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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE

A TOUCH OF NEW MEXICO, RIGHT HERE

The bag and candle on your porch represent Cambridge's longest running special event, the lighting of luminarias to chase the darkness and light the night on Dec. 24. The tradition has been a sub feature since at least the 1960s, and was brought to us by a resident who had previously lived in New Mexico, where this is a common activity in December. We don't know for sure, but it is likely CV was the first sub in this area to participate in this as a community event.



To prepare your candle, it is best to cuff the top of the bag for stability, center the candle in the bag, then place at the curb. Light at dusk. If the weather is just right, the candle could burn until morning.

If you cannot be home, ask a neighbor to light your candle, as it looks best when there is uniformity along the street. Last year, with newly-fallen snow, it was a dream-like view.

Very special thanks to the volunteers who delivered this luminaria to your home: it takes a lot of effort to build, organize, and distribute so that every house can take part.

SPEAKING ABOUT LIGHT: FRONT LIGHTS UPDATE

It has been a long, dark autumn but light will be with us again. DTE is expected to move the electric meter to the newly-added special spot behind the front entry marker the week of Dec. 16. With numerous parties involved (the contractor, the City, DTE) requiring numerous approvals, this has taken way longer than expected. The current location was there for many years, but not deemed to code, and the pole it was attached to is going to be removed, so we had to make this meter move happen or else.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: PAY DUES ON TIME

The 2019 dues (\$10 per household) will be due in the months after the holidays. If you have not done so in the past, you are welcome to pay these dues online at our website, <http://cambridgevillageassociation.org> with any credit or debit card, or with Paypal. If you are renting, remember **the landlord** pays the dues, so make sure they are informed. If it suits you, it is also possible to pay for additional years in advance, but that is optional. Cambridge truly is the envy of other subdivisions thanks to your strong annual support.

Did you know: Dec. 24 is also known as "Adam and Eve Day", and during the Middle Ages, pageant re-enactments featured a "Paradise Tree" decorated with apples, and these trees are believed to have inspired the concept of the modern day Christmas tree.

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