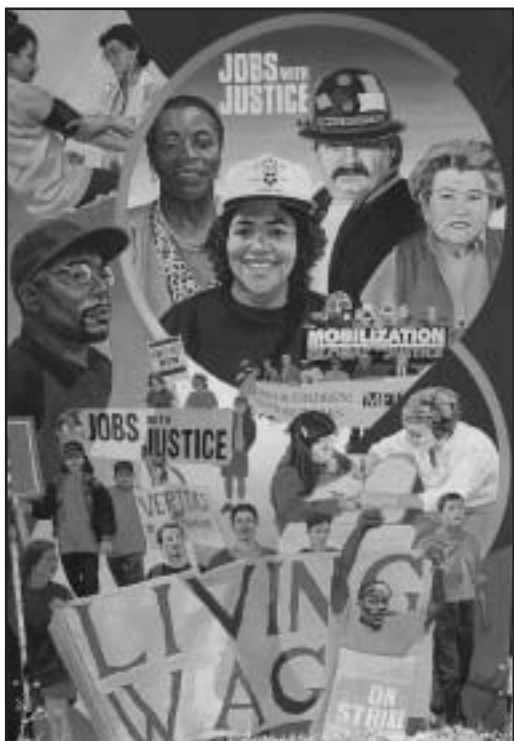
People Pride

David Fichter, who lives with his family on Worcester Street in Area 4, is best known to neighborhood residents as the mural artist who painted the brilliant mural on the wall outside the Harvest Co-op in Central Square and the wonderful mural on the outside of the Cambridgeport School on Elm Street. Fichter involved neighborhood residents and school children in the planning and painting of these murals, and many Area 4 residents are depicted in them. These murals are just two of more than 150 large-scale murals that he has painted in the last 20 years.

One of Fichter's latest mural works came from his participation in the "Red and Green of May Day" Labor Mural project. So far, some 30 artists have produced 40 murals, which will be turned into posters. The Mural Project joins artists with labor unions and organizations that have a long history of supporting the labor movement in a joint effort to document the long history of labor struggles. Murals represent the issues that the various organizations have worked on over the years, from Bread and Roses to current labor movements.

The Mural Project linked Fichter with Jobs for Justice, a grassroots organization founded in 1987 that creates coalitions locally, nationally, and internationally to work on labor and social-justice campaigns. Fichter represented the incredibly diverse array of campaigns waged by Jobs for Justice. Using his own photographs and the Jobs for Justice archives, Fichter brought to life, through the painting of diverse figures and campaign images, the history and work of the organization.

Campaigns such as the struggle for a living wage, mobilization for global justice, and organizing for just contracts are depicted on the mural. Figures represent young and old, immigrants, men and women who speak various languages and are of many races—people united even though they work at a range of jobs including manufacturing, service, trade, and professional.



Dave Woodruff

Jobs for Justice Mural by David Fichter

Fichter sees his work as a muralist as "working in collaboration with communities, creating a work that democratizes art." Most of his murals do not have a direct social theme, but he acknowledges that "the act of creating murals involves a lot of diverse people, thereby creating a visual common language that strengthens and involves the community, which leads to a social-change perspective."

One of Fichter's ongoing projects is the Mystic River mural across from the Mystic River Housing development in Somerville. Teens from the Mystic River development have been working with Fichter since 1993, creating an awareness of the river, science, nature, and making art.

Our thanks to David Fichter and other artists who are using their talents to work for justice. Artists interested in being part of this project can contact the Mural Project and Judith Woodruff at 617-232-4222.

Walking Tour—We Need You

Slip on your shoes, lace up your boots. We are going on an Area 4 Walking Tour, but we need your help. The *4word* is planning a special issue in 2003 devoted to a walking tour of Area 4, which will highlight places, events, people, and the

Sennott Park Workers Find Mysterious Bones

The rites of spring at Sennott Park, Broadway and Norfolk Street, have included, in recent days, the exhumation of a number of parts of human skeletons by equipment operators excavating for remodeling of the playground. Backhoe operator Joseph Mancuso...said his mammoth scoop has brought up several parts of skeletons.

"Four neighborhood youths and a 16-year-old girl succeeded in fitting together various parts of a skull, including a jawbone with several teeth intact.

