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**ANC News**

**Notes from the November 18th ANC Meeting**

The November 18th meeting was scheduled to review the Agassiz-Harvard MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) . The MOU is concerned with the impact of Harvard development in the Agassiz neighborhood over the next twenty-five years. The MOU was released in summary form this September , and the final draft was released on Monday, November 10th and made available in the ANC office. It was handed out at two public meetings on November 10th and 12th to allow for small group discussion. Agassiz representatives who constructed the MOU with Harvard were on hand at the meetings for questions and clarifications. The MOU is available for download on the web at [www. agassiz.org](http://www.agassiz.org); click on ACID-Harvard Development. Call Amy King at 617 349-6287x19 to have a copy mailed to you.

Dave Wood opened the November ANC meeting . He introduced three of the four Agassiz representatives who worked with Harvard to develop the MOU: Miriam Goldberg, Joel Bard and Ellen Friedman (the fourth, Willie Bloomstein, was out of the country).

Miriam Goldberg provided the background. She described how the community came together over serious concerns about Harvard development to form ACID. The group agreed to work with Harvard toward neighborhood development that would work for both communities, rather than work toward stopping Harvard development altogether.

Joel Bard took the group through the MOU itself. The first part of the agreement provides a general framework for the ANC and Harvard to work together over the next twenty-five

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**Beacon Street Sewer Update**

Those who live near or travel on Beacon Street know that construction on Beacon Street to improve the drainage and sewer systems and reduce flooding is well underway. Part of a city-wide Sewer Separation and Stormwater Management project, the Beacon Street construction is expected to be finished in May 2004.

The following pieces of the project are now complete:

- \* Renewal of 10" sewer on Beacon Street.
- \* Installation of three new manholes on 48" Combined Sewer (conveys both sanitary and stormwater flows).
- \* Catch basins and lateral connections.
- \* Water main relocation.
- \* Sacramento St. 24" Sewer Replacement and Pipe Replacements at Eustis and Sacramento Streets.
- \* Pre-construction surveys 90% complete.
- \* Geo-monitoring baseline data completed, daily monitoring during excavation activities.

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**Next ANC Monthly Meeting**



Tuesday, Dec. 16th

7:30 p.m.

**Baldwin School Dining Hall - 28  
 Sacramento Street**

**Oxford Street Entrance - press buzzer for entry**

**Agenda: Community Vote on the  
 MOU with Harvard**

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years. Overall, Harvard has agreed to build no more than 1.6 million square feet and provide benefits to the community. The second part of the MOU relates to the first three projects that will be built, all science facilities. Separate agreements for Harvard Law School and Harvard FAS/Divinity Schools will also be developed. Benefits will include the highest level of impact mitigation services, traffic calming, enhanced landscaping, a science fund for public schools and a community fund for recreation, youth and culture.

Ellen Friedman said that she was skeptical about working with an institution such as Harvard, but this agreement was reached. She reminded people that Harvard has agreed to build half of the square footage allowable under the zoning code.

Comments from the participants included a desire for more free access to libraries and museums, use of parking in Harvard lots, sidewalk materials, and clarification of square footage Harvard could build. There were concerns regarding the level of specificity in the agreement, and the representatives felt that a twenty-five-year agreement would have to be a framework. There was language for the community opting out in certain circumstances. The representatives felt adequate time had been spent on the MOU, and the vote would be taken at the Tuesday, December 16th ANC meeting, at 7:30 pm in the Baldwin School Cafeteria.

The meeting concluded early, and ended with a hand for the representatives who had worked so long and hard to develop both a civil process and a framework they believe will take both Agassiz and Harvard through the next twenty-five years and 1.6 million square feet of construction.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HARVARD DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACTS, PLEASE GET A COPY OF THE MOU AND READ IT. CONTACT AN ACID REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES, AND COME TO THE DECEMBER 16TH MEETING AND VOTE!



