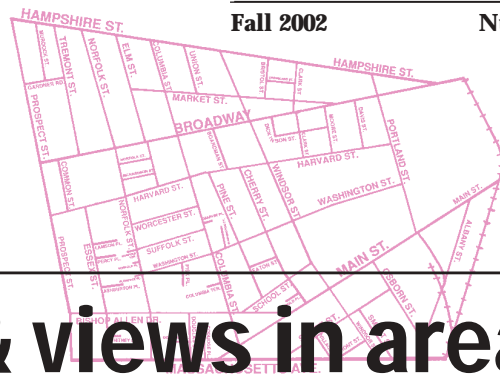


# 4word



## news & views in area 4

### Area 4 Clean-Up

by Linda Lindquist

On a beautiful sunny morning in June a handful of enthusiastic people met at Columbia Street Park to participate in an Area 4 clean-up. Soon more neighbors joined the group, perhaps enticed by the wide variety of pastries, coffee, and juice donated by Au Bon Pain. Residents were handed brooms, shovels, rubber gloves, paint, and brushes. Most of the younger crowd wanted to paint, and the adults were only too happy to let them do so. People were very surprised to see how much litter can accumulate under bushes and behind fences. Neighbors along the way called out, "Hey, what are you doing?" and "Are you going to do this every week?"



Linda Lindquist

Maroline Robinson at work on Columbia Street

Even more people joined the workers en route. Everyone was enthusiastic and hard-working, and positive results were immediately evident. The owners of Camie's Bakery on Harvard and Columbia streets were more than delighted to have the graffiti removed from their building.

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### Stop the Violence

On Monday June 17 at 7 pm Sean Williams was shot in the head while in his car on a busy street in Area 4 with dozens of people around. A week earlier, bullets without names whizzed by the faces and doorsteps of residents when two young men were shot near the same location. On June 18 another Cambridge native was shot and killed in West Cambridge, marking the fifth homicide in Cambridge this year.

Even before these shootings, Area 4 residents were marching and speaking out against drugs, guns, and violence. On April 27 a neighborhood Safety and Beautification march included residents, District Attorney Martha Coakley, police officers, politicians, and city department heads (see June 2002 *4word* at [mit.edu/dryfoo/area4/](http://mit.edu/dryfoo/area4/) *4word*).



Gerald Bergman

Memorial for Sean Williams on Windsor Street



Gerald Bergman

(Left to right) Police Commissioner Watson, Regina Jones, and Zoia Krastanova at a meeting called by the Washington Elms/Newtowne Court Resident Council

Following the June shootings there were two marches, a neighborhood clean-up day, and meetings organized by the Washington Elms/Newtowne Court Resident Council. As the October *4word* goes to press, a town meeting with police Commissioner Watson is being planned.

A group of people who live or work in Area 4 has

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## From the Editor

As I participated in the September 11th memorials in Cambridge, one thought became clearer and clearer as the day wore on: all killing must stop. Some Area 4 residents can speak personally of war, some cannot. But we all know that war brings terror to innocent people. War, like other forms of violence, is never the solution.

The Department of Education recently reported that 192 out of 499 11th graders (38%) at Rindge and Latin High School have not earned an MCAS competency diploma. Those most at risk of not receiving an MCAS diploma are African Americans, Latinos, special-needs students, and low-income students. Schools should not be in the business of handing out labels that will follow students around for a lifetime. Schools should be about developing and expanding students' opportunities, not limiting them.



Anti-MCAS rally  
September 19

I want to congratulate Paul Demakis and Jarrett Barrios for their success in the primary election on September 17. Tuesday, November 5 is election day. In addition to voting for governor and other state offices, we will be able to vote on clean elections (Question 3)

and on the Unz bilingual ballot question (Question 2).

The Unz ballot question would force a failed language program on our state, impose costly mandates on schools, deprive parents of choices for their children's education, enact harsh penalties on educators, and interfere with efforts at real reform in Massachusetts. Area 4, with the highest proportion of non-English-speaking residents of any neighborhood in Cambridge has the most to lose if the Unz ballot initiative passes in November. Once again, immigrants are under attack.



Paul Lachelier, Paul Demakis, and Marjorie Decker discuss the issues at the Cambridge YWCA. Tim Toomey did not participate.

In Area 4 we will have a real choice for State Representative on November 5. Paul Lachelier is mounting a strong challenge to Representative Tim Toomey in the 26th Middlesex District (see map on page 8).