"Older neighborhood residents watching the unearthing had explanations. David McCarthy of 266 Windsor Street said he thought the park had been a Civil War cemetery. His friend, Oscar Wahl of 55 Essex Street said he thought it was an ancient Indian burying ground.

"An official explanation came from Robert B. Rettig, associate survey director, Cambridge Historical Society. He said that a two and a quarter acre site at Broadway and Norfolk Street was a public burying ground between 1812 and 1865. When the area was made into Broadway park in the mid 1800s the General Court granted the city permission to remove 'the remains of the dead' to Cambridge Cemetery. 'It seems they missed some,' said Mr. Rettig."

—From the Cambridge Chronicle,
May 7, 1970



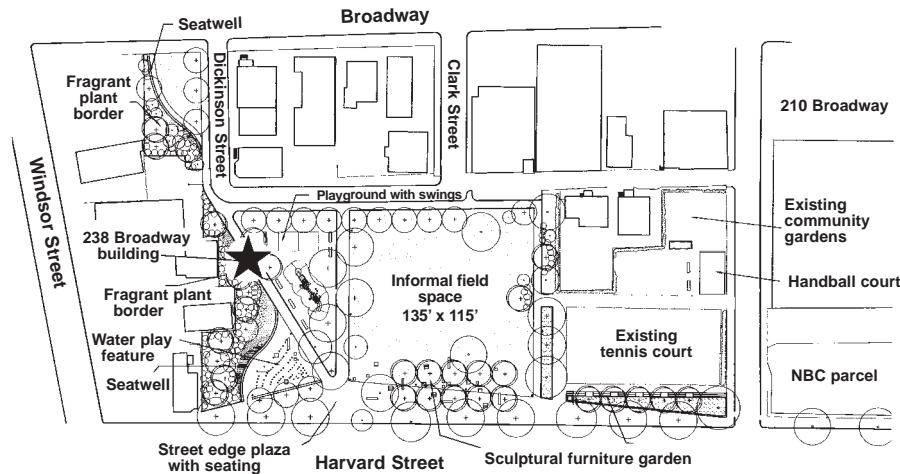
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Graves at the Cambridge Cemetery

history of our neighborhood, past and present.

The *4word* wants your stories, ideas, and any photos you can share. Please contact the editor of the *4word* by calling 617-354-2648 or e-mailing gerrberg@aol.com.

238 Broadway/Harvard Street Park—The Final Plan?



The 238 Broadway/Harvard Street Park Plan

The City of Cambridge, after several community meetings and planning sessions, has submitted the final draft of the 238 Broadway Park plan to the neighborhood. Actual park construction is scheduled to begin sometime in the fall of 2003 after the city-owned building at 238 Broadway is demolished. Even though the city recently spent thousands of dollars to de-lead, remove asbestos, and rehabilitate the 238 Broadway building for city workers, it intends to proceed with demolition of the building.

In 1997, the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition argued that the city should buy 210 Broadway, a 46,000-square-foot parcel that had remained vacant for years. Despite the fact that this was the last remaining large parcel still vacant in the neighborhood, and even though the Coalition offered to use \$200,000 of their community grant funds for this purchase (10% of the price), the city refused to buy the parcel. This land eventually was developed for use as an office building, with only 10,000 square feet made available to Neighbors for a Better Community (NBC) in return for their support of the office



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238 Broadway building—should it be saved? See star on map above

development. This 10,000-square-foot parcel remains vacant. A comprehensive city open-space study has since determined that Area 4 has the greatest need for recreational open space of any neighborhood in the city.

Due to overwhelming testimony given at the April 26 Community Preservation Act (CPA) hearing in favor of permanent affordable

housing, and because the neighborhood was never given the opportunity to discuss a mixed-use plan for 238 Broadway that would preserve the city building for affordable housing and convert the remaining land to open space (including the NBC parcel), many residents have called on the city to review the entire plan to determine whether or not the city building could be saved. The Area Four Neighborhood Coalition, at their May public meeting, called on the city to hold hearings to find out how the neighborhood feels about a mixed use (affordable housing and open space) plan.

