



## Cambridge Local First Newsletter December 2009

Bringing Cambridge together to Buy Local and Be Local!



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Dear Laury,

As we dig ourselves out from last weekend's snowstorm, it serves as an appropriate metaphor for the state of our local economy. We still have much work to do, but all signs point to the gradual improvement of our economic climate. Dan Houston of Civic Economics made a stirring presentation, earlier in the month, in which he talked about how local businesses have been instrumental in the rebuilding of the New Orleans economy after Hurricane Katrina. They're every bit as important in Cambridge. The data collected by Civic Economics shows that independently-owned businesses are leading the way in America's economic recovery, and that consumers who choose to spend just 10% more of their money locally can change the face of their communities.

I'm proud to say that I bought almost all of my Christmas gifts locally this year, and I have many friends and colleagues who did as well. Thanks to promotions like Shop Inman By Moonlight and Midnight Madness in Davis Square, citizens of Cambridge and Somerville have become more aware of where and how they do their holiday buying. Let's do our best to keep this awareness high in the coming year!

Happy Holidays,  
Dan Meyers, CLF Administrative Coordinator

## CAMBRIDGE LOCAL FIRST NEWS AND EVENTS

### Directory Distribution

We've printed 25,000 copies of the directory this year, so don't be shy about handing them out! Do you need a new plastic display, window sticker, or a refill of directories?

[Call or email Dan](#), and he and your Neighborhood Rep will get you what you need!



### Think Local, Thank Local "Wrap Party"

This year's Think Local, Thank Local campaign was another successful fund-raiser, with **over \$3,000** already received to

benefit the Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF). Our thanks go out to all the CLF members who participated. **Did your business participate, but you haven't sent in your check yet? Please do so right away, so that we can share your generosity with CHAF at the TLTL "Wrap Party" to be held at Christopher's Restaurant on Monday, January 11th at 7 p.m.** All CLF members are welcome to attend! We will be eating great local food courtesy of Charlie Christopher and his staff, and there will be a cash bar available. Most importantly, we'll be handing over the check to CHAF, and giving a big public "thank you" to all who participated. Hope to see you there!

## CLF MEMBER NEWS

### Christmas and New Year's at UpStairs

Looking for a fabulous Christmas Eve dinner, a post-shopping nightcap, or a high-quality New Year's bash to ring in 2010? UpStairs On The Square has you covered! They've got many special holiday events coming up over the next 10 days, starting with Christmas caroling tonight, and culminating with New Year's brunch. [Visit their website](#) for more information on all their holiday offerings.

### Jimmy Tingle Screens New Film

Cambridge-based comedian and entertainer Jimmy Tingle has been offering his unique brand of clean, fun satire for years. **On December 26th, get your Christmas laughs at the screening of his new film, "Jimmy Tingle's American Dream", at the Wellfleet Harbor Actors' Theater in Wellfleet.** Jimmy will also be performing live, delivering a montage of some of his best routines from 2009. [For tickets, visit the WHAT website.](#)

7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26th  
Wellfleet Harbor Actors' Theater  
2357 St. Hwy Rt. 6  
Wellfleet, MA

## CAMBRIDGE CONNECTIONS

### Cambridge Seasonal Flu/Swine Flu Clinic

The Cambridge Public Health Department will offer a flu clinic with both H1N1 (swine) flu and seasonal flu vaccine on **Saturday, January 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the War Memorial building (1640 Cambridge Street).** Vaccine will be available both as a shot and nasal spray. This clinic is open to the general public. **H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine will be available to Cambridge residents, students, and workers and their families. Seasonal flu vaccine will be available to everyone as long as supplies last.** To receive instant updates on flu clinics via mobile phone, text "VACCINE" to 69302. Full information is available at call the health department's recorded FluLine at 617-665-3855 or go to [www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org).

## Submission Guidelines

Do you have news or an event that you want mentioned in the upcoming CLF Spotlight? The deadline for submission of events is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31st. All articles or press releases can be sent to [cambridgelf@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgelf@gmail.com)

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