

the *Whistler*  
 newsletter of the Agassiz Neighborhood Council

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 617-495-5560

**Harvard Development Meeting  
 for concerned neighbors**

All community members interested in Harvard's North  
 Yard development plans are invited to a special meeting  
 on June 8th. The purpose of this meeting is to plan an  
 agenda for the June 15th neighborhood meeting at which  
 Harvard representatives will provide the community with  
 an update of their upcoming plans.

Harvard Meeting  
 Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at 6:00 PM  
 Agassiz Community Center  
 20 Sacramento Street, 2nd Floor

Questions? Amy King 617-349-6287 x19

*ANC News*

**Notes from the May 18th Meeting**

The slate of directors was approved at the **ANC Annual Meeting on May 18th**. Officer terms are one year, director terms are two years.

**Officers:**

Burt Doo, Co-Chairperson  
 Andrea Walsh-Co-Chairperson  
 Denise Dussault-Treasurer  
 Miriam Goldberg-Clerk

**Directors returning for two year terms:**

<b>Burt Doo</b>	<b>Prentiss Street</b>
<b>Denise Dussault</b>	<b>Cambridge Trust</b>
<b>Miriam Goldberg</b>	<b>Frost Street</b>
<b>Andrea Walsh</b>	<b>Eustis Street</b>
<b>Dave Wood</b>	<b>Gorham Street</b>

**Directors in mid term are:**

Stephen Diamond	Frost Street
Hull Fulweiler	Howland Street
Liz Peoples	Crescent Street

After the slate of directors was approved, Stephen Diamond spoke about a survey the ANC has distributed to determine community members' interests and concerns for agenda items for next year. Electronic and paper copies of the survey are available from Amy King, 617-349-6287 x19 or aking@agassiz.org.

Next, members of ACID spoke and were available for questions on recent work with Harvard. They explained that nothing has really happened since the MOU was signed; they have yet to meet with Harvard about the Law School.

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*ANC Monthly Meeting*  
 Tuesday, June 15th, 7:30 p.m.



**Baldwin School Dining Hall -  
 28 Sacramento Street  
 Oxford Street Entrance**  
 press buzzer for entry

**Agenda: Update on Harvard Development**

**The ANC will update you by email when changes are made to the agenda. To be added to our email list, contact Amy King at 617.349.6287 x19 or aking@agassiz.org.**

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## Meetings at Harvard University

North West Science Building Design Meeting  
Thursday, June 17, 2004  
7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Maxwell-Dworkin Room 119  
33 Oxford Street

LISE Project Meeting  
Thursday, June 24, 2004  
7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Harvard University  
Maxwell-Dworkin Lobby  
33 Oxford Street

Dear Neighbor,


We are pleased to invite you to a community meeting about planning and design of the North West Science Building being held on Thursday, June 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Maxwell-Dworkin Room 119, 33 Oxford Street.

As you may recall, in January of 2003, Harvard started a collaborative design process for the North West Science Building by calling for volunteers who were interested in this project to meet with building's architect, Craig Hartman of the firm Skidmore Owings and Merrill. Approximately one dozen Agassiz residents responded and have been meeting with Craig and Harvard officials to discuss the design of this project.

This meeting will provide interested neighbors with another opportunity to learn about the design of the North West Science Building, and, in particular, will focus on the landscape plans for the neighborhood edge on Hammond Street. In addition to this meeting, Harvard will also present the design of the building to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council in September.

We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Lucey at (617) 495-9033 or [Thomas\\_Lucey@harvard.edu](mailto:Thomas_Lucey@harvard.edu).