“Since the passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), the picture of what might be possible has changed, and I ask the City to rethink the decision to demolish 238 Broadway. Here is a situation where the goals of the CPA—affordable housing, open space, and historic preservation—must compete with one another, but perhaps in a way that can satisfy each,” says Lydia Vickers, an Area 4 resident and member of the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition leadership team.

Domestic Violence— A Neighborhood Coming Together

Residents of Area 4 were shocked by the April 17 murder-suicide on Worcester Street. According to police reports, Scott Saunders shot and killed his wife, Desiree, and then himself, while their three daughters slept nearby. Police had made two trips to the Worcester Street home in March to answer domestic-disturbance calls. More than 500 mourners from Area 4 and across the city attended the funeral service held at St. Paul’s Church.

The Cambridge Women’s Commission responded to neighbors on and around Worcester Street soon after the tragedy by distributing a leaflet that listed the following domestic violence resources:

The Cambridge Police Department Domestic Violence Unit has officers and a civilian liaison you can talk to. If you or someone else is in danger, dial 911. During weekday working hours: 617-349-3370.

Transition House, the Cambridge Domestic Violence Program, has a 24-hour hotline—you can talk anonymously or make an appointment to talk with someone in person: 617-661-7203.

The Victims of Violence Program of the Cambridge Health Alliance provides individual and group counseling for anyone affected by trauma or violence: 617-591-6360.

The Community Crisis Response Team can assist you in working through a traumatic experience in your community; call them and leave a message (someone will call you back shortly): 617-498-1180.

The Children with Voices Program at the Guidance Center works with children and their families who have been affected by domestic violence: 617-354-2275.

You can call the Women’s Commission at 617-349-4697 for more information.

City Council Inaction Costs Most Area 4 Homeowners Big \$

If you are still in shock over your recent tax assessment, here is news that should get you angry. According to Jim Maloney, the City of Cambridge Finance Director, "If the Cambridge City Council had passed a 30% residential exemption such as happened in Boston and Somerville, approximately 90% of the owner-occupied residential properties in Area 4 would have saved money, in some cases, several hundred dollars."

In Boston and Somerville, many owner-occupants of homes saved hundreds of dollars because those cities increased the residential exemption from 20% to 30%. This change in tax policy is allowed after a city approves the change and requests home rule authority from the State Legislature to increase the exemption. Boston and Somerville won state approval. Cambridge did not even hold hearings to discuss this progressive tax relief legislation.

Ronald Rakow, Boston's assessor, explained that city's support of this increase in the residential exemption, "This is a mechanism for making the tax system more progressive. We are trying to give tax relief to the low- and moderate-valued property." This change is seen as especially helping first-time homeown-



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This Market St. homeowner could save hundreds of dollars

ers and homeowners who cannot afford more expensive properties because they have fewer assets and/or smaller incomes. Currently, owner-occupants in Cambridge may apply for a 20% residential exemption. Citywide, approximately 12,150 residents received the 20% exemption bringing their bills down by more than \$800. The average property assessment rose nearly \$70,000 in parts of Area 4, a 29% increase from last year.

If the residential tax exemption were to rise from 20% to 30%, the overall residential tax rate would increase in order to maintain the same level of revenue coming to the city. As a result of the increase in the residential exemption coupled with an increase in the tax rate, it is now estimated that owner-occupied properties assessed at less than \$800,000 would see a property tax reduction, and owner-occupied properties assessed at more than \$800,000 would see a property tax increase. All absentee-owner residential properties would see an increase in their property tax.

Owner-occupied property assessed at less than \$400,000 would save the most. Tax savings

would decrease as the assessed value moved closer to \$800,000. Those owner-occupied properties assessed at about \$1,000,000 would see a small tax increase, while owner-occupied properties assessed at \$2,000,000 or more would see the largest increases. Property tax rates, exemptions and assessments can be complicated, but we deserve to know what property tax options the city has when they tax our homes.



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The owner of this Brattle St. home assessed at more than \$2,000,000 would pay more

Why didn't the City Council hold hearings and enact this progressive tax change? When asked this question, current City Council Finance Committee Chairman Brian Murphy responded: "I have no idea why we didn't act." Hearings could have also been held by last year's City Council.