There are many differences between the two candidates. Paul Lachelier is a Clean Elections candidate and Tim Toomey has opposed Clean Elections, even though 72% of the district voted in favor.

Tim Toomey was the lead sponsor of a recent pro-gun bill, which put guns in the hands of convicted criminals. Paul



Ceremony commemorating September 11

Lachelier has committed himself to keeping all guns off the street.

In 2001 Tim Toomey voted for the "speaker for life" bill, which removed term limits for the Speaker of the House in a show of support for House Speaker Thomas Finneran. Paul Lachelier has endorsed democratic reforms in the House of Representatives.

Tim Toomey voted against a 1999 bill that would have annually adjusted the state minimum wage of \$6.75 to inflation to prevent wage loss to working men and women. Paul Lachelier has pledged to tie the state minimum wage to inflation.

Tim Toomey voted in 2000 against a bill which would establish buffer zones around abortion clinics to protect women, doctors, and staff from harassment. Paul Lachelier has pledged to support a woman's right to privacy and control over her own body.

The *4word* sent a questionnaire to each candidate regarding past votes and positions on the issues. Paul Lachelier responded but Tim Toomey did not. Find out where the candidates stand on the issues and vote on November 5.

## Letter to the Editor

On what grounds could the U.S. justifiably wage a declared war against Iraq? Yes, Saddam Hussein committed serious offenses that demand review in a world criminal court, but he was a U.S.-supported and financed ally back then and the U.S. did not utter a word of criticism at the time. Why do the actions of Saddam Hussein now justify a U.S. military assault that could kill tens of thousands of Iraqis to remove one man and change a regime, harsh as it may be? Not to mention the U.S. soldiers who will also be killed.

Some also say the U.S. must go to war because Saddam Hussein is developing

weapons of mass destruction. Others say it is not so clear he has this capability. Whatever the reality, ought not the U.S. deal with this in concert with other nations at the United Nations? Ought not the U.S., the most powerful democracy, adhere to the rule of law rather than military assaults?

How does the U.S. encourage the rule of law as the basis of government if it reserves for itself the right of rogue assault when the U.S. alone declares it necessary? On what grounds can the U.S. say we must get him before he uses weapons of mass destruction against us? And should the U.S. then assault India, China, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, England, France, and others before they use

their weapons of mass destruction? Doesn't such thinking invite other nations to assault the U.S., perhaps the world's largest manufacturer of weapons of mass destruction, first, before the U.S. uses its weapons?

If we want to live, if we want no future 9/11s, if we want the world to have a future and not just endless rounds of war, we, the U.S., must take the lead, step back, stand down, and find another way. The enormous challenge of making peace will take all our creativity, ingenuity, and diplomacy. But it is surely worth it.

—Sunny Robinson  
(edited with permission due to length)

## People Pride

**M**erri Ansara, a resident of Area 4 for the past ten years, is the owner of Common Ground, the only travel agency in New England licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to send U.S. citizens to Cuba. Until recently, Common Ground was located at 55 Norfolk Street, but now the business is at 165 Amory Street in Inman Square, a move necessitated by the increase of staff in order to better serve the tremendous number of individuals and organizations wishing to travel to Cuba. Despite the restriction that the only U.S. citizens who can visit the country legally are journalists, people on missions of humanitarian relief, those visiting families in dire need, and academic researchers, business is booming.

Ansara has a master's degree in public administration and is an urban planner. When she was 26 she worked as a radio journalist in Cuba. Ansara's intent was not to become a travel agent, but rather to facilitate communication between groups, organizations, and individuals, in an effort to "develop different approaches to North-South relations, to help individuals and organizations confront myths about the Cuban people, and to find common ground between people in the United States and Cuba."

The agency was founded as a vehicle to bring about a greater cultural and political understanding between the two countries. Common Ground also grew out of Ansara's involvement in several Massachusetts organizations working to improve social-service delivery to small communities. She founded Common Ground in 1989 after making connections with organizations in Cuba working on similar issues. Ansara now uses the travel agency as a way to help individuals question the blockade of Cuba. She is hopeful about the development of political networks in which travel clients who do cultural and political work would link up with one another.

