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ANC News

NOTES FROM THE OCT 19 MEETING

ANC Welcomes Rosie's Bakery

When you enter the new Rosie's Bakery restaurant at 1796 Mass. Ave., it's best to leave your inner dieter at the door. Sixth in a line of Boston-based, award winning bakeries, "Porter Square Rosie's" is bound to please/torment with its delicious assortment of cookies, cakes, pastries and brownies. Lucky for Agassiz Neighborhood residents, co-owner Mark Wolf brought a selection of treats along when he attended the ANC Meeting on October 19th. "Our baked goods are all-natural and made to order," Mr. Wolf informed us as he opened a box of warm, palm-sized cookies, "The cookies are baked on premises throughout the day. Cakes are made in Brighton and delivered daily."

The first Rosie's Bakery, brainchild of self-taught baker Judy Rosenberg, opened its doors 30 years ago on Hampshire Street in Inman Square. Today fans can get their fix at any of the six local shops, order cookies, cake or other desserts online, join the Cookie of the Month club, or even try their hands at baking Rosie's

way using one of her two popular cookbooks. The Porter Square shop has the distinction of being one of a few to offer a full lunch menu, including panini sandwiches, salads, soups and a children's menu. At the ANC meeting, Mr. Wolf expressed a desire to see Rosie's become spot where locals feel free to meet, study or just plain hang out while grabbing a bite to eat. "We're open 8am to 9pm, seven days a week," said Mr. Wolf, "[And] we're already getting terrific support from the community."

For more information go to:
www.rosiesbakery.com

New Cambridge Daily Paper

According to Douglas Heulitt, Cambridge has gone without a daily paper for ninety years. Enter *Cambridge Day*, a new free paper slated to launch on October 31st. Mr. Heulitt, Director of Sales and Business Operations, presented mounted samples of the eight page paper at the ANC meeting as he explained, "[Our intention is] to be the one stop source for getting involved in the community. We'll cover everything from Kendall to Alewife."

Cambridge Day, which plans to sustain itself through advertising, has partnered with the *Boston Globe* for distribution and will be made available wherever the *Globe* is sold, including but not limited to MBTA stations, hotels, inns, B&Bs, retail chains like CVS, White Hen Pantry

NEXT ANC MONTHLY MEETING



NOVEMBER 16 - 7:30 PM

Baldwin School Cafeteria - 28
Sacramento Street
(Press Buzzer for Entry)

AGENDA

Welcome Lori Scogin of KoolSmiles Dental, new to the Porter Square & Agassiz Neighborhoods

Update from Cambridge Police Department

Status of zoning changes for Mass. Ave. to protect the variety of local businesses

and 7-11, Harvard University campus and various area coffee shops.

Also under development is a website, (www.cambridgeday.com), for the community to contact the paper, contribute stories, news and calendar submissions. Until then, inquiries and submissions can be directed to: editor@cambridgeday.com.

Sewer Construction Progress

Owen O'Riordan of Cambridge DPW joined the ANC to discuss the newest additions to the ongoing citywide sewer improvements. He presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Agassiz Sewer Separation Stormwater Management & Infrastructure Improvements," which depicted floods from past years as well as the measures taken to prevent such problems. He reiterated that 70% of Cambridge has combined stormwater and sewer pipes which require separation to improve drainage.

Mr. O'Riordan told the ANC, "\$50 million, which includes State government assistance, has gone into these improvements thus far. The Agassiz area needs to add a total of 13 acre feet of stormwater storage in the community in order to provide adequate flood protection in the area." He also mentioned that the recently completed stormwater storage facilities beneath Beacon Street got their first true test during the recent week of rain and, according to the DPW, performed well.

The goals of the Cambridge DPW infrastructure improvement plans in the Agassiz community are:

- To provide flood protection to the community
- To ensure the elimination of sewer system back-ups
- Reconstruction of all municipal infrastructure, to include sewers, drains, water supply lines, streets and sidewalks and
- To provide an opportunity for the reconstruction of private utilities in the neighborhood.

There are projects presently ongoing in numerous neighborhoods throughout the city to include, Cambridgeport, Porter Square and the Area 4 neighborhood. Specific to the Agassiz neighborhood, DPW has scheduled two more projects in the Agassiz system to begin construction in the next year.

1) A 350,000 gal. stormwater management tank will be constructed at Broadway and Ellery Street in conjunction with the new Library extension. This project is scheduled to begin in January 2006.