If you are one of the 90% of owner-occupied homeowners in Area 4 who would have saved money this year, contact City Councilors and ask them if and when they intend to support progressive taxes in Cambridge. Ask them why they did not act!

Fair Housing Award/Squirrel Brand

On April 23, at a ceremony in Cambridge City Hall, the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition was awarded a 2002 Innovations in Fair Housing Award from the City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission and the Cambridge Fair Housing Committee. This award was given to the Coalition because, according to the Fair Housing Committee, "it is a community group that on a voluntary basis has been the driving force in the conversion of the Squirrel Brand Candy Factory and two related sites into permanently affordable and fair housing." Three years ago the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition led the fight to save the Squirrel Brand factory, develop permanently affordable housing, and preserve more than 10,000 square feet of open space on Broadway and Boardman Street.

Three days later, on April 26, representatives of the Coalition spoke at the grand opening of the Squirrel Brand Apartments and Condominiums. Neighbors toured the eighteen permanently affordable rental units in the Squirrel Brand factory building, two rental units across the street at 17 Boardman Street, and three permanently affordable homeownership condominiums on the corner of Harvard and Windsor Streets.

Affordable housing programs and projects in Area 4 have already received approximately \$750,000 in UDAG funding from the Area Four Coalition over the past several years. These would include affordable housing projects at 85 Portland Street, 72 Elm Street, 77 Elm Street, 59 Norfolk Street, and the Squirrel Brand properties located on Boardman Street and Harvard/Windsor Street. Approximately \$200,000 of the total funding has been used for affordable housing rehabilitation and housing-related youth-training programs.



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Lee Farris (l) and Lorraine Scott (r) at the Squirrel Brand Dedication



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The former Squirrel Brand factory

State Representative Contests in Area 4

Paul Demakis, Marjorie Decker, and Paul Lachelier, candidates for election in State House of Representative districts that include portions of Area 4 (see map on page 8) attended Area Four Neighborhood Coalition meetings recently to ask for support.

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Paul Lachelier

Paul Lachelier, Green Party, candidate for the 26th Middlesex House district

One of the most important reasons that Paul Lachelier, a Clean Election candidate, gave for

his decision to run against Tim Toomey, is that Toomey has consistently opposed the Clean Election law. This law, which state voters approved in a 1998 binding referendum, would provide public funding to candidates who agree to abide by strict spending limits.

According to Lachelier, "in just the last three years, Toomey has, among other things, attempted to weaken gun control laws, voted against establishing buffer zones outside abortion clinics to protect clients, doctors, and staff from anti-abortionists and has voted to reinstate the death penalty."

To learn about Paul Lachelier, go to www.electgreens.org/electpaul.

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Marjorie Decker

Marjorie Decker, Democrat, candidate for the 8th Suffolk House district

Marjorie Decker promises to bring a strong voice and a fresh vision to the newly drawn

Boston/Cambridge district. As someone who has been elected twice to the Cambridge City Council, she feels she has the experience to work on housing, education, and the funding of important programs at the State House, just as she has grappled with those programs as a member of the City Council. She believes that she has the energy to translate ideas into action—and get results.

Marjorie Decker said she will not run for re-election to the Cambridge City Council should she win in November.

You can visit Marjorie Decker's website at www.marjoriedecker.com.

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Paul Demakis

Paul Demakis, Democrat, candidate for re-election to the 8th Suffolk House District

Paul Demakis spoke strongly about his independence and his willingness to stand up

to the power of House Speaker Thomas Finneran—and get things done. He recently won beneficial changes in the senior prescription drug program and \$1.5 million more in funding.

He talked about his vigorous defense of a woman's right to choose as the chief sponsor of a landmark law to establish buffer zones at health clinics performing abortion services and his championing of a domestic partnership law.

He stressed his leadership on the Housing Bond Bill that funds the development of thousands of affordable housing units.

Contact Paul Demakis at the State House by calling 617-722-2460.

MIT Museum/ Free Admission for Area 4 Residents

By MIT Museum staff

Long one of Cambridge's best-kept secrets, the MIT Museum, located in Area 4, is pleased to offer free admission to Area 4 residents from June through August 2002 as part of its "One Community" program. The Museum hopes to bring the Cambridge community together by sharing its scientific and artistic resources with residents right in the Museum's own backyard.