Ansara's father was an Arab American, which made her keenly aware of political

oppression and issues that were heightened after September 11. Her staff of six at Common Ground includes a Peruvian, a Colombian, and a Cuban American. Ansara believes her staff reflects the many perspectives, and the need for dialogue and finding common ground, that exist after the events of September 11.



*Merri Ansara (holding her dog) and other Eviction Free Zone members outside 55 Norfolk Street*

A long-time member of the Eviction Free Zone (EFZ), Ansara subleased her Norfolk Street office space to this

Cambridge activist organization, which has a long history of working for housing justice. According to Ansara, "I decided to sublet to the EFZ because I wanted to preserve the fabric of the neighborhood by supporting an organization that is attempting to help families stay in the neighborhood."

Ansara worked with Just a Start to rehabilitate the boarded-up 55 Norfolk Street building in 2000 because of her commitment to locally owned small businesses. "If we are going to preserve affordable housing, we need affordable businesses in the neighborhood—we only create ghettos when we do not maintain and support affordable locally owned businesses that provide the goods and services that residents need," said Ansara. She sees the Area 4 neighborhood as becoming increasingly "fragile—not quite hanging together in a cohesive fashion after the loss of rent control and the drastically increased cost of housing with the resultant inability of families to become homeowners. We must be part of the dialogue in the city

Gerald Bergman

## Eviction Free Zone

by Mary Regan

**O**n July 1, 2002, the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone (EFZ) moved its office to 55 Norfolk Street, the former home of the Common Ground Travel Agency. The two organizations have a long history of partnership and shared values, and when Common Ground outgrew its office, EFZ expanded into the welcoming storefront on Norfolk Street. The EFZ is a grassroots membership organization of tenants and immigrants and their allies, fighting for tenants' and immigrants' rights, and for social and economic justice.

The 55 Norfolk Street address has a lot of significance for the EFZ. It's a return to Central Square, EFZ's birthplace. The EFZ is also proud of the support the people of Area Four have shown them over the years. Almost half of EFZ's 240

## The EFZ fights for tenants' and immigrants' rights and social and economic justice

active members live in Area 4 and the Central Square area. The EFZ is proud to have been a part of the struggle of the 59 Norfolk Street tenants to win respect for their tenant association and win permanently affordable homes for themselves and the neighborhood. The story of 59 Norfolk Street (which includes the storefront at 55 Norfolk Street) is, in many ways, the story of the Eviction Free Zone—helping organize tenants to fight greedy landlords and win permanently affordable housing.

To learn more about, or get involved in, the EFZ and its Housing Justice, Immigrant Rights, and Haitian Women Organizing campaigns, call 617-354-1300. Or just stop by our air conditioned office and say hello!



# Take a Good, Long Look

by Linda Lindquist

The first time I saw the Community Gardens I was walking along Broadway. From a distance it appeared to be an empty lot overgrown with weeds and some wildflowers. You can imagine my delight when I drew closer and realized that this was most certainly not a plot of land left to the whims of nature. Not only were there flowers, but there was an abundance of vegetables, comfortable outdoor chairs, birdbaths, and pathways. What a wonderful surprise!

Audrey Schill, who lives on Harvard Street, has been gardening here for five years. Not only does she have flowers and a birdhouse, but her produce includes chives, cucumbers, peppers, zucchini, strawberries, and tomatoes. Shaw's Supermarket doesn't see Audrey much in the summer.

I can't help but think of how many people walk by these gardens every single day and never stop to "smell the flowers." I have never seen anyone standing outside the fence and just looking in. Perhaps I am always there at the wrong time. Having lived in the country for many, many years, the decision to move



Linda Lindquist

*Audrey Schill in the Squirrel Brand community garden*

to the city did not diminish my appreciation for gardens and plantings.

The more I explore Cambridge, the more I am discovering little plots of land where someone has taken the time to plant something. A single rosebush in a tiny front yard brings such pleasure; lilies pushing desperately through a picket fence can be enjoyed by all; and the sight of a red tomato on a vine can immediately cause one's mouth to water. Take a good, long look at the Community Gardens. Take a good, long look at the plantings on your own street. You will not be sorry.

# The Future of the Squirrel Brand Community Garden

The Squirrel Brand Community Garden on Broadway and Boardman Street is one of 14 community gardens in the city of Cambridge. Another Area 4 community garden is on Moore Street adjacent to the tennis courts on Harvard Street. Community gardens have been part of the city landscape for at least 30 years and most are on city-owned property.

