

# Henrietta's 2011 Savings for Seniors

Cambridge Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis

## Transportation

Money Saver	Age	Discount	Application Process	Contact Info
<b>MBTA Senior Charlie Card</b>	65 (62 for holder of Medicare Card)	Local buses- 40 cents Subway- 60 cents Other discounted rides & passes available with Senior Charlie Card.	To pick up card bring Photo ID to: Back Bay Station, 135 Dartmouth St (inside Orange line station) or Downtown Crossing Station (below ground at intersection of Washington & Summer Sts.)	617-222-5976 <a href="http://www.mbta.com">www.mbta.com</a>
<b>The Ride</b>	All	\$2/trip for pre-reserved trips for medically eligible seniors; reservations made by phone.	Obtain application & fill it out with your doctor. Application available by mail or on line.	617-222-5123 MBTA Office for Transportation Access 10 Park Plaza, Rm. 5750, Boston, MA <a href="http://www.mbta.com">www.mbta.com</a> > Select "accessibility" and then "THE RIDE."
<b>Cambridge Taxi Coupon Discount</b>	60	10 coupons worth \$2.25 each; 2 coupons max for each trip	Call for or pick up application. Call for additional coupon books as needed.	617-349-6220 Cambridge Senior Center 806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.
<b>SCM Transportation ("Door 2 Door")</b>	62	Free van rides for shopping & other errands; also available for private trips for a donation.	Rides available: M-F 9a.m.-4p.m. (2p.m. latest pickup for medical appointment) Call weekdays 9a.m.-1p.m. to reserve.	617-625-1191 <a href="http://www.scmtransportation.org">www.scmtransportation.org</a>

## The Basics: Housing, Food, Fuel & Medicine

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<b>Senior Housing</b>	58: federally-aided housing 60: state-aided housing	Rent will not exceed 30% of income. For example, approx. \$1000/mo. for a single person with income of \$46,300 or less.	Application available at Cambridge Housing Authority office or on website.	617-864-3020 or 617-497-4040 Cambridge Housing Authority 675 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. <a href="http://www.cambridge-housing.org">www.cambridge-housing.org</a>
<b>LIHEAP: Fuel Assistance Program*</b>	All	Eligibility income-based (adjusted each year) \$30,751: 1-person household \$40,213: 2-person household	Call on or after Sept. 1 for appointment to apply.	617-349-6252 Dept. of Human Services 51 Inman St. <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2">www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2</a>
<b>Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)</b>	All	Appliance rebate, home insulation, etc. Eligibility income-based (same as LIHEAP). Seniors given priority.	Call on or after Sept. 1 for appointment to apply.	(same as above)
<b>Senior Food Pantry</b>	55	Tues. 12-4p.m. & Thurs. 12-2p.m. (One visit per week permitted.)	Photo ID and proof of residency required on first visit.	617-349-6060 Cambridge Senior Center (basement) 806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.
<b>Food Source Hot Line</b>	All	Information on food resources, such as food stamps & food pantries	M-F: 8a.m.-7p.m. Sat: 10a.m.-2p.m.	1-800-645-8333
<b>Prescription Drug Discounts</b>	All	Target & Walmart offer \$4/30-day supply or \$10/90-day supply of over 300 generic drugs. (Supply based on most common daily prescription amount.)	List of generic drugs available on websites.	Target: <a href="http://www.target.com">www.target.com</a> Walmart: <a href="http://www.walmart.com">www.walmart.com</a> (Other pharmacies may also offer discounts.)
<b>Buy-Lines Senior Discount Card</b>	60 (or disabled)	You will receive a list of Cambridge merchants, banks & other businesses that give discounts for seniors with Buy-Lines Cards.	Fill out application at Senior Center. Provide proof of age & residency.	617-349-6220 Cambridge Senior Center 806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.

\*For information on other programs, go to [www.massresources.org](http://www.massresources.org) > Select "Energy/Utility Assistance"

## Cambridge Taxes, Fees & Charges

Money Saver	Age	Exemption or Discount	Application Process	Contact Info
<b>Real estate tax elderly exemption (Clause 41C)</b>	65	Based on income & assets.	Clause 41C application available at Assessing Dept.* or on website. Application due on or before 3 months from issue date of Fall tax bill.	617-349-4343 City Hall (2nd floor) 795 Mass. Ave. <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov">www.cambridgema.gov</a> > Select "Departments" & then "Assessing Department."
<b>Real estate tax elderly or surviving spouse exemption (Clause 17D)</b>	70 or surviving spouse	Based on assets.	Clause 17D application available & due as described above.*	(same as above)
<b>Real estate tax extreme hardship exemption (Clause 18)</b>	Case-by-case	Based on age, infirmity and/or poverty.	Contact Assessing Dept.* for application	(same as above)
<b>Community Preservation Act (CPA) real estate surcharge exemption</b>	All	Anyone granted a Clause 41C or Clause 18 exemption automatically gets 100% CPA surcharge exemption. Other eligibility based on size and type of household.	CPA application available at Assessing Dept.* or on website. Due by June 30th of the tax year	(same as above)
<b>Water/Sewer discount</b>	65	For all seniors who own & occupy their 1-, 2- or 3-family homes. 15% discount, not exceeding \$90. Anyone granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption gets 30% discount, not exceeding \$180.	Application available at Treasurer's office* or on website. For 15% discount, file one-time application. Check with office personnel for filing deadline.	617-349-4220 City Hall, Finance Dept. (1st floor) <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov">www.cambridgema.gov</a> > Select "Departments" & then "Finance Department."

