



Cambridge Local First Newsletter January 2010

Bringing Cambridge together to Buy Local and Be Local!



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Dear Laury,

This may be a slow time of year for many businesses, but CLF and you, our members, have been busy. There's a lot to read about in this issue of the Newsletter, and many encouraging things going on in our community.

I'm especially proud of the way that CLF members, as well as other local organizations here in Cambridge, have stepped up to provide money, food, and medical supplies to help those affected by the recent disaster in Haiti. The catch-phrase for the past 30 years or so has been "Think Globally, Act Locally"--but thanks to the generosity and organization of Cambridge businesses, we've provided a conduit for local residents to make a difference in the larger world. That's something to be proud of.

Happy New Year,
Dan Meyers, CLF Administrative Coordinator

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL FIRST NEWS AND EVENTS

Think Local, Thank Local Wrap Party

We had a nice turnout for last week's "Wrap Party" at Christopher's, and it was a pleasure to be able to present over \$6500 to David Pap of the Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund. Special thanks are due to Cambridge Trust Co., who once again supported Think Local, Thank Local by providing both money and publicity, Cambridge Savings Bank, who generously allowed us to use the former Alpha Omega windows, and to Charlie and Holly of Christopher's, who provided excellent food and an attractive location for this event.

Shift Your Shopping generates great publicity for CLF in prominent publications

Thanks to the collaboration between Cambridge Local First, Somerville Local First, and Dan Houston of Civic Economics, the **Shift Your Shopping** movement made waves in local media this

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Submission Guidelines

holiday season. CLF was mentioned on the front page of the Boston Metro, in the Boston Business Journal, and on NECN.

For the Boston Metro article, [click here](#).

For the BBJ article, [click here](#).

(Note: only subscribers will be able to read the full article)

For the NECN story, [click here](#).



Thanks to all those who helped to promote the Shift Your Shopping campaign in 2009--there will be more to come this year!

CLF MEMBER NEWS

New Museum For Cambridge History

The only 17th-century building on Brattle Street has dramatically entered the 21st century. Over the past 12 months, the [Cambridge Historical Society](#) has repainted and reinterpreted the Hooper-Lee-Nichols house, shifting it from a period house to a museum on the history of Cambridge. Now open to the public, visitors will find five exhibit rooms, each of which has a different exhibit. This new display was put together through the generous support of the Cambridge Savings Bank. The display infrastructure, which the bank supported, was created to be flexible so that displays can be changed. The museum can now host rotating exhibits on a different parts of Cambridge's history, or host displays from other organizations. CHS encourages people to visit, become a member, and attend events through the year!



S&H Construction Named Best of Boston

[S+H Construction](#) was recently recognized as "Best Classic Contractor" by the 2010 Best of Boston Home Awards. This achievement marks the third "Best of" honor for S&H, having been recognized in 2008 as "Best Kitchen Remodeler", and most notably, in 2007 as the first home industry recipient of the "Best of Boston" for "Best General Contractor". **Congratulations to all at S&H!**

1369 Coffee House raises over \$10,000 for Haiti

On the morning of Saturday, January 16th, [1369 Coffee House](#) gave away all drinks for free. In exchange, they collected donations for [Stand with Haiti](#) - the Partners In Health earthquake relief fund.

Many from the Cambridge community came out to help, and the response was overwhelming. **Between community donations, employee contributions, and a company gift, 1369 was able to raise more than \$10,000 for Haitian earthquake relief.** For more

information on how to support Partners In Health, a Boston/Cambridge charity that works to provide fair and affordable health care to the poorest citizens of Haiti and other nations around the world, [click here](#).

CAMBRIDGE CONNECTIONS

Cambridge EDD Offers Special Event Planning Workshop

As part of the Nightlife and Outdoor Activities Campaign, **there will be a Special Event Planning Workshop on Monday, February 22nd at the City Hall Annex**. This free workshop will be open to all event planners, community organizations, and for-profit or non-profit groups that want to organize a special event or promotion in a public area in Cambridge. It will outline the required permits and necessary documentation, along with providing resources for promoting your event.

Workshop begins at 1:00 PM; PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
Monday, Feb. 22nd, 2010
2nd Floor, Community Meeting Room
City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway
For more information, contact Rona Holmes at 617-349-4637, or rholmes@cambridgema.gov

Greenport Climate Change Forum: "Beyond Despair"

Sponsored by Cambridge Greenport, this free forum on January 19th will help us share feelings, hopes, and concerns about our local responses to what is widely considered the biggest threat that humans have ever faced. Rosalie Anders, an environmental planner for the City of Cambridge, will be directing this forum. She works on transportation and energy issues and is the author of the City's pedestrian plan and coauthor of its climate action plan. Before that, she was Associate Director of Council for a Livable World and co-founded and led the Sustainable Cambridge Coalition, a grassroots environmental organization. For more information, contact Steve Morr-Wineman at swineman@gis.net

Tuesday, January 19th, 7 p.m.
Central Square Library
45 Pearl St.

Gathering of Boston Sustainability Initiatives

On Sunday, January 24th, representatives of over 40 sustainability groups from around the Boston area, including CLF and SBN, will meet to share ideas, discuss collaborations, and learn from their peers. Co-sponsored by The Urban Homesteaders' League, JP Greenhouse, and Cambridge Greenport, this event will be the first of its kind in the Boston Metro area. If you belong to an organization that might benefit from this event, it's not too late to register; contact greenhousejp@gmail.com. Each organization can send up to two representatives.

Sunday January 24, 3-5:30 pm
Encuentro 5, 33 Harrison Ave. (Chinatown)
Please bring your own dishes, flatware, and cups for snacks and drinks, and literature/brochures about your organization.

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 Friday, January 29th**. All articles or press releases can be sent to cambridgelf@gmail.com

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