

# the Whistler

Newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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## ANC News

### NOTES FROM THE MAY 21 MEETING

#### Annual Meeting Agenda

Board Co-chair Andrea Walsh introduced the agenda for the Annual meeting:

- Andrea Walsh honors departing board members
- ANC meeting chair Stephen Diamond conducts Council business
- Phoebe Sinclair, Community Liaison, announces the Board slate and conducts vote
- Andrea Walsh introduces new Board Directors

#### ANC Supports Shady Hill Square

Residents of Shady Hill Square continue to seek support in their efforts to preserve the community's central green following its 2007 purchase by a developer who planned to build a single-owner house on what was previously common space.

Shady Hill Square residents have asked ANC to support their request for City Historic Preservation, or other Cambridge Community Preservation Act, funds that, in addition to a larger amount of privately raised funds, would allow them to purchase and preserve the central green.

Mr. Diamond composed a letter of support, which he presented to the Council. Council members voted unanimously in favor of the letter and, following the incorporation of some additions mentioned at the meeting, it will be sent to City officials.

#### Honors and Introductions

Andrea Walsh honored departing Board Directors and thanked consultants from Executive Service Corps of New England, as well as members of the ABC Nominating Committee. Below is a summary of her remarks.

Departing board member Denise Dussault has been very active and engaged for the last six years, serving as Treasurer of the Board and member of the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. With a deep sense of integrity, financial wisdom, and vision

### NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



**JUNE 18 - 7:30 PM**

Baldwin School Cafeteria  
28 Sacramento Street  
(Press buzzer for entry)

#### AGENDA

Updates on:

- Streets & Sidewalks with DPW's **Owen O'Riordan**
- Agassiz Neighborhood Study Update presented by **Jeff Roberts** of Cambridge Community Development

for the organization, Denise has been an invaluable member of our Board of Directors. She will be sorely missed.

Phyllis Smith's sense of the organization's mission of providing services to children and adults in the Cambridge community, and creative problem solving, have been very important to the board.

Burton Doo, like Denise has served on the board for six years. Burt, a font of financial wisdom, has been on the Finance Committee, worked on Strategic Planning, and served with me as Co-chair of the board. His organizational experience, skills, and financial wisdom have also been invaluable to the agency.

We would also like to honor Jack Smith and Donna Davis of Executive Service Corps of New England for their collective energy and wisdom working with non-profits. This year Jack and Donna served as consultants for Strategic Planning for Agassiz Baldwin's Children's Programs. We are grateful for their efforts on our behalf and look forward to an ongoing partnership

Lastly, we thank the 2008 nominating committee: Joel Bard, Willie Bloomstein, David Chilinski, and Joan Squeri.

Ms. Walsh introduced the two new Board nominees.

Anna Eckert Byrne, of Kirkland St., works as an attorney and has a child entering Baldwin School in the fall. She has previously been a member of the Board of Directors for Cambridge School Volunteers and for Children's Village, a day care center in the Fresh Pond area.

Maria Montgomery will serve as the new Treasurer of the Board. She is Branch Manager and Assistant Treasurer

in the Porter Square office of Cambridge Trust. Maria's position involves not only managing the Porter Square office, but also networking with the community.

**2008 Board of Directors**

The Council voted unanimously in favor of the 2008 Board Slate, as listed below:

Officers for a one-year term:

- Andrea Walsh, Co-Chair
- Miriam Goldberg, Co-Chair
- Hull Fulweiler, Clerk
- Maria Montgomery, Treasurer

Directors for a two-year term:

- Andrea Walsh, Eustis Street
- Miriam Goldberg, Frost Street
- Fred Meyer, Hammond Street
- Anna Eckert Byrne, Kirkland Street
- Maria Montgomery, Treasurer

**ABC Thanks Restaurants for Donations**

We would like to thank Temple Bar of 1688 Mass. Ave. and Tavern in the Square at Porter, 1815 Mass. Ave., for their generous donations of hors d'oeuvres enjoyed by all at the Annual meeting.



# ABC Community

## PORTER SQUARE POST OFFICE EXTENDS HOURS

Effective April 28, 2008, the Porter Square Post Office has extended its retail hours, remaining open until 7 PM, Monday through Friday. It is their hope that this change will provide greater access and convenience for customers who live and work in the Agassiz and Porter Square communities.

