



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 1997

VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: Isabella worked for over twenty years to realize her inspired vision of reclamation of the Cambridge riverscape for peaceful enjoyment by closing part of Memorial Drive to vehicular traffic on Sundays during the warm months; and

WHEREAS: Isabella founded People for Riverbend Park Trust in 1975 to work in cooperation with the Metropolitan District Commission; and

WHEREAS: Thanks to Isabella's effort, Riverbend Park has served countless thousands of residents and visitors on warm weather Sundays; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its appreciation to **Isabella Halsted** for founding Riverbend Park and its very best wishes for a Happy Ninetieth Birthday to **Isabella Halsted**; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to **Isabella Halsted** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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PEOPLE FOR RIVERBEND PARK TRUST

44 Coolidge Hill Road
Cambridge, MA 02138

March 15, 1997

Dear Friends of Riverbend Park:

More than twenty years ago, some of us received a letter from Isabella Halsted asking our opinion about closing part of Memorial Drive to vehicular traffic on Sundays during the warm months. From this first public expression of her inspiration to reclaim the Cambridge riverscape for peaceful enjoyment, Isabella worked tirelessly to realize her vision of the future potential of this area. She founded People for Riverbend Park Trust in 1975 to work in cooperation with the Metropolitan District Commission.

Riverbend Park has served countless thousands of Sunday visitors these many years, and the success of Isabella's efforts has extended well beyond our regional community to far distant places.

To honor her efforts, a specimen of her favorite tree -- a copper beech -- was planted in the greensward of Longfellow Park near her home. Here she is on that occasion in 1990 with fellow trustees John Moot and Tom Eliot (deceased), all in a jubilant mood!



Some of us know that that is Ibbey's tree. But most visitors to Riverbend Park do not. We think they should! We hope you will agree!

We would like to place a suitably inscribed granite bench or other fitting marker near her tree.

On May 8, 1997, Isabella will be 90 years old. That, we think, would be an appropriate time for dedicating the bench or marker. However, this does not leave many weeks for making the necessary arrangements and for raising the funds, approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. Please help. Tell your friends about this -- but don't tell Isabella! -- and send your own contribution (tax deductible) as soon as you possibly can, preferably by the end of March. Donors will be invited, of course, to the dedication ceremonies; if funds permit, we hope to include their names in a celebratory brochure.

Spring is early this year, and our daffodils will be blooming in a few weeks' time. Enjoy the new season of Sundays by the Charles River -- made possible for us by Isabella Halsted's foresight and dedication.

Yours sincerely,


Stanislaw Horowitz Anne A. Meyer John Moor Patricia Sekler

Trustees of Riverbend Park

NEWSNOTE: The long-delayed MDC contracts for the reconsideration of the design and use of the Charles River and its adjacent MDC lands from the Science Museum to the Watertown Bridge have now been signed. In the course of the reconsideration and design process, there will be opportunities for community input. The first meetings may take place already in late March or early April. We will be sending a list of interested people to the MDC. Let us know if you wish to be included.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: We always need volunteers to help with the work of the Trust and with our ADOPT-A-LOT garden program and Bubble Day (our free party for children up through age six that takes place on Mother's Day -- this year May 11th, rain date May 18th). Call 547-9103. Please be persistent.

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SEC to Isabella Halsted on ~~behalf~~ behalf of entire C-C.

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Late Orders or Left Wk. and to their teachers

① Congratulate to all the Young Authors of Morse School who will be presenting their work at the 6th Annual Young Authors' Celebration April 30, 1997, 9-11 @ The Morse School ^{already in}

② Happy 90th Birthday to Isabella Halsted, on May 8

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founder of Riverbend Park
(A will provide more backup)

③ Did anyone do order for Friends of the Library for their author's luncheon this Saturday Apr. (maybe last wk.?) ^{done}



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Consent Order #30

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