2) A sewer separation and stormwater management project is scheduled to begin in the Myrtle/Magnolia area in July 2006, which will include the construction of a 200,000-gallon storm water management underground tank.

After these projects are complete design will then begin on a large sewer separation project in the Kirkland Street area; this is scheduled for construction in 2010 with the upper Oxford Street area scheduled for sewer separation in 2012.

Sidewalks

The DPW continues to monitor sidewalk and roadway conditions in the Agassiz neighborhood. Full reconstruction for a lot of streets will happen with the sewer separation projects, however, DPW continues to maintain streets and sidewalks. To this end they have established a pothole hotline: (617) 349- 4854.

Further information specific to the overall sewer separation program should be directed to Owen O' Riordan at ooriordan@cambridge.gov or by telephone at (617) 349-4845. Updates with regard to ongoing construction projects can be found at the following address: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/contents/constinfo.html>

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Oxford Traffic Calming & Law School Updates
Oxford Traffic Calming

Tom Lucey and Mary Power of Harvard University Community Relations attended the October 19th ANC meeting to deliver updates on the Oxford Traffic Calming project. (The University has been working with Cambridge DPW to repave the street and insert traffic calming measures up to Garfield Street.) Paving will begin soon and continue through mid November. However, this work is weather dependent so the traffic calming tables may not be built until next spring.

Law School Updates

Chairperson Stephen Diamond explained to the Harvard reps, "There's concern from residents who don't necessarily need to see PowerPoint presentations but who would like to be updated." Mr. Lucey and Mrs. Power acknowledged that the Law School's slow planning process often makes the neighborhoods nervous and agreed to report back with this information to the Dean and other Law School committees. Mrs. Power told the ANC, "There might be plans for the space by the end of next year." She attempted to reassure the residents by mentioning that zoning laws wouldn't allow the university to "spring surprises" on neighbors, especially with the Agassiz, Neighborhood 9 neighborhoods and Harvard working together to keep all avenues of communication open.

Harvard and the Cambridge Community

Mr. Lucey would like to remind Cambridge residents to visit the community section of the Harvard website, Happenings@Harvard

(www.community.harvard.edu/happening.php), to find information on science, lectures, athletics, cultural events, etc., most of which are free and open to the public.

Harvard Homework Initiative

Mrs. Power also detailed a new training program, the Homework Initiative, which is designed to help afterschool service providers assist kids with homework help. This "deep outreach" initiative comes with 70,000 toys and supplies. Currently, 30 afterschool programs are enrolled in the training program and have given the university positive feedback.

"Shop & Eat on Mass Ave First"

Law school students have given good feedback about the Mass. Ave. maps, three thousand of which were ordered and distributed by Harvard.

Lesley University Update

Bill Doncaster informed the ANC that Lesley has completed phase I of their Student Center renovation. The project included removing the footbridge across the quad, building a two story glass curtain wall exterior, new food service facilities inside, adding wireless internet, and classroom renovations.

He also mentioned that the parents of returning students were particularly impressed with the "Shop & Eat on Mass. Ave. First" maps commissioned by the Porter Square Neighborhood Association.

City Wide

VOTE NOVEMBER 8TH

Polls open at 7am on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 for the City Council and School Committee elections. Agassiz Neighborhood residents will be voting at the Baldwin School (28 Sacramento Street) --**be sure to get your vote in before polls close at 8pm!**

Listed below are statements that Cambridge School Committee and City Council candidates provided to *The Whistler* upon request.

Cambridge School Committee Candidates

Joe Grassi

I have served on the Committee for 12 years. I am married and have two children enrolled in the Cambridge Public Schools. I am a lifelong resident, proud graduate of the CPS and



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Northeastern University with a B.S. in Public Administration. My experience includes 14 years working with at-risk children in the City's youth centers.



The hallmark of my work has been on improving academic achievement for all of our students and creating a system of interventions to support students not achieving at grade level. I have been the leading advocate on the Committee to change the system and close the achievement gap.

My goals for the next term include improving academic achievement in the areas of math, English language arts and science. I expect all students to graduate from CRLS in 2006 by passing CPS graduation requirements and MCAS. Our students need to become proficient in all areas of curriculum. The Committee has cut 83 administrative positions over the past three years and reallocated resources to schools and classrooms. We will continue to make progress in this area. It will also be important to hold the Superintendent accountable and to focus the agenda of the School Committee on achievement.

