

Cambridge Seeks Citizen Input on Future Tech Needs

Having completed an excellent three-evening course on Dreamweaver just this week at [Cambridge Community Television](#) in Central Square, I urge Cantabridgians to take part in one of the focus groups to be conducted in early October—all related to the Cambridge's technology future and the role of Comcast, which, by law, sponsors CCTV, in the community.

Here's the info—lifted in its entirety, I confess—from an email CCTV sent to me yesterday.

* Have you ever watched Cambridge City Council or School Committee meetings, school sports, Democracy Now! or BeLive?

* Have you ever wanted to engage in a community dialogue about important issues in Cambridge?

* Would you like to share your ideas about how our community can use our **local cable channels**?

The City of Cambridge is seeking participants for a series of workshops on the future of cable service, community media and technology.

You are encouraged to participate, propose new ideas for consideration and help us explore the opportunity we have **right now** for the City to provide new technological resources to all communities within Cambridge.

Six focus group workshops will be held at Cambridge locations listed below. The presentation of each workshop will be identical, but discussions will focus on different aspects of community life. Choose one based either on your interest or your schedule.

* **Participation is free and open to the public.**

* **Registration is required by Friday, Sept. 25, 2009:** – via telephone to 617-349-4302 (if leaving voice mail, include name, organization, address, phone, email, and which focus group you are attending – or register online [here](#).)

Local Government Departments and Agencies

October 6, 2009

10:00 am – Noon

City Hall Annex

344 Broadway

Health/Human Service/Social Service Organizations and Agencies

October 6, 2009

2:00 – 4:00 pm

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344 Broadway

Senior Citizens and Organizations Serving Seniors

October 7, 2009

10:00 am – Noon

Central Square Library

45 Pearl Street

Nonprofit, Civic, Community, and Faith Based Organizations

October 7, 2009

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Media Arts Studio

454 Broadway

Arts/Culture/Heritage Organizations

October 8, 2009

10:00 am – Noon

Media Arts Studio

454 Broadway

Educational Institutions, Educators, and Youth

October 8, 2009

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Media Arts Studio

454 Broadway

The **City of Cambridge** and its municipal channel, **CITY TV-8**, have teamed up with community partners **CCTV** (Cambridge Community Television, Channels 9 & 10) and **CEA** (Cambridge Educational Access, Channels 98 & 99) to coordinate this process to identify the community's needs and interests in future technologies. The focus groups will be conducted by The Buske Group, a nationally recognized public policy consulting firm hired specifically to help the city with the cable license renewal process. For more information, visit [CCTV's website](#) or call 617-349-4302.

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