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Construction activity scheduled for November and December includes:

- \* Renewal of 48" Combined Sewer.
- \* Installation of diversion structure and pump stations 1 & 2

If you have questions or concerns about the Beacon Street construction, please get in touch with one of the following key contacts at S E A, the firm consulting the city on this project:

S E A Chief Resident Engineer Bruno Cardarelli, in the S E A Field Office: 617-492-5804

Judy Kavanagh, Community Relations Manager: 617-498-4710

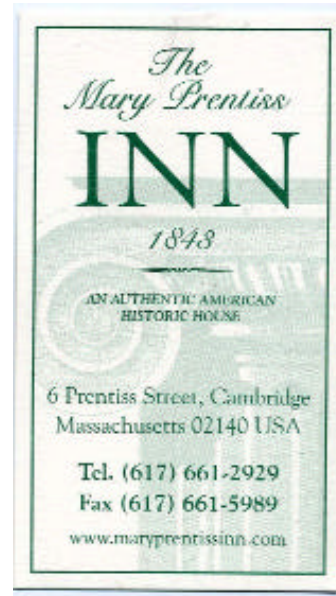
OR:

Residents in the Beacon Street neighborhood have volunteered to assist in disseminating information and answering questions related to this project.

They are:

Annette Rodibaugh: 617-547-0554

Jack McDonnell: 617-868-1878



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## The Cambridge Residents' Guide to Snow

With weather growing colder and winter arriving on December 22nd, the time has come for New Englanders to prepare for the snowy season! Here's everything you need to know about dealing with snow in Cambridge.

### Snow Emergencies

If a snow emergency is declared, it will be posted as soon as possible on the City's Web Site ([www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)), Municipal Channel 8 and on a recorded information line at 617-349-4700.

Please be aware that IF a snow emergency is declared:

- \* Parking is prohibited on BOTH sides of all major arteries.
- \* The first streets to be towed will include Massachusetts Avenue, Concord Avenue, Hampshire Street, Broadway, Cambridge Street, Mt. Auburn Street, Magazine Street, Prospect Street, Inman Street and Oxford Street.
- \* Parking is also prohibited (usually only on ONE side) of secondary roads where signs have been posted. Read signage carefully.

Available off-street parking during declared snow emergencies includes:

- \* Galleria Mall. Residents of East Cambridge can park for free in the Galleria Mall Garage during a declared snow emergency.
- \* First Street Garage. Enter on Spring Street. Parking is free if you have a Cambridge resident parking permit from the time the Snow Emergency is declared until 2 hours after it is lifted.
- \* Green Street Garage, Central Square. Parking is free if you have a Cambridge resident parking permit from the time the Snow Emergency is declared until 2 hours after it is lifted.

\* Everett Street Garage. This is a Harvard owned and operated garage. When a Snow Emergency is declared it is open to City residents with a resident parking permit for no fee until one hour after the snow emergency is lifted.

### Schools Closings

Please call the 24 hour recorded school link line at (617) 349-6513. Information will also be posted as soon as possible on the City's Web Site, and on Municipal Channel 8.

### Street Plowing/Salting Requests

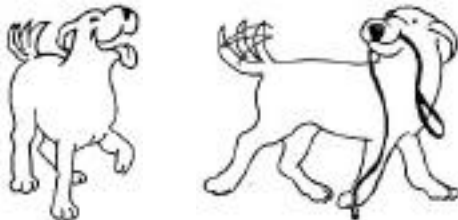
Call the Operations Center at (617) 349-4800 or (617) 349-4846 to report the location. When a snowstorm is predicted preparations begin immediately to clearly lay out a plan for addressing both pedestrian and vehicular needs. The DPW's first priority during a snowstorm is to begin clearing streets as soon as possible. Their goal is to chemically treat all major arteries within three hours of when snow begins to fall, and to keep major arteries clear during all stages of a storm. They also look at major pedestrian routes in the same manner. From the start of the storm and usually well into the next day, they will push back snow many times on the same streets to clear snow to the maximum extent possible.

Pedestrian areas to be cleared are those areas surrounding City buildings, major squares throughout the City including Harvard, Central and Porter, and sidewalks and pathways surrounding City parks. In addition

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Agassiz Community School  
Programs

### December Vacation is Almost Here!

All children currently enrolled in the Agassiz Afterschool may sign up to attend our December Vacation Camp (\$133 for the week; no cost for children enrolled full-time in the Afterschool). Vacation Camp will be open December 29th, 30th, 31st, and January 2nd. Our plans include week-long art projects, lots of sports and games, and a field trip to a local ice-skating rink! We're especially excited about a visit from a museum educator from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA), who will explore the fun and games of children from the pilgrim era to Victorian times. We'll play old-fashioned games, solve riddles and learn how to create toys of long ago.