Ben Lummis

Ben Lummis was a classroom teacher. Now as Director of Public Policy at Massachusetts 2020, he's working with education and legislative leaders on developing real solutions to difficult educational challenges.

With Ben's leadership Cambridge has imple-

mented a more rigorous teacher evaluation system and is training principals to improve instruction. The high school has re-gained accreditation. Communication with parents has improved. The Family Resource Center has been overhauled. Cambridge has developed partnerships with Biogen, Genzyme, Novartis, and Harvard, helping the schools become a leader in science instruction.

But the hard work isn't over. We must stay focused on priorities that will take us to the next level. Politicians call for hiring more people, buying more programs, or shifting money from one place to another. Ben knows from experience; simple solutions don't really address core problems. To improve the education our schools provide, we must focus on improving the work our teachers, principals, and administrative staff do.

With his work as a middle school teacher, a consultant, and in education policy Ben is the only candidate who also works outside of the school committee creating strategies for improving public schools. Ben's experience and perspective are needed on the Cambridge School Committee.

Cambridge City Council Candidates

Anthony D. Galluccio

Six term City Councilor and former Mayor of Cambridge.


Education: Peabody Elementary School, Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Providence College (BA Political Science), Suffolk Law School (Cum Laude)



During my six terms, I have worked closely with the Agassiz neighborhood and Baldwin School Community. Some of the issues that I have taken a lead on include:

- Maintaining the character, scale, and integrity of the Agassiz retail district along Mass. Ave.;
- Supporting the extensive planning efforts by Agassiz neighbors with respect to Harvard University development and real estate;

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am committed to results. In order to continue progressive leadership for Cambridge, I ask for your #1 vote. Since my election in 2001, I have been an advocate for the needs of the Agassiz neighborhood and I hope I can count on your support as I face re-election. Please visit my

website at www.brianmurphy.org for more information on my accomplishments and goals!

Sam Seidel

My name is Sam Seidel and I am running for the Cambridge City Council because I believe we need a new voice on the Council to fight for important issues in Cambridge. Namely, a broader range of housing options, schools that work for all children, and a healthy and clean environment for us and future generations. My work as an urban planner prepares me well for these challenges.



I'm a former resident of the Agassiz neighborhood, and I remember my days on Gorham Street fondly. It's a true neighborhood in the best sense of the word: people know and look out for their neighbors. I'm happy that the neighborhood negotiated mitigation measures from Harvard over their construction on Hammond Street.

I am very proud to announce that I am the only challenger to be endorsed by:

- Greater Boston National Organization for Women (NOW)
- Massachusetts Sierra Club, who recognize my commitment to the environment

I am challenging the incumbents on the Council because I believe we need a change in City Hall. Please visit my website at www.samseidel.org or stop by my office at 133 Mt. Auburn St. I ask for your #1 vote on November 8th.

Denise Simmons

City Councilor Candidate for Reelection



A lifelong resident of Cambridge, I have a deep commitment to improving the quality of life for Cambridge residents. I own a small business and am raising my grandchildren who are enrolled in Cambridge public schools. After serving ten years on the Cambridge School Committee, I am seeking my third term on the City Council.

My top priorities include:

- Safety and a High Quality of Life are essential to all of our citizens. I have specifically worked with the police to create a community review board, increase foot patrols and other programs.
- Housing for low and moderate income tenants and homeowners is something the City must continue to invest in. I will work to make home ownership available through limited equity coops and condos.
- Education is a passport to opportunity. It is imperative that we strengthen our public schools in order to effectively serve our children.
- Seniors deserve the best possible services. Through planning and running the Senior Town Meeting in October 2004, I've listened to senior's concerns. I am working on numerous programs (taxis, traffic safety, meals, etc.) to ensure a positive aging experience.

Please see my web site for a listing of endorsements: www.denise-simmons.org.

Michael Sullivan

What does it mean when the Mayor returns your phone call? It means you live in the City of Cambridge and I am your representative. As a former prosecutor, I know that when it comes to public safety, big problems can be prevented when little things are dealt with immediately. When a citizen calls, I take action.



It's an honor to be elected twice to serve

as Mayor and chair of the School Committee. I spearheaded urgent reforms and helped shift funding towards real classroom results. Thanks to my steady, commonsense leadership, the Cambridge Public Schools are moving forward briskly with new optimism and confidence.