## LESLEY UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED WITH PRESERVATION AWARD

Lesley University is being honored with a Preservation Award from the Cambridge Historic Commission for the restoration of 16-18 Wendell St., a student residence. The project, completed in 2007, joined two Victorian wood frame houses with a rear addition while refurbishing and restoring the historic charm of the houses' porches and street facing façade.

"The University is a proud steward of numerous historic buildings in Cambridge, and it's wonderful to be recognized for our efforts to give them new purpose through our academic mission, while preserving their charm and character," said Lesley University President Joseph B. Moore.

Initiated in 1997, the Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program celebrates outstanding efforts to preserve and maintain historic proper-

ties throughout the city, honoring property owners and other project participants who conserve the city's architecture and historic resources. The awards are given annually for projects completed within the previous calendar year.

Also among the Cambridge Historical Commission's honorees this year is the restoration of Blackstone Station, designed by Bruner/Cott Architects of Cambridge, whose work at Harvard's Radcliffe Gymnasium was recognized with a 2007 Preservation Award. Bruner/Cott has been engaged by Lesley University to relocate The Art Institute of Boston on the site of the former North Prospect Church in Porter Square.



16-18 Wendell Street



16-18 Wendell Street, Rear View



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## THE FARMERS' MARKET AT HARVARD IS BACK!

Harvard University Dining Services is proud to announce the return of the Farmers' Market at Harvard. Come find locally grown produce, homemade baked goods, artisan cheeses, maple syrup, organic chocolate, fresh herbs, smoked fish, fruit spreads, organic soaps, and more! The market is located on campus on the lawn next to Memorial Hall, at the intersection of Oxford

and Kirkland Sts. It will run every Tuesday from 12:30-6:00 PM, June 17-October 28.



Food stamps, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) coupons accepted.

Email [farmersmarket@harvard.edu](mailto:farmersmarket@harvard.edu) for details and to join our weekly email list.



## Agassiz Baldwin School Programs

### PRESCHOOL FAMILY POTLUCK

Prepared by Jessica Simons, Preschool Site Director

The preschool annual potluck was a huge success! I would like to thank everyone for attending and also for bringing and sharing the delicious meals and drinks. The children did a fantastic job with their rendition of "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom."



### AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS FIND SUCCESS IN "THE LOVE MONSTER"

"The Love Monster," a bright, bold, and sometimes scary collection of works created by Agassiz Afterschool students debuted at Sacramento St. Gallery on Monday, May 5th.



Afterschool students spent many hours working on the show, trying out a variety of art mediums, including cut paper, clay, and even baked goods!

Please enjoy the photos below from the opening reception.



Nina Alonso Hathaway

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### ABC ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

Don't miss our Annual Backyard Barbeque held this year on Wednesday, June 4th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM outback of 20 Sacramento Street.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie options and drinks provided. Feel free to bring the following: side dishes, fruits, salads, desserts, and chips.

Children must be accompanied by adults. For more information, call (617) 349-6287.

Hope to see you there!



### DONATE ART MATERIALS TO OUTBACK

Outback Summer Program is looking for donations of "artsy recyclable materials" for this year's program. They seek items that can be used to build sculptures or other art forms. Specific things they'd love to have:

- Strawberry crates
- Small cardboard boxes: shoeboxes are great
- Large fabric scraps for costume design
- Plastic gallon milk jugs
- Cardboard tubes
- Cardboard/paper egg cartons
- Any items used for creating 3-D architectural models

Donations may be dropped off at 20 Sacramento Street on the second floor. Call (617) 349-6287 or email [jedelman@agassiz.org](mailto:jedelman@agassiz.org) for more info.



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## City Wide

### CCTV'S NEIGHBORMEDIA PROGRAM FEATURES CITIZEN JOURNALISTS

Prepared by Julie Adler, CCTV

Since last fall, six dedicated citizen journalists have been covering stories from each of the city's five zip codes through CCTV's NeighborMedia program, funded by J-Lab, the Institute of Interactive Journalism. You can watch their programming on CCTV channels 9 and 10 and read their blogs at [cctvcambridge.org/neighbormedia](http://cctvcambridge.org/neighbormedia).



Shady Hill Square in the Agassiz neighborhood is the subject of an ongoing controversy being followed by NeighborMedia's Karen Klinger.

In June, CCTV will host a free public screening for our citizen journalists to share their work with the community. Neighborhood activists and those who may be interested in producing stories from their own backyard are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**When:** Monday, June 16, 2008, 7:00 PM  
**Where:** CCTV, 675 Mass. Ave. (entrance off Prospect St.)