Area 4 is about to undergo a planning process for the future of the Squirrel Brand garden. Already, due to the conversion of the Squirrel Brand factory into affordable housing, with a small lawn and parking for residents, several garden plots have been eliminated. Next year the garden may be closed to allow for a thorough replacement of existing soil in order to remove lead contamination.



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*Squirrel Brand Factory and land before its conversion to community gardens*

The failure of the city in 1995 to purchase the 46,000 square foot lot at 210 Broadway, between Broadway and Harvard Street and between Davis and Moore Street, even after the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition agreed to donate \$200,000 for the purchase, still angers residents. This land was vacant for many years and was seen as critical to providing open space and opportunities for increased affordable housing. Now the neighborhood is being forced to decide between affordable housing, open space, and community gardens, three valuable elements needed to make up a livable urban community.

Residents interested in having a community garden plot must contact the Cambridge Conservation Commission, which will provide the interested gardener with a list of volunteer garden coordinators. For further information call Sarah McLennan of the Cambridge Conservation Commission at 617-349-4680.

## Area 4 Scholarship Program

The Area 4 Scholarship Program has helped dozens of young people to complete their studies at colleges and universities. The program has been funded by \$40,000 in Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) money given by the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition over the past three years. The scholarship fund provides up to \$500 for students who are attending college or a job-training program.

The National Black College Alliance, a nonprofit organization that provides college preparation and educational programs for youth and college students, has been selected to administer the scholarship program.

Funds will go to students ages 18-24 who attend college (with priority to local colleges) or a job training program; live in the Area 4 neighborhood, or have been displaced by rent control; and who have financial need.

Applications can be picked up at the Area 4 Youth Center, the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, or the Community Art Center. The deadline for the first round of grants was September 30, but eligible students have until December 30 to submit their application for the second round of grants. For more information contact Chip Greenidge at [chipgreenidge@aol.com](mailto:chipgreenidge@aol.com) or call Chip at 617-442-8045.

## The City Council Fails to Act on Progressive Property Taxes—Again!

For the second year in a row, most owner-occupant homeowners in Area 4 will lose as much as several hundred dollars on their next tax bill because the City Council failed to act in time on progressive property tax relief.

If you are the owner-occupant of a home in Area 4, here is how much you lost (approximately) over the past two years (last year's tax bill and the upcoming 2003 tax bill combined) because of the City Council's failure to act:

ASSESSED VALUE:	LOST TAX SAVINGS:
\$175,000	\$835
\$250,000	\$750
\$325,000	\$660
\$400,000	\$570
\$500,000	\$450
\$700,000	\$215

The June *4word* disclosed the fact that if the Cambridge City Council had passed a 30% residential exemption last year, such as happened in Boston and Somerville, approximately 90% of the owner-occupied residential properties in Area 4 would have saved money on their last tax bill, in some cases,

several hundred dollars. Once the word got out, the City Council began hearing from homeowners in the neighborhood.

After the outcry from homeowners, the City Council Finance Committee finally held a hearing on September 10 and voted to move forward in adopting this important progressive tax change. However, for the second year in a row, taxpayers will not see this change on their next tax bill because action is coming too late.

This change will especially help first-time homeowners and homeowners who cannot afford more expensive properties because they have fewer assets and/or smaller incomes. City Manager Robert Healy said at the September 10 hearing that "one can assume that the logic of moving from 20% to 30% makes sense." The city assessor called it an important progressive tax change. Councilor Brian Murphy, Finance Committee chair, stated that the "impact of the tax change on rental units would be negligible," and Councilor Henrietta Davis added that "renters in three- and four-unit owner-occupied buildings could possibly see rents go down."



*The owner-occupant of this Pine Street home would have saved over \$700*

Gerald Bergman

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. The City Council should hold publicized open hearings. We should be told the facts.

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 why they did not act in time!

As the October *4word* goes to press, a final vote of the City Council on the 30% exemption is pending. (For more detailed information see the June 2002 *4word* online at [mit.edu/dryfoo/area4/4word](http://mit.edu/dryfoo/area4/4word).)



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*238 Columbia Street, formerly Beth Israel Synagogue*

erect a Cambridge synagogue and school at 238 Columbia Street, to cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Beth Israel Synagogue was completed in 1901 in time for the High Holidays. It is thought that approximately 500 Jewish families existed in the city in 1900. Between 1875 and 1925 approximately 3,000 to 5,000 Jewish immigrants settled in Cambridge, most of them in the Central Square area.