"A key part of our mission is to share the pioneering work at MIT to create a better-informed public about the scientific and artistic world around them in our own community," said Beryl Rosenthal, Director of Public Programs and Exhibitions at the museum.

"Our 'One Community' program is designed to do just that. We can't accomplish this goal without reaching out to our own important neighbors right here in Cambridge."

Part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the MIT Museum houses world-renowned collections in science and technology, holography, architecture and design, and nautical engineering and history. Collections

include works by artist and inventor Arthur Ganson and Thinkapalooza, the Museum's interactive zone for adventurers of all ages. Other exhibits include interactive and experiential galleries dealing with Robots and Artificial Intelligence and the history of MIT.

"The Museum also offers an array of day and weekend programs designed for families to explore science and technology together," said Paul Parravano, member of the MIT Museum advisory board.

The MIT Museum Main Exhibition Center is located at 265 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge, at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Front Street. To visit the Museum and obtain free admission, simply clip the coupon and bring it with you to the Museum during operating hours. The MIT Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Museum at 617-253-4444.

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Entitles bearer and four guests and/or family to free admission.

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Area 4 Walk

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youth. Finally the walk ended in the Market Street Park where neighbor after neighbor came to the microphone to press the city for action and to exhort their neighbors to come together.

At Market Street Park, Monica Eke, who gave birth to her sixth child barely two weeks earlier, came to the microphone and called on her neighbors to take up the challenge: "Everyone must get involved, the park belongs to us—we can't move out, so we have to fight...it takes a village to raise a child, we must come together to find a solution."



Monica Eke speaking out at Market Street Park

"Everyone must get involved, the park belongs to us—we can't move out...we must come together to find a solution."

—Monica Eke

It was the hope of walk organizers that by bringing elected representatives and city officials face to face with graffiti, potholes, drinking hangouts, active drug locations, and parks

that need police supervision and Department of Public Works (DPW) attention, residents of Area 4 would begin to receive the attention and programs that they need.

DPW Commissioner Lisa Peterson acknowledged that Cambridge does not fund a graffiti-removal program such as the one in Boston where city DPW crews actually work with homeowners and businesses to remove graffiti. Such a program would have to be included in the city budget, and councilors have yet to commit themselves to supporting a graffiti-removal program this year.

Residents called for better lighting and a quicker response to calls concerning burned-out

lights in the neighborhood. "Lighting in cities is one of the simplest and surest crime-prevention measures," said Area 4 resident Susan Griffith. "If each property owner—

public and private—took responsibility for the dark areas on their property, the places where crime can easily happen would disappear. If the city monitored lighting systematically and regularly, Cambridge would be a safer place for women and their loved ones."

Issues of potholes, noise from cars, and trash blowing down Area 4 streets were discussed during the walk. Pine Street residents also demanded a timetable for repaving Pine Street, but as the *4word* goes to press, no timetable has been agreed to.

Most importantly, Area 4 neighbors called on Cambridge to include a full-time safety and beautification coordinator for Area 4 in this year's city budget so that residents of all races and languages can be brought together to work efficiently on solutions to the many problems that plague the neighborhood. The coordinator would be

supervised by residents, not the city, and would assist residents in planning and carrying out programs that would help focus advocacy efforts where they belong—on elected officials.

Twenty-five participants in the walk met at the Margaret Fuller House on May 7 to form working committees and plan further public action. Look for information about the Area 4 cleanup day being planned for this summer.

The clock is ticking—Area 4 residents have spoken loud and clear that they want action now!

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The crowd gathers on Broadway to discuss the need for greater police presence, street workers, and youth programs



Boston Graffiti Busters truck—Boston uses DPW workers to help remove graffiti from homes and businesses. Cambridge has refused to fund a similar program.

A Fire at the Zeitgeist



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A fire at the Zeitgeist

The Area 4 neighborhood lost an important center for innovative performance art, political theater, avant-garde music, figure drawing classes, movie festivals, and community celebrations when a fire raced through the Zeitgeist Gallery on the evening of April 26.

According to Fire Chief Gerald Reardon, the fire was caused by faulty electrical wiring, beginning in a water cooler, and caused an estimated \$75,000 in damages. The Zeitgeist Gallery was located on the corner of Norfolk and Broadway on the ground floor of a three-story brick and wood multifamily

dwelling. "We are out of business for the near future, said Zeitgeist director Alan Nidle.