I'm pleased to announce that, during my tenure, "America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth" chose Cambridge as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People. Cambridge continues to be in a position of strength, earning a triple-A bond rating - a mark of fiscal responsibility shared by only 19 cities in the US.

The result for the people of Cambridge? A city government that makes visionary investments in our future. As chair of the Council's Finance Committee, I know that financial strength doesn't come easily. I will work to preserve that strength for the future while making city taxes more equitable and fair.

Timothy Toomey

Whether considering issues of municipal finance, public schools, development, housing or open space, maintaining an economically and culturally diverse City will influence every decision I make as a City Councillor. No issue is more important than this. Unless we act with this goal in mind, we face the prospect of



becoming a City of the have and have-nots, destroying the vibrancy and diversity that makes Cambridge a great place to live. I invite you to review my candidate page on Bob Winters' Cambridge Civic Journal (www.rwinters.com) and my own web page

(www.timtoomey.org) for a more detailed discussion on my positions on the important issues facing Cambridge.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your City Councillor. I am prepared to continue to provide the leadership to face the challenges of our diverse and ever-changing City. But the important things never change: hard work, persistence, and a commitment to the values of community and family that make Cambridge such a wonderful place to live. With your help, and your #1 Vote on Election Day, November 8, 2005, I look forward to continuing my work

making Cambridge an even better place to live.

ALSO RUNNING FOR CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

- Lawrence Adkins, www.adkinsforcambridge.com
- Jim Condit, www.jcondit.org
- Henrietta Davis, www.henriettadavis.org
- Majorie Decker, www.majoriedecker.com
- Andre Green, www.andregreen.com
- Robert Hall, Sr., (617) 868-1789
- David Maher, 617-354-VOTE (8683)
- Kenneth E. Reeves, www.kenreeves.org

ALSO RUNNING FOR CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- Richard Harding
- Marc McGovern, www.marcmcgovern.com

For more information on the candidates, go to vote.rwinters.com.

ANC Community

THANK YOU TO THE SHAPIROS

prepared by Astrid Dodds

Many Agassiz residents leave the neighborhood better than they find it, but it would be hard to match the environmental and aesthetic qualities of Jane and David Shapiro's contribution.

About ten years ago, the Shapiros arranged with the city to have five street trees planted along a barren stretch of Wendell Street near Mass. Ave.: two locusts, two oaks, and a maple. The Shapiros paid for them, watered them, pruned them, and protected them with fences. They replaced one that died. The result is a tree canopy arching over the Wendell St. sidewalk for everyone to enjoy.

The Shapiros have lived at 17 Wendell for 42 years, but their home is now on the market. It is finally time to say a very public "thank you and farewell" to Jane and David Shapiro, whose arboreal legacy will enrich and shade our lives for many years to come.

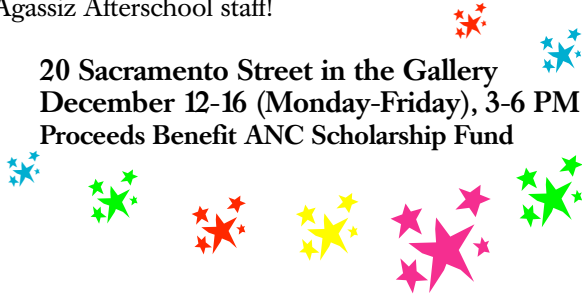


The Shapiro Tree Canopy

KIDS ONLY HOLIDAY SALE

Kids can purchase inexpensive gifts for family and friends in this safe, fun environment with the help of Agassiz Afterschool staff!

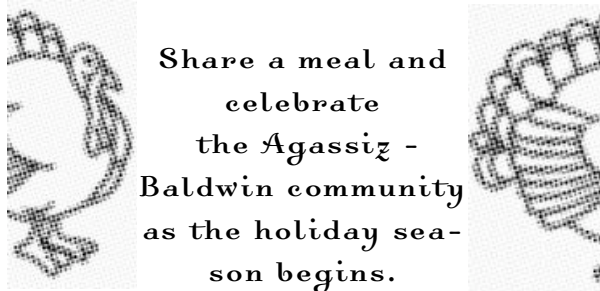
20 Sacramento Street in the Gallery
December 12-16 (Monday-Friday), 3-6 PM
Proceeds Benefit ANC Scholarship Fund



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK FEAST

Please join us for our 34th annual event! ANC families and neighbors are welcome to bring a dish and join this unique and long standing celebration of our community.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Feast 2005
6-8 PM, Baldwin School
28 Sacramento St. (at the corner of
Oxford and Sacramento Sts.)