The three major synagogues/congregations in Cambridge were all located in the Area 4 and

## Jewish Celebration in Area 4

For more than 100 years, Area 4 has been the center of Jewish celebration in Cambridge. The *Cambridge Chronicle* reported that on October 6, 1900, \$1,300 was pledged by the local Jewish community to

Inman Square neighborhoods. Congregation Anshe Sfard was on Webster Street on the Cambridge boundary with Somerville until 1954. Beth Israel, located at 238 Columbia



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*Temple Beth Shalom, 8 Tremont Street*

Street, combined with Anshe Sfard in 1957, and lasted until 1962. The building at 238 Columbia Street is now residential condominiums. Temple Ashkenaz at 8 Tremont Street was built in 1924 and renamed Temple Beth Shalom, following the 1962 merger with Beth Israel.

Other buildings and programs in the greater

Area 4 neighborhood included a Hebrew school on Elm Street and Cambridge's first Jewish community center, which now houses a Portuguese club.

Fall is the holiest season of the Jewish year, which began this year with Rosh Hashanah at sundown on September 6, followed by Yom Kippur at sundown on September 15. Rosh Hashanah is known as the Jewish New Year. The 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called the Days of Atonement.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, ends with the sound of the shofar, a ram's horn. Each year the Simchat Torah holiday celebration draws more than 500 people from area synagogues and community groups to Tremont Street, when the entire street is blocked off for dancing and celebration. This year's Simchat Torah celebration was September 29.

For more information about Temple Beth Shalom, call 617-864-6388 or visit [www.tremontstreetshul.org](http://www.tremontstreetshul.org).



*Gordon's Central Square Theater*



*The interior of Gordon's Central Square Theater contained 2,120 seats*

## Looking Back— Gordon's Central Square Theater

"Never until Monday night at the new Central Square theatre were 2,200 people gathered together indoors in Cambridge" (*Cambridge Chronicle* 3/22/1919). Some long-term residents of Area 4 will remember the 1919 opening of Gordon's Theater, located at 571–575 Massachusetts Avenue. Its crowning feature was the organ specially designed for the theater by Mr. Gordon, the first man in the world to place organs in motion picture theaters. The theater was designed in 1917 by William Mowll, who

also designed the Squirrel Brand Candy factory (see photo page 4) in Area 4.

"The genius of Rex Beach was never more compellingly demonstrated than in *The Brand*, the first night feature picture, widely known because of the thrilling nature of the story...The remainder of the program is also of stirring excellence with Arthur Martell presiding at the wonderful organ, assisted by an orchestra under his direction, followed by an exceptional bill of vaudeville, the

Pathe News Pictorial and a travel picture completing the bill" (*Chronicle* 3/15/1919).

Gordon's Central Square Theater, at one time one of three theaters in Central Square, took three years to construct. Designed as a vaudeville house, it contained a stage, an orchestra pit, an organ, dressing rooms, and a flytower for scenery, as well as a movie screen. The theater ran back to Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street, and was a major Central Square landmark until about 1960 when it was taken down to build the present public parking lot.

The building that now houses Libby's Liquors and the Shalimar Indian market originally contained the theater lobby. The introduction of a marquee in 1927 and later storefront alterations obscured the entire facade below the second floor window sills. With assistance from the Historical Commission under a grant from the Community Development Department to upgrade storefronts on Massachusetts Avenue, a portion of the original facade was restored.

Residents of Area 4 are invited to take a look at the recent restoration, which may bring back memories of those days before television. Please contact the *4word* editor, Gerald Bergman, at 617-354-2648, with your memories of Gordon's Theater and other theaters in Central Square as well as your suggestions about other historical stories that could be featured in upcoming editions.

*Photos courtesy of the Cambridge Historical Commission, Ida DeMarco*

## National Night Out Against Crime— Flashlight Walk in Area 4

*by Regina Jones, President of the  
Newtowne Court/Washington Elms  
Resident Council*

**O**n Tuesday August 6, approximately 100 residents of the Area 4 community walked from Harvard and Clark streets along Pine and Columbia streets to Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square. Yes, this was a grassroots endeavor, however the residents were not alone. They were joined by various members of the City Council and several representatives of the Cambridge Police Department.