4 your calendar

The Area Four Neighborhood Coalition holds its regularly scheduled meetings on the **second Thursday of every month** from 7-9 p.m. at the Area 4 Youth Center, 243 Harvard Street. The next meetings will be on **June 13** and **July 11**. Free on-site childcare is available if requested in advance. Food and refreshments, often from local restaurants, are served beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Register to vote. The last day to register for the state primary election is August 28. Use the voter registration form insert.

Vote. The state primary election is Tuesday, September 17.

Community Celebration Grants Available

The Area Four Neighborhood Coalition has set aside limited funds to help Area 4 individuals and community groups hold community celebrations, block parties, and events that can help unify and celebrate our neighborhood. Up to

\$400 for first-time grant recipients (\$200 for repeat recipients) is available for each event.

For more information contact Gerald Bergman, Volunteer Grant Coordinator, PO Box 390768 (02139), telephone: 617-354-2648, fax: 617-864-2519, e-mail: gerrberg@aol.com.

Translating the 4word

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Se precisa de ajuda com traduções ou qualquer outro assunto, a MAPS oferece serviços de traduções assim como assistência social a pessoas de lingua portuguesa que residem na zona. Para mais informações, por favor contacte a MAPS através do número 617-864-7600. A MAPS está aberta de segunda a sexta feira das 9:00 da manhã as 5:00 da tarde.

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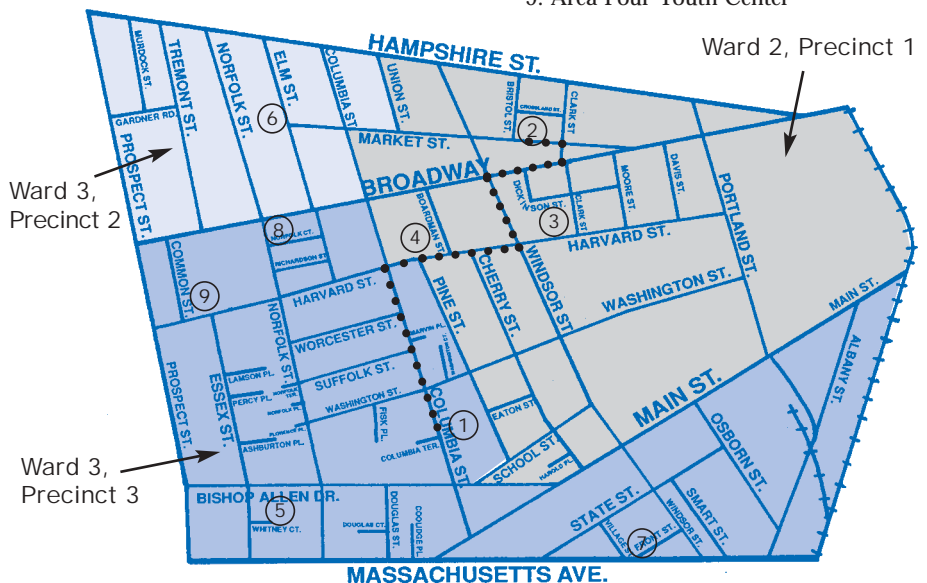
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LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE OF 4WORD

- Safety and Beautification Walk route:
- 1. Columbia St. Park
- 2. Market St. Park
- 3. Proposed 238 Broadway/Harvard St. park
- 4. Squirrel Brand factory
- 5./6. David Fichter murals
- 7. MIT Museum
- 8. Zeitgeist Gallery fire
- 9. Area Four Youth Center



House and Senate contested elections that include parts of Area 4

- Ward 3-Precinct 3** (Sept. 17 House primary): Rep. Paul Demakis vs. Marjorie Decker
- Ward 2-Precinct 1 & Ward 3-Precinct 2** (Nov. 5 House final): Rep. Tim Toomey vs. Paul Lachelier
- Ward 3-Precinct 2** (Sept. 17 Senate primary): Rep. Jarrett Barrios vs. Anthony Galluccio (Candidates from other cities are also running in this election.)



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