\*Check with office personnel for additional programs, prerequisites & requirements. Also, you can find information, including info on the Senior Tax Deferral Program for homeowners 65 & older, at the Assessing Dept. For information on the State's senior "Circuit Breaker" Tax Credit for eligible homeowners & tenants from the Mass. Dept. of Revenue go to [www.massresources.org](http://www.massresources.org) > Select "Tax credits."

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## Movies, Theaters & Museums

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Kendall Square Cinema	62	\$8.00 (\$10.00 adults)	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-621-1202 One Kendall Sq. <a href="http://www.landmarktheatres.com">www.landmarktheatres.com</a> > Select "Boston."
Fresh Pond Cinema	65	\$6.75 (\$9.25 adults)	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-661-6994
Harvard Square Cinema	60	\$9 evening showtimes (\$10 adults) Shows before 12 noon are \$6, & shows before 4p.m. are \$8. \$6 for seniors on Tues.	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-864-4581 10 Church St., Harvard Sq. <a href="http://www.moviewatcher.com">www.moviewatcher.com</a> ("Harvard Square 5" under "Boston Area")
Brattle Theater	65	\$6.75 (\$9.75 adults)	Films only; other events may or may not offer senior discount. Bring photo ID.	617 876-6838 40 Brattle St., Harvard Sq. <a href="http://www.brattlefilm.org">www.brattlefilm.org</a>
Central Square Theater	60	\$30 (\$40 adults)	Bring photo ID. See performance schedule on line or call.	617 576-9278 450 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. <a href="http://www.centralsquaretheater.org">www.centralsquaretheater.org</a>
Museum of Fine Arts	65	\$18 senior general admission (\$20 adults) *\$7 with Cambridge Public Library coupon	Bring photo ID. See website for hours.	617-267-9300 465 Huntington Ave., Boston <a href="http://www.mfa.org">www.mfa.org</a>
Institute of Contemporary Art	60	\$13 (\$15 adults) *\$5 with Cambridge Public Library coupon	Bring photo ID. See website for hours. Closed Mon.	617-478-3100 100 Northern Ave., Boston <a href="http://www.icaboston.org">www.icaboston.org</a>
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	65	\$10 (\$12 adults) *\$5 with Cambridge Public Library coupon. Free on your birthday!	Bring photo ID. See website for hours. Closed Mon.	617-278-5156 280 The Fenway, Boston <a href="http://www.gardnermuseum.org">www.gardnermuseum.org</a>

\*The Cambridge Public Libraries offer a limited number of museum passes per day which may be reserved in advance by phone. Go to [www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/CPL](http://www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/CPL) > Select "museum passes" for a complete list or call 617-349-4011.

## Education & Exercise

Money Saver	Age	Discount	Application Process	Contact Info
Cambridge Adult Education Center	65	30% off eligible classes	Register for classes in person or by phone.	617-547-6789 42 Brattle St., Harvard Sq. <a href="http://www.ccae.org">www.ccae.org</a>
Evergreen Program at B.U.	58 (and with consent of instructor)	\$125 to audit a course	Apply on line or in person.	617-353-9852 Fuller Building, Rm 112 808 Comm. Ave., at B.U. Bridge (enter on Essex St.) <a href="http://www.bu.edu/evergreen">www.bu.edu/evergreen</a>
Cambridge Family YMCA	65	10% off annual membership fees	Apply at the YMCA.	617-661-9622 x701 Cambridge Family YMCA 820 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. <a href="http://www.cambridgeymca.org">www.cambridgeymca.org</a>
YMCA daily Senior Pass	60	The Senior Center has 12 YMCA passes to loan for daily use.	First come, first served.	617-349-6060 Cambridge Senior Center 806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov">www.cambridgema.gov</a> (enter "senior center" in search box)
National Park Service Senior Pass	62	\$10 lifetime pass Admits pass owner & accompanying auto passengers. Where a per-person fee is charged, the Senior Pass admits pass owner & 3 adults.	The pass may be obtained in person at National Park Service site entrances.	For a map of National Parks & Service Sites in MA go to <a href="http://www.nps.gov/state/ma">www.nps.gov/state/ma</a>

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**It's great to live in Cambridge with so many resources around us!**  
These resources help people as they get older — and are often living on less income — to save money and to continue to enjoy living here.

With saving money in mind, I developed this guide to share with you the best senior "bargains" I know about. I invite you to send me your best senior bargains at [Henrietta@henriettadavis.org](mailto:Henrietta@henriettadavis.org).

Also, for an extensive review of additional senior resources, look for the booklet *Living Well: A Guide to Elder Services in Cambridge* at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave. in Central Square.



*Henrietta* with her friend Sue

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