The community of Area 4 spoke in a loud and unified voice saying, "no more drugs, crime, or violence in our neighborhood" (this chant was written by Pedro Mauras). We as Area 4 residents will no longer sit back and allow criminals or their behavior to take away our freedom or opportunities for a good quality of life.

I want to especially thank organizers of the National Night Out including Jackie Adams, chair of the Newtowne Court/Washington Elms Safety Committee; Manuel Themea, vice-president of the Resident Council; Barbara Hayes; and Dorothy Santiago and Kevin Evans, residents of Washington Elms.

Thanks to all in the neighborhood for your commitment and support. Peace!



## Greetings from Area 4 Schools

### Fletcher-Maynard Academy

*If your plan is for one year, plant rice.  
If your plan is for ten years, plant trees.  
If your plan is for 100 years, educate children.* —Confucius

Greetings from the Fletcher-Maynard Academy. The students, parents, and faculty are extremely excited to begin our third school year. Once you enter our building you can feel the river of positive vibes and energy flowing. As our new school mission states, we are committed to building and nurturing a community of caring citizens who are life-long learners. We have a very committed, gifted faculty, supportive parents and community, and talented students.

This year we are also striving to become a real "Community Building." We invite friends and neighbors of Area 4 to visit and to spend time with us. Neighborhood children and adults are encouraged to join us for an evening class, utilize our computer lab, or spend some quiet time in the school library. Please don't hesitate to give us a call anytime at 617-349-6588. Taking the advice of Confucius, we are not planting rice or trees at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy but educating children. Our motto this year is "Watch Us Grow." We are looking forward to the best year yet.

—Robin Harris, Principal

### Cambridgeport School

A year has passed since the Cambridgeport School staff worked feverishly all Labor Day weekend to complete the move into the Fletcher School building. It was a year of growth, settling in to our new neighborhood, and daily appreciation for a wonder-

ful school building that has large and bright classrooms, a great gym, library, and room for our art, music, drama and Spanish programs, as well as After School Childcare and Community School programs. Already we fill up every space!

We are grateful for the welcoming feeling extended by our Area 4 neighbors. The block party hosted by the school and Community School with support from the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition and M.I.T. added to the spirit of community. In 2003, we want to work with the neighborhood and the city to host a 100th year birthday celebration for the Fletcher School. We invite the neighborhood's help in planning an event or series of events in the spring or fall of 2003. Meanwhile, the '02-'03 school year opened with record enrollment and wonderful first days of school for every class. We are glad to be part of this neighborhood!

—Lynn Stuart, Principal

## Stop the Violence

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been meeting to develop unified goals and strategies that can help stop the violence. It has demanded full-time street workers assigned to Area 4 to intervene in violence and address issues surrounding violence; a

changes in the current police training, assignment, and deployment policy would also reflect neighborhood needs.

The group has outlined additional steps to address violence in the neighborhood. They have called on the city to produce and distribute a pamphlet that instructs residents on how and when to call the

police, what to observe, and how to keep track of police response time; to fund a lighting campaign; to expand gun and knife reduction programs.

Neighborhood residents are speaking out and they are demanding accountability, mutual respect, and action.

The next meeting of the neighborhood group is scheduled for Wednesday,

October 16, 5:30 pm, at the Area 4 Youth Center, 243 Harvard Street.

The *4word* wants to hear from you. Address your concerns and thoughts about safety and violence to Letters to the Editor, c/o Gerald Bergman, PO Box 390768, Cambridge, MA 02139.

## Area 4 Clean-Up

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Linda Lindquist

*Neighbors enjoying a break*

Harvard Street, Columbia Street, and Market Street were greatly improved, and passersby commented on how good it all looked. Pride in one's neighborhood comes from the joint efforts of many. If each did his or her part, Area 4 would always look as it did after this very successful clean-up.



Gerald Bergman

*Getting to know one another*



Gerald Bergman



*Residents ignore rain and lightning to march against guns and violence*

paid full-time safety coordinator to lead an Area 4 self-empowerment and safety project; and the immediate implementation of true community policing.

True community policing would change the way police officers engage area residents and would build police-community relationships and confidence. Proposed



Gerald Bergman

Area 4 block party

## Community Celebration Grants

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, PO Box 390768 (02139), 617-354-2648, e-mail: gerrberg@aol.com.