For more information, contact Julie Adler at (617) 661-6900 x124 or [julie@cctvcambridge.org](mailto:julie@cctvcambridge.org).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV) is looking for volunteers who can make a one or two hour

per week commitment for the Fall 2008 term. Volunteer at one of Cambridge's 12 elementary schools providing literacy or math tutoring, early-grade book publishing, after-school homework support, or AVID tutoring for 6th-8th graders preparing for college eligibility and success.



At the high school, CRLS, opportunities include: one-to-one tutoring in almost any subject before, during or after school, classroom assistance and more. All schools accessible via public transportation. Contact CSV at csv@cpsd.us, (617) 349-6794, or visit www.csvinc.org to register for the September 25, 2008 kick-off orientation.

**CAMBRIDGE FARMERS MARKETS OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

Opening this May and June, Cambridge farmers markets provide our community with the opportunity to purchase delicious, locally grown fruits and vegetables. Pick up fresh vegetables, fruits, cheeses, maple syrup, baked items, flowers, and hand-made crafts --all on your way home from work!



Purchasing from farmers markets not only helps you and your family stay healthy, it supports the local economy. For more information, or to locate a market near you, visit the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers' Markets online at www.massfarmersmarkets.org. More resources are available on the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources website at www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown/farmers\_markets.htm.

**Cambridge**  
Central Square  
Parking lot at Bishop Allen Dr. & Norfolk St,

behind the Harvest Co-op  
Mondays 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM  
June 2-Nov 24  
(open Monday holidays)

**Somerville**  
Davis Square  
Davis Sq., parking lot at Day & Herbert Streets

Wednesdays 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
May 28-Nov 26

Union Square  
Union Sq. Plaza

Saturdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
June 7-Oct 25

**Boston**  
Boston City Hall  
City Hall Plaza, along Cambridge Street

Mondays and Wednesdays  
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
May 28-Nov 26

Copley Square  
Along Saint James Ave, Dartmouth St. & Boylston St. in front of the Trinity Church

Tuesdays and Fridays  
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
May 20-Nov 25  
(open July 4th and Veterans' Day)

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The Energy Smackdown™, is a community-based reality contest and project of the BrainShift Foundation. It challenges and supports participating individuals, households, and organizations to reduce their own carbon footprint and invites others to do the same. With support from local foundations, businesses, non-profits, and government, the adventures of selected team members will be documented for broadcast on local access cable television, as well as posted as webcasts on the Internet.

To qualify as an Energy Smackdown™ team member, you must live in Arlington, Cambridge, or Medford and complete an online application at [www.energysmackdown.com](http://www.energysmackdown.com). You may also request an application by calling (781) 396-6208.

All participants will receive a comprehensive home energy evaluation, free advice from energy experts, the opportunity to save on utility and travel bills, and win prizes contributed by local businesses.



**NEAR AND FAR**

The Sacramento Street Gallery Presents “Near and Far,” watercolors by community member Robert Gardner. All proceeds will benefit the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center.

The show will run June 8 through July 26, 2008. Please join us for the **Opening Reception on Sunday, June 8th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.**

Gallery Hours: M-F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



**Sacramento Street Gallery**

**BALDWIN SCHOOL STUDENT & PARENT ART SHOW**

Artwork from the Baldwin School Art Show is now on special display at the Sacramento Street Gallery this week from 9:30 AM-5:30 PM. This show runs for one week only, beginning Monday, June 2 through Thursday, June 5th. Drop in to see featured pieces by Baldwin students and parents.



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# Community Calendar

## June 2008

Wednesday, June 4	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Annual Family Barbeque Outback of 20 Sacramento St.
Sunday, June 8	3:00 - 5:00 PM	"Near and Far" Reception at Sacramento St. Gallery
Wednesday, June 11	6:00 - 7:30 PM	ABC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento St, 2nd Floor Public welcome
Tuesday, June 17		Baldwin last day of school
Wednesday, June 18	7:30 - 9:00 PM	ANC Monthly Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Baldwin School Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento St. All are welcome
Saturday, June 21		First day of Summer

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**NOTE:** *The Whistler* newsletter is not published during July or August. Similarly, scheduled ANC Board and Community meetings are in recess. Newsletter publication and meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and splendid summer!