 **Agassiz School Programs**

HARVARD AFTERSCHOOL INITIATIVE

Prepared by Barb MacEachern

The Agassiz Afterschool is proud to be selected to participate in the Harvard After School Initiative's Homework Support Program. These training sessions, attended by a majority of the afterschool staff, have helped us gain valuable insight into facilitating successful homework environments complete with learning enrichment activities. Our goal is to design a homework support program that will encourage strong relationships and raise children's expectations of their abilities.

We are also gearing up for our 4th year of participation in Leading for Quality, a collaborative

citywide program operated by The Agenda for Children, which supports the healthy development of children and youth. This year's focus is on the Human Side of Quality, specifically supportive adult-child relationships, positive youth guidance and peer-to-peer relationships, as well as encouraging youth initiative.

If you would like more information on either of these collaborations please contact Barb MacEachern 617-349-6287x11 or bmaceachern@agassiz.org.

INTRODUCING ART 10-26



Storyteller Leeny Del Seamonds performed "Kudos for Courage and Kindness" on Wednesday, October 26 to an afterschool crowd of approximately

200, including Agassiz Afterschool and neighboring programs.

Stay tuned for next month's event: **New England String Ensemble performing "String Fever" on November 15th at 2 PM at the Baldwin School.**



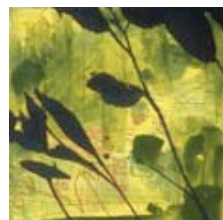
Sacramento Street Gallery

SMALL WORKS '05

Don't miss your chance to view and purchase the art of 51 artists on display at the Sacramento Street Gallery! Small Works '05 will be on display until December 2. 50% of all profits benefit the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Fund.



Paul Shakespear



Alexandra Sheldon



Wendy Prellwitz

Community Calendar

November 2005

Friday, November 11		Veterans Day (ANC Closed)
Tuesday, November 16	2:00 PM	Introducing Art presents: New England String Ensemble: String Fever Baldwin School Gym, 28 Sacramento Street
Wednesday, November 16	6:00 - 7:30 PM	ANC Board Meeting, 20 Sacramento Street, 2nd Floor All are welcome
Wednesday, November 16	7:30 - 9:30 PM	ANC Monthly Meeting (see page 1 for agenda) Baldwin School Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street
Tuesday, November 22	6:00 - 8:00 PM	34th Annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Feast
Thursday, November 24		Thanksgiving Day
November - December 2		Small Works Show in Sacramento St. Gallery

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DO NOT FORWARD

- Supporting recent Agassiz neighborhood concerns and related amendments to the Mass Ave. Overlay District which effect the Agassiz neighborhood;

I also hope that you will closely examine my record in supporting excellence in public education, creating affordable housing, and making fiscal responsibility top priorities for the city. My candidacy has been endorsed by the Greater Boston Labor Council, representing over 40 labor unions, and Greater Boston Chapter of the National Organization for Women, which is a result of my continued advocacy for equal rights, health care for all, and social and economic justice. For more information on my campaign and positions please visit www.galluccio.org or call 617-492-3366. I hope I have earned your support.

Jesse Gordon

Hello, I'm Jesse Gordon, first-time challenger for City Council. I'm running on a platform of fighting the tough fights for Affordability, Livability, and Accountability.



Affordability this year is all about the property tax increase, which hit modest 2-family and 3-family homes in neighborhoods like Agassiz particularly hard. I brought this issue to the City Council's attention and will continue to fight to make

Cambridge affordable for families of all incomes.

Livability means when we redesigned Porter Square, near my home, we should have focused more on pedestrian zones, bicycle routes, and mass transit access, rather than just on traffic and parking. I want to shift from a focus on the needs of CARS to the needs of PEOPLE.

Accountability means making our government open and responsive to the people. I've fought for accountability at the state level for several years -- I want the same in Cambridge.

I've been endorsed by:

- * Robert Reich, former Labor Secretary
- * Bay State Stonewall Democrats
- * Sierra Club, MA Chapter
- * And more on my website

www.jessejordan.org

I want to tackle the tough problems our current Council hasn't addressed --I'm asking for your #1 vote on November 8th.