## Translating the 4word

**Para Residentes Que Falam Português**  
Se precisa de ajuda com traduções ou qualquer outro assunto, a MAPS oferece serviços de traduções assim como assistência social a pessoas de língua 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.

**Pou Rezidan Ki Pale Kreyol**  
Si'w yon moun bezwen èd pou li JOURNAL ZON 4 LA e pou nou byen konpran enfòmasyon yo tou. Silvouple rele Biwo Ayisyen: 617-349-6351.

**Para Residentes Que Hablan Español**  
Si necesita ayuda en inglés, tenemos intérpretes que le pueden acompañar a sus citas y traductores que pueden traducir sus documentos personales por escrito. Sólo llame a Concilio Hispano al 617-661-9406 y comuníquese con Sandra o Cecilia. Nuestro horario de atención es de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

## Caribbean Carnival

One of the summer highlights in Area 4 was the annual Cambridge Carnival in Central Square. On August 25, neighbors were treated to local bands, arts and crafts displays, a kids' fun area, ethnic food, and the carnival parade. Cambridge Carnival International received an \$11,000 grant from the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition to help support the involvement of Area 4 residents in this celebration. "We are excited about this partnership with the Coalition and look forward to working with the community in reaching many more children as the Carnival continues to grow," said Nicola Williams, chair of Cambridge Carnival International.



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A Caribbean Carnival marcher

## 4 your calendar

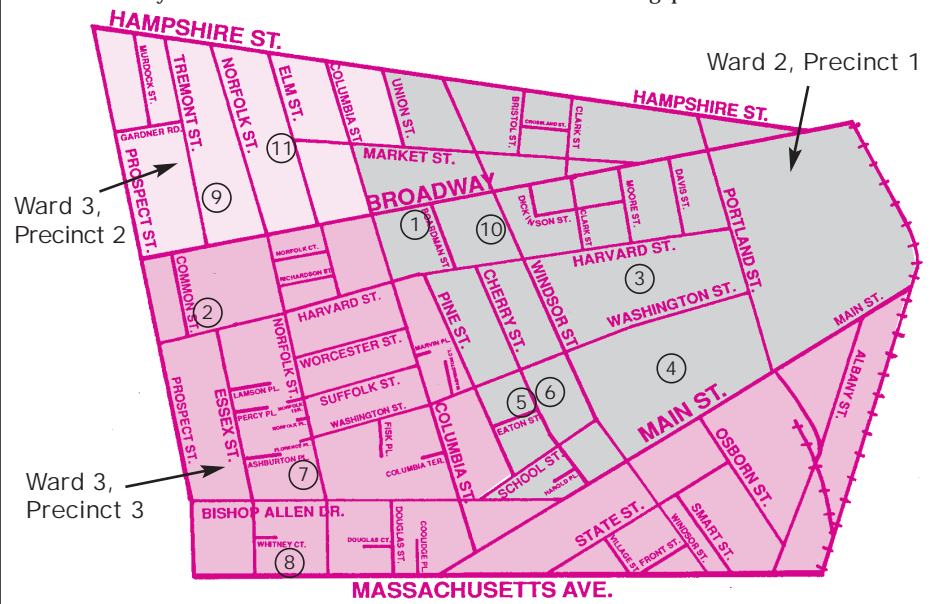
The Area Four Neighborhood Coalition holds its regularly scheduled meetings on the **second Thursday of every month** from 7-9 pm, at the Area 4 Youth Center, 243 Harvard Street. The next meetings will be

on **November 14** and **December 12**. Food and refreshments, often from local restaurants, are served beginning at 6:30 pm.

- Wednesday, October 16:** 8 pm—Deadline for voter registration.
- Tuesday, November 5:** General Election. Polls are open 7 am until 8 pm. For further information call the Cambridge Election Commission 617-349-4361.

### LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE OF 4WORD

1. Squirrel Brand Community Garden
2. Area 4 Youth Center
3. Washington Elms
4. Newtowne Court
5. Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House
6. Community Art Center
7. Eviction Free Zone office
8. Former site of Gordon's Central Square Theater
9. Temple Beth Shalom
10. Fletcher-Maynard Academy
11. Cambridgeport School



**State House of Representatives contested election that includes parts of Area 4 :**  
Ward 2—Precinct 1 and Ward 3—Precinct 2: Paul Lachelier vs. Tim Toomey  
**Register by October 16 — Vote on November 5**



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