Children enrolled in the Agassiz Afterschool are not automatically enrolled in Vacation Camp. Please sign up ahead of time. To enroll, contact Sharon Reidbord at 617-349-6287 x10 or sreidbord@agassiz.org.

Unfortunately, we cannot accomodate children who are not enrolled in the Agassiz Afterschool.



### Toddler Art Classes

What are you doing this winter? Bring your toddler to something new and different to help your child investigate the world in a creative way! Our experienced teachers will guide you and your child into:

- \* Thematic painting
- \* Recycled art
- \* Watercolor play
- \* Drawing
- \* And much more!

in a nurturing, process-oriented environment. Each class has a core theme to focus play and learning.

Classes will meet in the Community Room at North Hall, at the corner of Mass Ave and Wendell Street. Winter session begins Monday, January 5, 2004. Join the 18-24 month-old class or the 24-36 month-old class.

Questions? Sharon Reidbord, 617-349-6287 x10 or sreidbord@agassiz.org.

## Scenes from the Agassiz Afterschool

Below, left: Agassiz Afterschool students Nancy Chomitz, left, and Neil McCann practice Korean martial art Chung Do Kwan under the supervision of teacher Aaron Kagan. Below, right: At the Introducing Art performance on November 13th, children donned silly costumes and danced with the larger-than-life characters of Big Nazo.



Cultural Happenings - Call 349-6287 for information

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5:00-7:00 PM



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### A Holiday Gift Suggestion from the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center!

Turn on the lights for the Holiday Season with an artist-designed switch plate cover by local artist NANCY WEBB. Available at \$60 each, the cast bronze plates represent New England stag and scarab beetles. The switch plate covers were designed as one of eight public works for the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center. Due to popular demand, they are now available for sale, and all proceeds are contributions to the capital campaign. To brighten the holidays with this unique gift of art, or to receive information about the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center, contact Amy King at [aking@agassiz.org](mailto:aking@agassiz.org) or (617) 349-6287 x19.



## Other Local Cultural Events and Programs



**Annual Kids- Only  
Holiday Sale!**

Agassiz Community Center  
20 Sacramento Street, Cambridge  
December 16th-19th: 2 - 6 PM  
December 20th: 10 AM - 4 PM

Kids can buy gifts for family and friends.  
Most gifts only a few dollars or less!  
Call Amy King at 617-349-6286 x19 for info.

Boston Children's Opera  
presents



**Rumpelstiltskin**

December 5th-14th  
\$7 adults/\$3 children  
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Tickets and info: 617-628-0063  
[www.bostonchildrensopera.com](http://www.bostonchildrensopera.com)

### Holiday Concerts in Cambridge

- December 6th: Harvard-Radcliffe Chorus presents *Britten and Susa: Ceremony of Carols and Lullabies* at Sanders Theatre, 8:00 PM. [www.fas.harvard.edu/~tickets](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~tickets) or 617-496-2222
- December 6th: Longy School of Music presents *Holiday Chorale Concert: Here We Come A-Wassailing* at Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, 4:30 PM. [www.longy.edu](http://www.longy.edu) or 617-876-0956 x500.
- December 12th: Longy School presents a *Holiday Opera Gala* at Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, 8:00 PM. [www.longy.edu](http://www.longy.edu) or 617-876-0956 x500.
- December 14th: Longy School of Music presents *A Festival of Light* at Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, 7:00 PM. [www.longy.edu](http://www.longy.edu) or 617-876-0956 x500.

# Community Calendar

<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH</b>		<b>KIDS' ONLY HOLIDAY SALE</b> <b>Through Saturday, December 20th</b> <b>20 Sacramento Street, Cambridge</b>
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>ANC Board Meeting</b> <b>20 Sacramento Street 2nd Floor</b>
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>ANC Monthly Meeting (See page one for agenda)</b> <b>Baldwin Dining Hall, 28 Sacramento Street</b>
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH</b>	<b>SUNDOWN</b>	<b>HANUKKAH BEGINS</b>
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND</b>		<b>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH</b>		<b>ANC CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS</b> <b>Through Friday, December 26th</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH</b>		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST</b>		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> <b>ANC closed</b>

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