



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

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City Manager

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached response to Awaiting Report #25-36 regarding a list of public and private spaces available to the public, indoors and outdoors, from Melissa Peters, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager





To: Yi-An Huang, City Manager

From: Melissa Peters, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Date: July 31, 2025

Re: Response to Policy Order 2025 #63 Re: Public Meeting Spaces

The above-referenced policy order asks staff to “...assemble a list of public and private spaces available to the public, indoors and outdoors, noting contact information and any associated requirements, ensuring that there are public meeting places identified in each neighborhood.”

As noted in the policy order, public meeting spaces are essential to building and maintaining social capital. Having space to gather with friends and neighbors helps residents establish connections that benefit our community’s health and wellbeing. The City of Cambridge recognizes the value and importance of public space, and there are a few ways the City leverages its role as a landowner and regulator to provide the essential service of spaces for community members to gather.

To prepare this response, the Community Development Department (CDD) staff coordinated with colleagues in Department of Human Service Programs (DHSP), Cambridge Public Library (CPL), and Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) and our community partners to collect information on publicly accessible spaces, both publicly and privately owned and indoor and outdoor. Public spaces include municipal buildings, such as libraries, schools, youth centers, and senior centers, and public parks and open spaces. Privately owned, publicly accessible spaces include indoor and outdoor spaces managed by community-based organizations, religious institutions, and private companies that provide this amenity as a public service or requirement through zoning or other regulatory agreement.

Staff assembled the following list of publicly accessible spaces that includes information on: location and neighborhood; contact information and/or process for reserving space; and cost to use the facility. It is important to note that spaces identified on this list have varying availability due to programming needs of the primary user, popularity, and staff capacity. The management entities also have different reservation systems and requirements. The purpose of this list is to make the information available to community members for securing space based on their preferences. We recognize this is not a complete list and see this as a working document that will get updated over time. CDD will post this information on the City’s website, and provide periodic reviews and updates.

Melissa Peters | Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Sandra Clarke | Chief of Administration & Operations

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Public Gathering Place	Contact Info	Location	Neighborhood	Registration or Information Link	Fee
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARIES					
Main Library: Community Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	449 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
Main Library: Lecture Hall	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	449 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
Main Library: Rindge Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	449 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
Main Library: Rossi Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	449 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
Central Square Branch: Lewis Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	45 Pearl St	Cambridgeport /Central Sq	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
O'Neill Branch: Conference Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	70 Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
Valente Branch: Program Room	sdirir@cambridgema.gov	826 Cambridge St	Wellington-Harrington	www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/cambridgepubliclibrary/iwantto/bookroomatalibrary	no fee
COMMUNITY AND HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS					
Cambridge Community Center	rentals@cambridgecc.org	5 Callender St	Riverside	www.cambridgecc.org/contact.html	\$35-175/hr Yes, sliding scale
Cambridge Foundry	www.cambridgefoundry.org/contact	101 Rogers St	East Cambridge	www.cambridgefoundry.org/reserve-space	\$75-125/hr
Community Arts Center	michael@communityartcenter.org	119 Windsor St	The Port	www.communityartcenter.org/our-space	\$100+
Cambridge Center for Adult Education	info@ccae.org	42 and 56 Brattle St	West Cambridge /Harvard Sq	www.ccae.org/about/rentals	Sliding scale
402 Rindge Ave Community Room, Just-A-Start	jgreene@wingatecompanies.com , rindgetower@wingatecompanies.com , 617-876-5855	402 Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	n/a	Sliding scale
430 Rindge Ave Community Room, Just-A-Start	operations@justastart.org	430 Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	n/a	Sliding scale
Financial Opportunity Center, Just-A-Start	operations@justastart.org	55 Norfolk St	The Port	n/a	Sliding scale
The Dance Complex	caitlin@dancecomplex.org	536 Mass Ave	Cambridgeport /Central Sq	www.dancecomplex.org/space-rental/other-rentals/	Yes
HOUSES OF WORSHIP					
Congregation Eitz Chaim	ecoffice@eitz.org	136 Magazine St	Cambridgeport	www.eitz.org	Sliding scale
First Church of Cambridge	operations@firstchurchcambridge.org	11 Garden St	West Cambridge	www.firstchurchcambridge.org	\$30-550/hr
St. James Episcopal Church	office@stjamescambridge.org	1991-2013 Mass Ave	North Cambridge	www.stjamescambridge.org/building-use1	Sliding scale
St. John the Evangelist Church	617-547-4880_info@stjohncambridge.org	2270 Mass Ave	North Cambridge	www.stjohncambridge.org	Sliding scale
PRIVATE EVENT/MEETING SPACE					
Cambridge Savings Bank: Central Sq	617-441-4298	630 Mass Ave	Cambridgeport /Central Sq	www.cambridgesavings.com/locations/cambridge-central-square	No fee
Cambridge Savings Bank: Harvard Sq	617-414-4154	1374 Mass Ave	Riverside /Harvard Sq	www.cambridgesavings.com/locations/cambridge-harvard-square-0	No fee