Robert Lee Hall, Sr.

Robert Lee Hall, Sr. is married with a daughter attending Rindge and Latin High School. A producer of radio and TV programs on CCTV, he has lived in Cambridge for over 20 years. He does not seek endorsements from special interest groups, preferring to campaign directly to the people of Cambridge.



Mr. Hall has elected to answer these questions from the City Council Voter's Guide:

Q: How should the city deal with the recent controversy over skyrocketing tax bills?

A: Rescind tax increases. Seek input from the property owners, community and specialists in the field on a fairer tax system to help maintain city's social and economic diversity.

Q: The city manager's contract will be up for renewal next term. Would you vote to renew his contract?

A: I would seek input from people of Cambridge in all socioeconomic classes, as well as focusing on Cambridge's diverse population.

Q: What do you perceive as the single most important issue facing the City Council next term?

A: We need to have an affirmative access policy and plan that focuses on housing and employment opportunities for the disenfranchised Cantabrigian resident and those that are new to the area.

Bill Hees

Hi. If you are concerned about high property taxes and the long-term consequences of an unsustainable city budget, please consider giving me your #1 vote. Lowering taxes by controlling overspending is my main focus. I love Cambridge and want to keep the cost of government affordable for all our citizens.

I live on Dana St. with my wife Yonghong, a sci-

entist, and our identical twin toddler sons who will be entering the Cambridge school system in a few years. I'm a trustee of my condominium association, and hold or have held various other leadership positions in different organizations over the years. Details are on my website, www.BillHees.org.



Professionally I'm a computer consultant; this is my first time running for public office. However, over the past 15 years I've volunteered on various local, state and national campaigns and non-partisan initiatives for protecting people's economic and civil liberties. I can work to greater effect as a City Councilor. If you'd like to help, please vote Bill Hees #1 on November 8th. Thank you.

Craig Kelley

As long-time neighborhood leader and a current public school parent (I serve on the Baldwin's School Advisory Committee), I would like the Council to:

1. Make sure that City boards and agencies regard neighborhood input as a plus in the decision-making process, not merely something to be tolerated. Nobody knows their neighborhoods better than the residents who live there, and whether it's the Alden playground renovation, development at Leslie and Harvard universities or zoning issues along Mass Ave., involved neighbors almost always make the final outcome better for all of us. Residents should never feel that they are on the outside looking in as the City makes decisions impacting their neighborhoods.



2. Help the School Committee focus on improving Cambridge's public schools for all of us by (a) electing a Mayor who is capable of focusing the Committee's attention on our children's education needs and (b) by using its overall control of the City's budget to ensure that more of our \$124,000,000 school budget goes directly into teaching our children rather than superfluous central administrative positions.

Robert LaTremouille

I have actively defended Agassiz since the '70s.



I wrote the successful downzoning which has protected the Everett - Wendell blocks and the Three Aces. I was active in creating the responsible project between Frost St. and Newport Road.

I oppose the City Manager's initiative to destroy the Three Aces block and all first floor housing and open space on Mass. Ave. from Wendell to beyond Porter. The treed plaza at Porter Station is particularly threatened. Above Wendell, he would encourage dorms over residential uses.

I want to change the Everett-Wendell zoning and the zoning across Mass. Ave. to reflect zoning ordinance improvements over the years.

The mid-blocks on Wendell and Mellen Streets should not have institutional expansion encouraged. The Wendell-Oxford corner should be changed to neighborhood zoning.

The balance of this area should have Residence C2B zoning, which I have obtained for about half of Mass. Ave.. between Harvard and Central Squares. This zoning is most visibly demonstrated in the Inn at Harvard.

This would strengthen the disincentives for Harvard to destroy Three Aces. It would create a 4 1/2 story height limit rather than 6 or 8 1/2. It would require meaningful yards with clear neighbor protections.

Brian Murphy

I have been a persistent advocate for safer, more walkable neighborhoods, and I believe we should be able to do much of our daily lives on foot in Cambridge. To this end, I have worked with the Agassiz, Porter Square, and Neighborhood Nine groups over the past year to develop zoning changes that will preserve local businesses on Mass. Ave. Local and small businesses are essential to the Agassiz neighborhood, and all Cambridge neighborhoods. I am a pragmatic progressive committed to the health, safety, and livability of our neighborhoods and I