As construction begins the Laboratory for Interface Science and Engineering (LISE) building, Harvard is pleased to host another question and answer session on the topic of construction impacts on the neighborhood. Similar to the Bagels or Beer sessions held in late 2003, this meeting will provide residents with an opportunity to have their questions answered and to learn about the project's schedule. For further information about this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Lucey at Harvard's Office of Community Relations, (617)495-4955 or via email at [thomas\\_lucey@harvard.edu](mailto:thomas_lucey@harvard.edu)

	<b>CLOTHING DRIVE</b> The Cambridge Public School's Family Resource Center is holding a clothing drive. Please bring all clean and gently worn clothing for all ages to their office located at 459 Broadway, Cambridge, in Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, R131.
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<p><b>Fred Meyer, Realtor</b> 83 Hammond Street 617-876-1200</p> <p>Owner, University Real Estate, overlooking Harvard Square. Past President, MA Assoc. of Realtors. Licensed real estate appraiser.</p> <p>See all available homes now on <a href="http://www.cambridgere.com">www.cambridgere.com</a></p> 
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The City of Cambridge Community Development Department invites you to the third meeting on

### Porter Square & Lower Mass Ave

This meeting will wrap up the discussion of issues related to the Porter Square and Lower Mass Ave area, and describe some follow-up action steps including:

- reviewing possible changes to Mass Ave Overlay District regulations that will help preserve retail uses;
- articulating the community goals and vision for the Porter Square Station air rights parcel.

Thursday, JUNE 10, 2004  
 6:30 PM  
 Baldwin School Cafeteria  
 28 Sacramento Street

For more information:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CDD/commplan/zoning/psqlma>

Taha Jennings 617-349-4603 or  
 tjennings@cambridgema.gov  
 Jeff Roberts 617-349-4639 or  
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Please help us minimize our paper Whistlers! When you receive the Whistler electronically, you save us money, paper, and postage -- and help us get information to you faster! **If you have not already notified the ANC that you would like to continue to receive a paper Whistler, you will not receive a September Whistler in the mail.** If you've already let us know, your Whistler will arrive as usual in the fall. To request a paper Whistler or to submit your email address for electronic notification, please contact Amy King at 617-349-6287 x19 or [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org). Thanks for your continued readership and support!

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Willie Bloomstein said that nothing has happened with the Northwest Science Building. There was a Planning Board meeting on NW Science, but Harvard is still working on design issues. Community members discussed representation of the neighborhood by committees and the accountability of those committees. Willie Bloomstein and Miriam Goldberg will not be Agassiz reps anymore and will need to be replaced. Residents expressed the concern that a direct abutter should serve on the committee for any project. The question was raised of how many committees should be formed. Should there be one for Mass Avenue? Separate committees for Harvard and Lesley development? Most people agreed that committees should be obligated to report regularly back to the ANC. Willie proposed that a new committee meet before the June 15th meeting at which Harvard will present an update, so they know what they want to ask Harvard. The meeting was set for Tuesday, June 8th at 6:00 PM in the Agassiz Community Center at 20 Sacramento Street (see page 1). All are welcome to attend; for more information, contact Amy King.



### PRE-COLLEGE WRITING WORKSHOP

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### Meet the Contractors!

Questions or concerns about renovations at 20 Sacramento St? Meet a representative from contractor S&H Construction to learn more about the project, including the timeline, construction issues and how any problems will be handled during construction.

Thursday, June 10th at 7:30 PM  
 Baldwin School, Activities Room  
 28 Sacramento Street

### Porter Square News

#### Oaktree Pulls Out of Air Rights

As those who have been following the Porter Square Air Rights development know, winning bidder Oaktree Design & Development has pulled out of the plan. The MBTA is currently preparing to re-open the bidding process, with Porter Square neighbors hoping for more community input this time around. The May 27th issue of the Cambridge Chronicle quoted MBTA consultant Gregory Dicoivtsky as saying that he would be "surprised if something was to happen without the municipalities' [input]." Mark Boyle of the MBTA said that they hope to make a decision about how they will proceed by the end of June. To stay current on Porter Square issues, contact the Porter Square Neighbors Association president Dave Reed at 617-497-5184. The PSNA meets monthly.

#### Repairs Begin at Porter Square T Station

In May, the MBTA began the process of making some long-awaited repairs to the Porter Square T Station. Workers have ordered new doors and begun repairing the broken tile surface in the plaza area. Additional improvements include fixing broken windows and skylights and some fresh paint.

