

The MCNA: A Timeline of Neighborhood Service

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Advocacy

➤ *For Joan Lorentz Park next to Main Public Library*

1978 Designed with input from neighbors and established

1980-present Standing committee of residents & City staff oversees maintenance and operation of park

➤ *For neighbors of large institutional projects*

1985 Harvard Sackler Museum's planned pedestrian bridge over Broadway *stopped*

1994 Cambridge Hospital expansion downsized, parking and emergency entrance designed to fit in with neighborhood

2002 Harvard's twin CGIS buildings (Knafel Center) split and scaled to fit neighborhood context and preserve green space

➤ *For residents with City Council and City boards and commissions*

2012 To continue services of Longfellow Community School & Neighborhood Council after neighborhood's Longfellow School closed

2014 To preserve backyard open space by redesigning 24 Clinton St. townhouse development

Innovative Solutions for Neighborhood Needs

1985 Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District as a check on infill (backyard) development

1988 Cambridge's *first* sidewalk widening, on Broadway at Ellery St., to improve driver visibility at accident-prone intersection

1994 Proposed new business model used to create Broadway Marketplace when old Broadway Market closed

1995 Red yard signs to publicize MCNA meetings and other neighborhood events

Building Community

1975-present Reporting neighborhood news and issues through newsletters (print and e-news), website and yard signs

1975-present Holding Neighborhood Meetings on issues of general concern, at least annual

1997-present Neighborhood Ice Cream Social, annual

1980-present Neighborhood Winter-Spring Party, annual

2008-present Plant swaps, semi-annual

2009 Staged "Our Town: Mid-Cambridge" production of first-person accounts of neighborhood history

2014-present Informal discussions on current topics (recycling, raising kids in Mid-Cambridge, gardening...)

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Current projects and issues of MCNA

- Input to Envision Cambridge master planning
- Street tree care and eco-restoration
- Inman Square bike and traffic safety
- Connecting families
- Energy efficiency, conservation and solar

If you would like to pitch in to help or for more info, please send an email to Fritz Donovan, fritzdono@aol.com. Everything MCNA does relies on the efforts of residents who volunteer their time!

Sign up for our eNewsletter & more info at www.MCNA.org

New members welcome!

To join, fill and sign the following form and either mail it to MCNA, P.O. Box 380907, Cambridge, MA 02238 or give it to a member of the Coordinating Committee

Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association Membership statement

I support the purposes of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

I have read the Charter of the MCNA (at MCNA.org) ____

The Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association

Is
Of,
By
and
For
Residents
of



the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood, an area located between Central, Harvard and Inman Squares.

MCNA has served the neighborhood and residents since 1975....