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Cambridge Savings Bank: Porter Sq	617-441-4270	53 White St	North Cambridge/ Porter Sq	www.cambridgesavings.com/locations/cambridge-porter-square	No fee
CIC Cambridge @ 1 Broadway	helpme1broadway@cic.com	CIC Cambridge @ 1 Broadway	East Cambridge/Kendall Sq	www.cic.com/cambridge/meeting-rooms/	\$200/hr.
CIC Cambridge @ 245 Main	helpme245main@cic.com	245 Main St	East Cambridge /Kendall Sq	www.cic.com/cambridge/meeting-rooms/	\$70 - \$200/hr.
Microsoft New England Conference Center (Microsoft NERD)	857-453-6000	1 Memorial Drive	Area 2/MIT /Kendall Sq	https://microsoftnewengland.com/conf-center/	No fee
REQUIRED BY ZONING					
Education First	Boston.reception@ef.com	2 Education Circle	East Cambridge	www.northpointcatering.com/events-spaces	Yes
The Mobility Hub @ 90 Binney	ACKSRequests@are.com	90 Binney St	East Cambridge	n/a	No fee
75/125 Binney Street	ACKSRequests@are.com	75/125 Binney St	East Cambridge	n/a	No fee
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS					
Amigos School: Cafeteria, Gym	permits@cpsd.us	15 Upton St	Cambridgeport	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543565	\$120+ /hr
Baldwin School: Cafeteria, Gym	permits@cpsd.us	85 Oxford St	Baldwin	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543566	\$120+ /hr
Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS): Theater (Fitzgerald, Black Box, or Choral Room), Garage, Main Cafeteria, Media Cafeteria	permits@cpsd.us	459 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543567	\$120+ /hr
Cambridgeport School: Cafeteria, Gym	permits@cpsd.us	89 Elm St, Cambridge	The Port	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543568	\$120+ /hr
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School (King School): Cafeteria, Gym, Garage, Theater	permits@cpsd.us	102 Putnam Ave	Riverside	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543569	\$120+ /hr
Fletcher Maynard Academy: Cafeteria, Gym	permits@cpsd.us	225 Windsor St	The Port	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543570	\$120+ /hr
Graham and Parks School: Cafeteria, Gym, Auditorium	permits@cpsd.us	44 Linnaean St	Neighborhood Nine	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543571	\$120+ /hr
Haggerty School: Cafeteria, Gym	permits@cpsd.us	110 Cushing St	Strawberry Hill	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543572	\$120+ /hr
Cambridge Street Upper School (CSUS): Cafeteria, Theater, CSUS Gym	permits@cpsd.us	840 Cambridge St	Wellington-Harrington	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543573	\$120+ /hr
King Open School: Cafeteria, Theater, King Open Gym	permits@cpsd.us	850 Cambridge St	Wellington-Harrington	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543574	\$120+ /hr
Morse School: Cafeteria, Gym, Auditorium	permits@cpsd.us	40 Granite St	Cambridgeport	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543575	\$120+ /hr
Peabody School: Cafeteria, Gym, Auditorium	permits@cpsd.us	70 Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543576	\$120+ /hr
Tobin Montessori School: Gym	permits@cpsd.us	359 Broadway	Mid-Cambridge	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543577	\$120+ /hr
Putnam Ave Upper School (PAUS): Cafeteria, Gym, Garage, Theater	permits@cpsd.us	100 Putnam Ave	Riverside	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543578	\$120+ /hr
Rindge Ave Upper School (RAUS): Cafeteria, Gym, Auditorium	permits@cpsd.us	70 Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	https://www.cpsd.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3042869&pageId=71543579	\$120+ /hr
YOUTH CENTERS					