#### Thanks to Alice Wolf and the PSNA

Carol Weinhaus, an Agassiz resident who has been actively involved in the Porter Square Air Rights project, asked us to publicly thank State Representative Alice Wolf, Porter Square Neighbors Association president Dave Reed, and the rest of the folks in the PSNA for their tireless efforts to bring a community process to the Air Rights Project.

### Weigh In on the Alden Tot Lot!

The City of Cambridge is looking for your input in the upcoming renovation of the Baldwin School/Alden Tot Lot. In the late spring /early fall of this year they will start a community process.


By answering the following questions about the present use of the park, and about potential improvements to the park, you help the design professionals working on this project gain a better sense of the role Alden Tot Lot has played in your community up to now, and how that role can be enhanced.

Answers can be emailed to Janice Appleyard in the Community Development Department at [jappleyard@cam-bridgema.gov](mailto:jappleyard@cam-bridgema.gov). You may also contact Janice at 617-349-4651 for a paper copy of the survey.

#### Questions:

1. What do you like most about the Baldwin School/Alden Tot Lot?
2. What do you like least?
3. How is the Park presently used?
4. How would you like to see it used?
5. How long have you used the Tot Lot?
6. What are the ages of the members of your household?
7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about the Baldwin School/Alden Tot Lot.
8. What other city parks do you frequent and why?
9. What did you enjoy/play with as a child? Where was this park?

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Summer Program!

For over thirty years, the Outback Summer Program, located in the big backyard behind the Agassiz Neighborhood Council building at 20 Sacramento Street, has been providing summer-time care for children in Cambridge and beyond. OCCS-licensed and run by a team of diverse, talented counselors and specialists, Outback provides children with opportunities to learn, play, relax, cool off, explore, and make new friends in a safe, inclusive, fun environment. Children choose their activities based on daily offerings, and



enjoy Thursday field trips to local beaches and recreation areas.

Outback begins Monday, July 5th and ends Friday, August 27th. Children may sign up for all eight weeks, only one, or any number in between! Full-

day and part-day options are available. Children must be entering grades one through six. Counselor-in-Training opportunities are available for children entering grades seven through nine.

Registration has begun!  
Contact Amy King at  
617-349-6287 x19 or [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org).

## Agassiz Afterschool: Register for the Fall!

The Agassiz Afterschool program provides inclusive after school care and activities for all children in Kindergarten through grade 5. Families can choose between full time (5 afternoons per week) and part time enrollment (1, 2 or 3 afternoons per week).



Licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Childcare Services, the Agassiz Afterschool is sponsored by the Agassiz Neighborhood Council. It is one of the oldest and largest after school programs in Cambridge.

Agassiz Afterschool provides safe play and exploration in a vibrant, welcoming community. Each afternoon, children choose from a "menu" of activities in areas receiving limited attention in school (namely drama, dance, visual art and athletics). Program staff helps children develop cooperation skills and respect for themselves and others.

Registration has begun for the Agassiz Afterschool's 2004-2005 term. To register, contact Amy King at 617.349.6287 x19 or [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org).

### Sacramento Street Preschool now accepting registrants for Fall 2004!

The Sacramento Street Preschool is in its second decade of providing inclusive, high quality childcare to children between the ages of two years, nine months and pre-Kindergarten. Children are regarded as individuals with different social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs and strengths. Licensed by the Office of Childcare Services, the Sacramento Street Preschool is a small program with a total daily enrollment of no more than 20 children. Staff is able to respond with care to each child, providing personal attention and stimulating each child's social and emotional growth. Flexible scheduling options are available!

To register, contact Preschool Director Diane DiMaina, at 617.349.6287 x11 or [ddimaina@agassiz.org](mailto:ddimaina@agassiz.org).



## Summer in the City



2004 Schedule

Join the Cambridge Arts Council for the 13th annual Summer in the City. Presented in parks and public spaces throughout the city, the series is a lively mix of dance, song, and puppetry offering a culturally rich learning experience for children ages 4-11 - but guaranteed to entertain people of all ages.

Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00pm

**Enchanted Circle Theater: Sounds and Rhythms of the Caribbean**, a high-energy performance of music and dance. Co-Sponsored by Passim's Culture for Kids. Raymond Park (Upland Street at Walden and Raymond Streets) Rain Date: Wednesday, June 30

Tuesday, June 29 at 6:00pm

**Sarah Salerno-Thomas: The Singing, Ringing Tree**, a fairy tale about the power of love where audience members are the stars. Glacken Field (Huron Avenue by Fresh Pond Golf Course) Rainsite: Haggerty School, 110 Cushing Street

Thursday, July 8 at 11:00am

**Cornell Coley: Afro-Latin drumming & dance** explored from its roots to the influence on different cultures. Corporal Burns Park (Flagg Street at Memorial Drive) Rainsite: MLKing School, 100 Putnam Avenue

For more information, visit [http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CAC/community\\_summer.html](http://www.cambridgema.gov/~CAC/community_summer.html) or call the Cambridge Arts Council at 617-349-4380.


## Agassiz Community School BBQ

Wednesday, June 16th  
6:00-8:00 PM



**In the backyard behind 20 Sacramento Street, Cambridge**  
Hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks and fixings will be supplied.  
Please bring salads/sides enough for your family plus extra for your friends.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? Amy King 617.349.6287 x19 or [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org)



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Sunday and Monday, July 18-19, 2004  
12:00pm-6:00pm  
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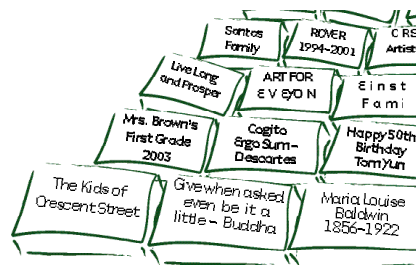
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Contact Amy King at 617 349-6287 x 19 or <aking@agassiz.org> for information or a brochure. Thanks for your support!



## Other Local Cultural Events and Programs

### Summer Events at the Long School of Music

Saturday, June 5th  
8:00 PM, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall  
**Boston Women's Rainbow Chorus: Double Pride**  
Info: 617-522-7270 or www.boswrc.org

Friday, July 9th  
8:00 PM, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall  
**Longy Summer Orchestra**  
Bizet: Symphony in C and Mendelssohn: Ruy Blas Overture

Monday, July 26th  
8:00 PM, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall  
**International Baroque Institute at Longy**  
**Grand Finale: Arte de Taner Fantasia**

Saturday, August 7th  
8:00 PM, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall  
**Boston Chamber Music Society: Handel Summer Series**  
Mozart: Piano Trio in E Major K. 542, Shostakovich: Cello Sonata in D Minor opus 40, and Dvorak: Piano Trio in B Major opus 21  
Info: 617-349-0086 or info@bostonchambermusic.org

This is just a sampling of events. For more information about events at Longy, visit [www.longy.edu](http://www.longy.edu) or call 617-876-0956

### Taste of Cambridge

July 21, 2004  
5:00-8:00 PM  
Courtyard at MIT's Technology Square

Taste of Cambridge is the City's premier charity food event. This year it will feature 60 of our finest restaurants, artisan brewers and vintners.

Tickets can be purchased at the following Cambridge Whole Foods Markets:

200 Alewife Brook Parkway  
115 Prospect St.  
340 River St.

For more information, check [www.cambridgma.gov](http://www.cambridgma.gov)

## Community Calendar

<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Agassiz Meeting on Harvard University 20 Sacramento Street, 2nd Floor</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>CCD Meeting on Porter Square/Lower Mass Ave. Baldwin School Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>MEET THE CONTRACTORS! An opportunity for Agassiz neighbors to ask questions about renovations at 20 Sacramento St. Baldwin School Activity Room, 28 Sacramento St</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>ANC Board Meeting 20 Sacramento Street, 2nd Floor</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>ANC Monthly Meeting (See page one for agenda) Baldwin Cafeteria, 28 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH</b>		<b>AGASSIZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL BBQ 20 Sacramento Street, backyard</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL &amp; AGASSIZ AFTERSCHOOL</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH</b>		<b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</b>
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 21ST</b>		<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b>

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