



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
December 19, 1994

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That all items on the 1994 City Council Calendar be placed in the City Council file on December 31, 1994 subject to recall, unless any City Councillor indicates to the City Clerk that she/he wishes to have an item remain on the Calendar.

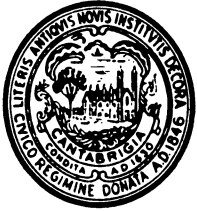
In City Council December 19, 1994
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

November 7, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report # 23 regarding a report on alternative shopping buses for senior citizens due to Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive closing, please find a report from Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachments



City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs

51 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(617) 349-6200, Fax (617) 349-6248

November 1, 1994

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Jil Arnold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services
Re: City Council Order # 15, dated September 19, 1994

Since approximately 300 seniors live in the LBJ Apartments, 808 Memorial Drive, Woodrow Wilson Court and Putnam Garden Apartments, the closing of the Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive would seem to represent a significant change for many who might have shopped there.

In response to the Council Order requesting a needs survey of senior citizens directly impacted by the closing of Stop & Shop, I would like to apprise you of several ongoing activities. The Council on Aging, working with an advisory group consisting City representatives and providers of services to elders, is conducting a citywide assessment on the transportation needs of elders, including the need for grocery shopping assistance. The needs assessment includes a series of focus groups for consumers, a focus group for elder service providers, a focus group for transportation providers, and a telephone survey to be administered to a random sample of 200 elders drawn from the City census lists. A special question related to the store closing is being added to the random survey, which will be completed within the next two months. It should be noted that an in-depth nutritional risk assessment is beyond the scope of the present study. Such a study might better be considered when the clinic at the new Senior Center has opened, and possibly in conjunction with the Cambridge Food Pantry Network and the recently instituted pantry home delivery service for frail elders and other persons with disabilities.

A similar impact question was included in the recently held focus group for elder service providers. Anecdotal remarks from some providers indicate that agencies which assist people with shopping are having to take them further, thereby increasing costs. Furthermore, many people report having to depend more on relatives or having to use taxis, which is decreasing the amount of money they have left to buy food.

The Council on Aging also provides shopping van service to a number of areas of the city, as detailed on the attached schedule. An additional shopping van run was added in August, partially in response to many Cambridgeport requests for alternative destinations, including Market Basket and Johnnie's Foodmaster in Somerville, and the Star Markets in Twin Cities and Porter Square. Some elders continue to remark upon the effects of the closing of

DIVISIONS:

Childcare
349-6200

Community Learning Center
349-6363

Community & Youth
349-6231

Council on Aging/Elderly Services
349-6220

Low Income Fuel Assistance
349-6247

Planning & Development
349-6200

Recreation
349-6235

MultiService Center/Homeless Services
349-6340

both the Fresh Pond and the Memorial Drive Stop & Shops.

Stop & Shop is providing shuttle service from a few housing locations in their former service area to the Stop & Shop store in Watertown. The Council on Aging and Michael Muehe, Executive Director of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities have been working with Stop & Shop to increase the accessibility of this transportation to persons with disabilities. Stop & Shop is now utilizing a vendor which provides an accessible van on Tuesdays.

Books in Brief

by Bliss Matteson,
Cambridge Public Library

Readers who are interested in the adventures of a young soldier during the Napoleonic Wars will like the "Sharpe" series by Bernard Cornwell.

Richard Sharpe has risen from private to Lieutenant in the British Army because of his bravery in India. Beginning with the first books, Sharpe is serving in Portugal against the forces of Napoleon. Promotion out of the ranks is rare in the Army and although Sharpe is a very good soldier, inspiring his men with his confidence in them, other officers see him as an upstart and are determined to end his career.

Napoleon's forces appear invincible. Often against overwhelming odds, Sharpe and his men try to outfight and outwit the French and sometimes their own superiors. Vivid battle scenes and descriptions of life in the 19th century, as well as some fascinating characters, make this a compelling series.

The first title in the 10 volume series is Sharpe's Eagle (Sharpe's Rifles is set earlier but was published after the others). Bernard Cornwell has also written contemporary thrillers with a sea setting and has recently started a series following a young soldier through the American Civil War. The first title in that series is Rebel; the second is Copperhead.

COUNCIL ON AGING MALL TRIPS FOR NOVEMBER

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Nov. 11

Program canceled due to Holiday.

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Nov. 18

Miller's River, 15 Lambert Street 9:15 a.m.
Truman House, 25 Eighth Street 9:30 a.m.
Roosevelt Towers 10:15 a.m.
1221 Cambridge Street 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$1.25 for mall trips listed above.

Reboard
12:30

Reboard
1:30

FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Nov. 25

Huron Towers, 700 Huron Ave. 10:30 a.m.
Corcoran Park, Parking lot near office 10:35 a.m.

Cost is \$2 for mall trips listed above.

Reboard
1:30

Call the Council on Aging at 349-6220 for more information.

FOOD SHOPPING VAN FOR HOUSING

TUESDAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE*

411 Franklin St. 9:10 a.m.
45 Linnaean St. 12:00 p.m.
Weaver Apartments, Clifton St. 12:10 p.m.
Russell Apt., 2050 Massachusetts Ave. 12:20 p.m.

Reboard 10:45

Reboard
2:00

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE*

JFK Apts., 55 Essex St. 9:25 a.m.
1221 Cambridge St. 9:40 a.m.
Burns Apt., Churchill Ave. 12:00 p.m.

Reboard
11:15

Reboard 2:00

THURSDAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE*

LBJ Apts., 150 Erie St. 10:00 a.m.
Woodrow Wilson Ct., 2 Chauncy St. 10:05 a.m.
Pearl Street Senior Center 10:15 a.m.
Manning Apt., 237 Franklin St. 10:25 a.m.

Reboard
12:15

**Cost is \$1 per round trip for grocery shopping trips. Call SCM, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., at least two business days in advance at 625-1191 to reserve a seat. Shopping destinations may alternate.*

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51 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139
Attn: Sylvia

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Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____

Date of Birth _____

New ☐

Renewal ☐

for more information on Tuesday Shoppers schedule please call Laidlaw Transit, Inc., at 323-6060.

Transportation from Stop and Shop Cambridge to Stop and Shop Watertown

<u>Day</u>	<u>Pick-Up</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday	Stop and Shop Memorial Drive, Main Entrance	10:30 a.m.
	LBJ Apartments, 150 Erie St.	10:40 a.m.
Tuesday	Stop and Shop Memorial Drive, Main Entrance	10:30 a.m.
	Putnam Gardens, Magee St.	10:40 a.m.
Wednesday	Stop and Shop Memorial Drive, Main Entrance	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	808 Memorial Drive and River St.	10:30 a.m.
	808 Memorial Drive and River St.	6:30 p.m.
	LBJ Apartments, 150 Erie St.	6:40 p.m.
	Putnam Gardens, Magee St.	6:50 p.m.
Friday	Stop and Shop Memorial Drive, Main Entrance	10:30 a.m.

Shopping time is approximately one hour, and the driver will wait for you. For additional information please call Stop and Shop Public Relations Office at 770-6036.

Consent Agenda #14

Cal #23

3-591

Response to an Awaiting Report Item
No. Twenty-three, regarding a report
on alternative shopping buses for
senior citizens due to Stop & Shop
on Memorial Drive closing.

11/14/94 - Tabled by
Councillor
Triantafillou

12/19/94 Placed on file
pursuant to Order
1 of 12/19/94

In City Council,

November 7, 1994

Chapter Right
exercised by
Councillor Gomey.