

Henrietta's Savings for Seniors

Cambridge City Councillor Henrietta Davis

Transportation

Money Saver	Age	Discount	Application Process	Contact Info
MBTA Senior Charlie Card	65	Local buses- 40 cents Subway- 60 cents Other discounted rides & passes available with Senior Charlie Card.	To pick up card go 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 www.mbta.com
The Ride	60	\$2/trip for pre-reserved trips for medically eligible seniors; reservations made by phone.	Obtain application & fill it out with your doctor. Application form available on-line or by mail or phone.	617-222-5123 MBTA Office for Transportation Access 10 Park Plaza, Rm. 5750, Boston, MA www.mbta.com > Select "accessibility" and then "THE RIDE."
Cambridge Taxi Coupon Discount	60	10 coupons worth \$2.25 each; two 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.
SCM Transportation ("Door 2 Door")	62	Free van rides for shopping & other errands; donations requested for individual rides.	Rides available: M-F 9a.m.-4p.m. Call weekdays 9a.m.-1p.m. to reserve.	617-625-1191 www.scmtransportation.org

The Basics: Housing, Food, Fuel & Medicine

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Senior Housing	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. Cambridge, MA 02139 www.cambridge-housing.org
LIHEAP: Fuel Assistance Program*	All	Eligibility income-based. \$29,126: 1-person household \$38,087: 2-person household	Call on or after Oct. 1 for appointment to apply.	617-349-6252 Dept. of Human Services 51 Inman St. www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	All	Appliance rebate, home insulation, etc. Eligibility income-based (same as LIHEAP). Seniors given priority.	Call any time for an appointment to apply.	(same as above)
Senior Food Pantry	55	Tues. & Thurs. 12-2p.m. (One visit per week permitted.)	ID required on first visit.	617-349-6060 Cambridge Senior Center (basement) 806 Mass. Ave., Central Sq.
Food Source Hot Line	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
Prescription Drug Discounts	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: www.target.com Walmart: www.walmart.com (Other pharmacies may also offer discounts.)
Buy-Lines Senior Discount Card	60	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.

*Go to www.massresources.org to find more about utility discounts.

Cambridge Taxes, Fees & Charges

Money Saver	Age	Exemption or Discount	Application Process	Contact Info
Real estate tax elderly exemption (Clause 41C)	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., Cambridge, MA 02139 www.cambridgema.gov > Select "Departments" & then "Assessing Department."
Real estate tax elderly or surviving spouse exemption (Clause 17D)	70 or surviving spouse	Based on assets.	Clause 17D application available & due as described above.*	(same as above)
Real estate tax extreme hardship exemption (Clause 18)	Case-by-case	Based on age, infirmity and/or poverty.	Clause 18 application available & due as described above.*	(same as above)
Community Preservation Act (CPA) real estate surcharge exemption	All	Anyone granted a Clause 41C or Clause 18 exemption automatically gets 100% CPA surcharge exemption or exemption is based on income household size, and age.	CPA application available at Assessing Dept.* or on website. Due within 90 days from issue date of Fall tax bill.	(same as above)
Water/Sewer discount	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) www.cambridgema.gov > 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 > Select "Tax credits."

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Movies & Museums

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Kendall Square Cinema	52	\$7.50 (\$9.75 adults)	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-621-1202 One Kendall Sq. www.landmarktheatres.com > Select "Boston."
Fresh Pond Cinema	62	\$6.75 (\$9.25 adults)	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-661-6994
Harvard Square Cinema	55	\$9 evening showtimes (\$10 adults) Shows before 12 noon are \$6, & shows before 4p.m. are \$8.	Applies to all movies. Bring photo ID.	617-864-4581 10 Church St., Harvard Sq. www.moviewatcher.com ("Harvard Square 5" under "Boston Area")
Brattle Theater	65	\$6.50 (\$9.50 adults)	Films only; other events may or may not offer senior discount. Bring photo ID.	617 876-6838 40 Brattle St., Harvard Sq. www.brattlefilm.org
Central Square Theater	65	\$25 (\$35 adults)	Bring photo ID. See performance schedule on-line or call.	617 576-9278 450 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. www.centralsquaretheater.org
Museum of Fine Arts	65	\$15 senior general admission (\$17 adults) *additional \$5 off with CPL coupon	Bring photo ID. See website for hours.	617-267-9300 465 Huntington Ave., Boston www.mfa.org
Institute of Contemporary Art	60	\$10 (\$15 adults) *additional \$5 off with CPL coupon	Bring photo ID. See website for hours. Closed Mon.	617-471-3100 100 Northern Ave., Boston www.icaboston.org
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	65	\$10 (\$12 adults) *additional \$5 off with CPL coupon Free on your birthday!	Bring photo ID. See website for hours. Closed Mon.	617-278-5156 280 The Fenway, Boston www.gardnermuseum.org

*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 > 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, on-line or by phone.	617-547-6789 42 Brattle St., Harvard Sq. www.ccae.org
Evergreen Program at B.U.	58	\$80/course to audit	Apply on-line or in person. (May need instructor's permission.)	617-353-9852 Fuller Building, Rm 112 808 Comm. Ave., at B.U. Bridge (enter on Essex St.) www.bu.edu/evergreen
Cambridge Family YMCA	65	10% off annual membership fees	Apply at the YMCA.	617-661-9622 Cambridge Family YMCA 820 Mass. Ave., Central Sq. www.cambridgeymca.org
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. www.cambridgema.gov (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 www.nps.gov/state/ma

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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.

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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