

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

October 7, 2015

Commission Meeting

Upcoming Events

October 28 Launch of the Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative

4pm – Community Appreciation Reception 4:30pm – Program; Cambridge City Hall, Sullivan Chamber

For more information, please visit: www.cambridgema.gov/dvinitiative

November 17 Women in Cambridge: A Night at CCTV

6-8pm – CCTV, Mass Ave.

December 3 Women and Words! An evening with founder of BABES (Boston Area Brewing Enthusiasts Society), Kristen Sykes

7pm-8:30pm 344 Broadway

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/dorchester/2014/01/babes_group_breaks_down_beer-drinking_barriers.html

Minutes

DV Awareness Month

The annual domestic violence vigil was a success. Approximately 75 people attended the ceremony on the steps of city hall on October 7.

Please mark your calendars for the Oct 28 event celebrating the launch of the *Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative's* Needs Assessment. Please see your email for more detailed information. The material presented that evening will shape and guide the Initiative's work over the next several years. Cambridge's Hip Hop Transformation will also perform.

The *Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative*, along with Cambridge Public Health, is in the beginning stages of creating a men's initiative to lead the community discussion around domestic and gender-based violence for men. Cambridge's men's initiative will begin to work with a group of men in Cambridge who will hopefully then emerge to be leaders in the fight against violence against women. The program is currently in the development stage. More information to come soon.

New Business

Women's Commissioner Srin Chakravorty has been meeting with a myriad of Cambridge leaders and programming experts on the feasibility of bringing a program like Promtacular to CRLS, but focusing on boys' and their expectations and thinking around prom.