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Frisoli Youth Center	pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov msaunders@cambridgema.gov	61 Willow St	Wellington-Harrington	www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/youthcenterprograms	Sliding scale
Gately Youth Center	pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov msaunders@cambridgema.gov	70R Rindge Ave	North Cambridge	www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/youthcenterprograms	Sliding scale
Moore Youth Center	pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov msaunders@cambridgema.gov	12 Gilmore St	Riverside	www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/youthcenterprograms	Sliding scale
Moses Youth Center	pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov msaunders@cambridgema.gov	243 Harvard St	The Port	www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/youthcenterprograms	Sliding scale
Russell Youth Community Center	pbradshaw@cambridgema.gov msaunders@cambridgema.gov	680 Huron Ave	Strawberry Hill	www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforkidsandyouth/youthcenterprograms	\$95+/hr
SENIOR CENTERS					
Citywide Senior Center	Susan Pacheco, spacheco@cambridgema.gov	806 Mass Ave	Riverside /Central Sq	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/human-service-programs/COA/seniorcenter806massave	\$31+
PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC SPACES (POPS)¹					
University Park Commons at MIT	n/a	65 Sydney St	Cambridgeport	n/a	No fee
Henri A Termeer Square	n/a	675 W. Kendall Sq	East Cambridge /Kendall Sq	n/a	No fee
The Common at CX (North Point Common)	n/a	320 Morgan Ave	East Cambridge	n/a	No fee
UP (Urban Park) Kendal Square Roof Garden	n/a	355 Main Street	East Cambridge / Kendall Sq	n/a	No fee
PARKS²					
55 Inman St	theworks@cambridgema.gov	55 Inman St	Mid-Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25
Clarendon Ave Playground	theworks@cambridgema.gov	260 Clarendon St	North Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25
Dana Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	70 Magazine St	Cambridgeport	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25
Danehy Park/Sherman St Playground	(617) 349-6238	99 Sherman St	Neighborhood Nine	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25
Donnelly Field	theworks@cambridgema.gov	61 Willow St	Wellington-Harrington	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25
JFK Memorial Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	970 Memorial Dr	West Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopen-space	\$0 - \$25

¹ This curated list highlights the variety and distribution of Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS). Community Development Department staff is currently collaborating with Cambridge Redevelopment Authority staff to assemble a comprehensive list of these spaces with an accompanying map.

² For the purpose of this response, we have assembled a shortlist of parks that is not a comprehensive list of all Cambridge’s parks and open spaces. We focused on those with group seating, only listing up to two places per neighborhood. There are several neighborhoods with multiple comfortable outdoor gathering places, and other neighborhoods aren’t believed to have any. To be included in this list, the space must have at least one table with three or more seats. In neighborhoods where multiple parks meet these criteria, we’ve listed parks with larger tables, or multiple tables close enough to each other that they could feasibly be used together. For a comprehensive list of city parks, see Parks and Playgrounds - City of Cambridge or Find It Cambridge.

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Rafferty Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	795 Concord Ave	Cambridge Highlands	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25
Reverend Williams Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	Cedar Square	North Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25
Sacramento Field	theworks@cambridgema.gov	21 Sacramento St	Baldwin	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25
Sennott Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	305 Broadway	The Port	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25
Tim Toomey, Jr. Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	71 Rogers St	East Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25
Wilder-Lee Park	theworks@cambridgema.gov	46 Lee St	Mid-Cambridge	https://www.cambridgema.gov/Services/parksandopenspace	\$0 - \$25